



Seymour Sayings

The Weekly Bulletin of the

Seymour Church of Christ

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane

Seymour, TN 37865

December 24, 2017



MERRY
Christmas

Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



EXTREMES

In some of my sermons and classes, I have been talking about extremism recently. We often run from one extreme to another, from the ditch on one side of the road to the ditch on the other side..

This is certainly true in regard to Christmas. On one extreme, many declare that Christ was born on December 25 and that we should celebrate that day as His birthday. On the other extreme, some say “Bah Humbug!” and act as if it is a day like any other day and should not be marked in any special way.

We must admit that Christmas is of purely human origin. We simply do not know when Christ was born. It was certainly not on -or-about December 25. Interestingly enough, the birth of Christ has been placed in every month of the year by someone. Since the shepherds were in the fields tending their flocks (Luke 2:8-16), it was probably in the Spring of the year when lambs were being born.

There is, however, much to commend about this season. I appreciate the friendliness and general good will that demonstrates itself in cheerful greetings. I like the music that fills the air. I am thankful for the opportunities to be with family and friends. I even like the giving and receiving of gifts, although the older I get the more I enjoy the giving.

Additionally, I am thankful that people turn their attention to the birth of Christ in a special way during this season. I must admit, however, that I would wish that they would remember His birth, life, death, and resurrection all year long. Also, I encourage all of us to take advantage of the opportunities to speak openly about Him that this special season affords.

FAMILY MATTERS



PRAYER LIST—Among those who were ill last weekend are **Jeff Cronin, Jeff Whitaker, Dawson Brown, Timmy Wheeler, and Jason Cummings**. . . **Jim Husband** had surgery last week to remove skin cancer from his face and ear. We are glad to report that all went well. . . . Prayers have been requested for the following: **Terry Taylor** (Donna Lane’s brother),

Glenda Rice (the mother of one of Lynn Whitaker’s co-workers), **Betsy Gibson** (Tim Wheeler’s sister’s mother-in-law, who passed away), **Mike Hall** (Deone LaFollette’s dad), **Jim Bragwell** (Chris Bragwell’s dad), and **Eddie Blair Delk** (Barbara Husband’s brother). . . . Also, be sure to keep **Sharon Simpson** in your prayers, as she goes through her chemotherapy. . . . Chris Wentworth requests prayers for **Elizabeth Bailey**, a 19-year-old friend who has recently been in Blount Memorial.

FOR THE RECORD—Sunday Bible Study, 49; Morning Worship, 67; Evening Worship, 48; Contribution, \$1,936; Wednesday Bible Study, 43.



ATTENTION, TEENS—a sign-up sheet for CYC (Challenge Youth Conference) is on the bulletin board in the hall. **The deadline is today.**

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS—There will be **no evening service today**. Also, there will be **no covered dish dinner on the 5th Sunday**. Instead, we will have our **annual finger-food and “white elephant” gift exchange get-together** on New Year’s Eve, December 31, following the evening service. (*The “white elephant” gift should be no more than \$10.00.*)



Ladies' Bible Study

ATTENTION, LADIES—The monthly Ladies’ Devotional will be this coming Thursday evening, December 28, at 7 p.m.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, December 24

A.M.— “We Have a Family That Will Embrace Us” (Acts 2:40-47)

P.M.— No Evening Service

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

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



"Well, I could have cast the first stone."