



# *Seymour Sayings*

The Weekly Bulletin of the

*Seymour Church of Christ*

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane  
Seymour, TN 37865

December 17, 2023

**HE CRIED**

**HE KNEW LAZARUS**

**WAS DEAD BEFORE HE GOT THE NEWS**

**BUT STILL, HE CRIED**

**HE KNEW LAZARUS WOULD BE ALIVE AGAIN IN MOMENTS**

**BUT STILL, HE CRIED**

**HE KNEW DEATH HERE IS NOT FOREVER**

**HE KNEW ETERNITY AND THE KINGDOM BETTER THAN**

**ANYONE ELSE COULD**

**YET HE WEPT**

**BECAUSE THIS WORLD IS FULL OF PAIN AND REGRET AND**

**LOSS AND DEPRESSION AND DEVASTATION**

**HE WEPT BECAUSE KNOWING THE END OF THE STORY DOESN'T**

**MEAN YOU CAN'T CRY AT THE SAD PARTS.**

# *Person to Person . . .*

*Tom Miller*



## WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

**Y**ou know how my mind works. I see a sermon, a podcast, or a bulletin article in about everything.

That's true of last Wednesday evening's service.

The one who taught the adult class (who shall remain nameless) is a old man with problems walking and with his balance due to arthritis in his ankles and feet. So, he sat on a stool to teach the class. Nobody seemed to mind.

The one who led the singing, **Gary Graves**, had to sit on a stool to do it, because he, too, has trouble walking and with shortness of breath. Nobody seemed to mind. In fact, he did a very good job.

The one who presented the devotional, **Al Flores**, is a retired coal miner from West Virginia who has black lung disease. He must carry a small oxygen tank with him wherever he goes. Nobody seemed to mind. He did his usual great job.

Now, what's your excuse for not serving?

# FAMILY MATTERS



**PRAYER LIST**—Luke Devereaux had the flu last week and ran a very high fever. . . . Pam Neal is scheduled for a heart catheterization on December 20 and may require a stent. . . . The Flores request prayers for some friends in West Virginia. Gary Allen and Gary Allen, Jr. both of whom have cancer, as well as for Margaret, who has Lyme disease. . . . Del Rogers did not feel well last Sunday. . . . Kenny Brown was not feeling well last Wednesday evening. . . . Rachel Reeves Smith is having some difficulty with her pregnancy and may have to be induced early. Trish Curtis requests prayers for her and her husband, Matt. . . . Darlene Houser continues to have trouble with a lingering virus. . . . Patricia Kenan’s father passed away last Wednesday. Patricia is Jamie Curtis’ friend. Our condolences to the family. . . . Sierra Miller has tested positive for Covid.

**FOR THE RECORD**—Sunday: Bible Study, 52; Morning Worship, 72 + 11; Evening Worship, 45+ 9; Contribution, \$1,846. Wednesday: 57 + 10. (*The + numbers are the number of people who joined us by livestream.*)

**DIRECTORY INFORMATION**—Jossalynn Robbe’s birthday is April 8, and Jazeel’s is March 17. The phone number is 865-293-6111, and the email is Jossalynn38@gmail.com.



**CHRISTMAS PARTY**—Today our young people are invited to stay between the morning and evening services for a Christmas Party. See the **Whealers** for details.

**Q&A THIS EVENING**—December has five Sundays, but the fifth Sunday is New Year’s Eve. Our usual Fifth Sunday Q&A Session will be this evening. Please join us.

**NO EVENING SERVICES**—Christmas Eve or New Year’s Eve.

**NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY**—Sunday evening, Dec. 31 at 7 p.m. Finger Foods, Games, and “White Elephant” exchange. *\$10.00 limit.*



## SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, December 17

A.M.— “Three Men Died That Day”  
*Luke 23:32-43*

P.M.— “Questions & Answers”

## THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Song Leader:	George Benjamin	Kenny Brown
Announcements:	Rusty Curtis	Rusty Curtis
Reading ( <i>Philippians 3:5-11</i> )	Mark Neal	
Opening Prayer	Jeff Whitaker	John McBroom
Preside at Lord's Table:	Brian Lane	Brian Lane
Serving at Lord's Table:	Will Curtis, Bret McHone Sam Martin, Chris Bragwell	
Reading ( <i>Luke 23:32-43</i> )	Jeff Cronin	
Closing Prayer:	Glen Rogers	Jacob Ward
<i>Wednesday: Singing. Will Curtis Devotional, Jeff Whitaker Closing Prayer, Sam Martin</i>		

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**Elders:**

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John McBroom

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

*Wednesday—7:00 p.m.*



"Nice iron. Your wife will love it. While I wrap it, you might want to go over to sporting goods and pick out a helmet."