



Seymour Sayings

The Weekly Bulletin of the

Seymour Church of Christ

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Seymour, TN 37865

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The
Best
Decision

I ever
made
was to
follow
Jesus
Christ.

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Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



GIVE ATTENTION TO READING

Writing to Timothy, the apostle Paul said, **“Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.”** (1 Timothy 4:13)..

There has been a great deal of discussion as to the precise meaning of “give attention to reading.” Does it refer to the public reading of the Word, to a private reading of the Word, or can it refer to both?

The word for “reading” (*anaginosko*) means to read aloud. Luke uses it in Acts 8:28-32 to refer to what the Ethiopian nobleman was doing as he rode along in his chariot. He was reading from the Old Testament book of Isaiah.

In synagogue worship, the reading of Old Testament passages played a prominent role. Paul wanted to make sure that the Word was read publicly in the church, too, because this would lead people to know and understand the truth.

We need not think, however, that a public reading of the Word is all that is needed. We also need to give attention to our own private reading of it. A *Lifeway Research* study published in 2014 found that 40% of church attendees read their Bibles about once a month or “rarely/never.”

In this regard, Paul wrote, **“Be diligent to present yourselves approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”** (2 Tim. 2:15).

My encouragement to all of us is two-fold. **First, let’s make sure there is regular reading of the Word in all of our services.** Let our classes and sermons ring with the reading of the Word. **Second, let’s make sure we have a regular, personal time when we read the Word.** It’s a bit early, but why not make this one of our New Year’s resolutions?

FAMILY MATTERS



PRAYER LIST—**John & Melissa McBroom, Leisa Potter, Heather Fleenor, and Diana Parrish** were all ill and not able to attend services last Wednesday evening. . . . We are glad to report that Chris Bragwell’s dad, **Jim Bragwell**, came through his surgery successfully. He should need no further treatment. . . .

The surgery for **Kim Russell**, Sam Martin’s sister-in-law has been delayed until early January. . . . **Terry Taylor**, Donna Lane’s brother, had surgery last Wednesday at Ft. Sanders. He had a toe removed. . . . Barbara Husband’s brother, **Eddie Blair Delk**, will have six chemotherapy treatments to shrink his tumor. . . . Deone LaFollette’s dad, **Mike Hall**, continues to recuperate from his knee replacement surgery and the resulting complications. . . . **Jama Sargent** had surgery last week at U.T. Hospital and is recovering at home. . . . Be sure to remember **Sharon Simpson** in your prayers, as she continues with her chemotherapy. . . . Please keep all of these folks in your prayers.

FOR THE RECORD—Sunday Bible Study, 44; Morning Worship, 79; Evening Worship, 56; Contribution, \$2,022; Wednesday Bible Study, 54.



ATTENTION, LADIES—The **Annual Cookie & Ornament Exchange** will be Saturday, **December 16**, at the home of Deone LaFollette. Bring three dozen cookies, a Christmas ornament and be there at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENTION, TEENS—a sign-up sheet for CYC is on the bulletin board in the hall. The deadline to sign it is December 24.

ATTENTION, ELDERS & DEACONS—The monthly meeting for our elders and deacons, will be Tuesday evening, December 12, at 7 p.m.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, December 10

A.M.— “We Have a Savior Who Understands Us” (1 John 3:1-3)

P.M.— “Fake News # 3”
(Ephesians 2:8-10)

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Announcements:	John McBroom	John McBroom
Song Leader:	Brian Lane	Brian Lane
Bible Reading	Nate LaFollette	
Opening Prayer:	Jeff Whitaker	Jim Husband
Preside at Lord's Table:	Rusty Curtis	Rusty Curtis
Serving at Lord's Table	Tim Wheeler, Tim Miller Sam Martin, Darrell Whitaker	
Closing Prayer:	Jeff Cronin	Darrell Whitaker
Wednesday:	<i>Singing, Tim Wheeler; Prayer, Kenny Brown Devotional, Darrell Whitaker</i>	

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Services: Sunday—9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday—7:00 p.m.

