



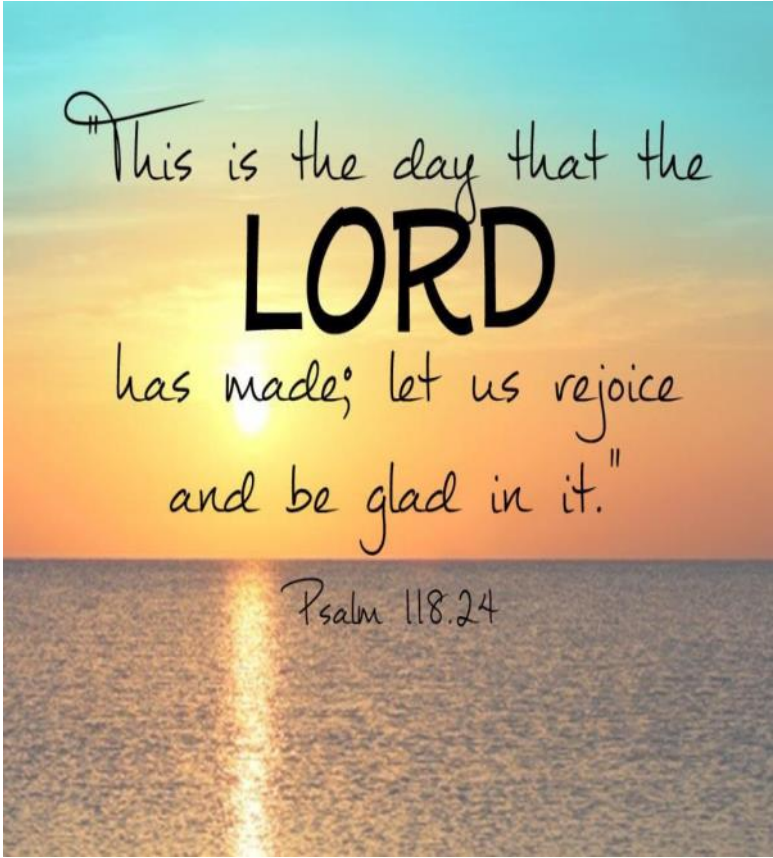
# *Seymour Sayings*

The Weekly Bulletin of the

*Seymour Church of Christ*

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane  
Seymour, TN 37865

**February 19, 2017**

A background image of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that reflects on the water's surface. The sky transitions from a pale blue at the top to a deep orange near the horizon.

This is the day that the  
**LORD**  
has made; let us rejoice  
and be glad in it."

Psalm 118.24

## *Person to Person . . .*

*Tom Miller*



### **IF YOU FIND IT EASY TO BE A CHRISTIAN, YOU PROBABLY AREN'T ONE**

Not long ago, **Matt Walsh** wrote an article for **theblaze** under the title above.

Maybe I need to begin with some explanation. **Matt Walsh** is a 29-year-old blogger who is a devout Catholic and has a fundamental approach to theology. **Theblaze** is a digital network that provides a platform for conservative unfiltered voices.

Don't feel bad. I had to look it up.

I must say I was intrigued by the title. I believe Walsh is right. At the beginning of his blog, he wrote, "Over 80 percent of the people in this country claim to be Christians, but how many, in the end, will find out the hard way that their claims were false? Our culture seems perfectly designed to lead us into this sort of false faith . . ."

Walsh used Joel Osteen as an example of someone who promotes that idea that "the faith is nothing more than a collection of vague and friendly sentiments." Sad, isn't it. But, true!

Jesus said, "**If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me**" (Luke 9:23).

Self denial! Daily cross bearing! Following Jesus wherever He leads! None of that sounds easy to me.

This is not to say that it is just too difficult to be a Christian. It is to say, however, that it takes effort. It requires more than a fish sticker on our bumpers or a Bible quote on our Facebook page. It demands sacrifice. It requires putting Christ first, and living for Him daily.

# FAMILY MATTERS



**PRAYER LIST**—**Samantha Kinzalow** had surgery on her thyroid last Thursday. She spent a night in the hospital. At this writing, there is no further report. . . . Prayers are requested for **Bill Morrison** (Jama Sergent’s step-father). His cancer has returned, and he is taking treatments. . . . **Kathy Crider** asks us to continue to pray for her father, **Richard**. He had surgery last week. . . .

**Suzanne, Katie, and Ashlynn Cronin** were all ill last Wednesday with flu-like symptoms. **Jeff** was left to be the care giver. Please keep them all in your prayers. . . . Lesia Potter has asked us to remember her brother, **Roger McKee**, in our prayers. He has heart problems. . . . **Don Agricola** remains at Vanderbilt in Nashville. He is experiencing some additional serious medical issues at this time. Be sure to keep him and **Denise** in your prayers. . . . **Lynn Whitaker** had the stitches removed from her foot surgery last week. She is doing better but will still has to keep off of her foot for another week or two. . . . Suzanne Cronin requests prayers for her brother and his family, who are members at Kingston. They have a family situation that is unsettling. Be sure to keep the **Ca-wood family** in your prayers.

**LAST WEEK’S STATISTICS THAT SHOW OUR DEVOTION**—Bible Study, 50; Morning Worship, 70; Evening Worship, 43; Contribution, \$1,557; Wednesday Bible Study, 47.



**LADIES’ DEVOTIONAL**—The Ladies’ Devotional for February is the 23rd. It will begin at 7 p.m. All the ladies of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend.

**DIRECTORY INFORMATION**—We are getting close to the time for printing our new directory. It will contain the names, addresses, birthdays, phone number, and email addresses of the individuals, families, members, and friends who attend the Seymour church of Christ. **Sierra** has the proof copy. Please get with her to check your information for accuracy.



## **SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, February 19**

A.M.— “Show and Tell” (Acts 1:1-3)

P.M.— “Unwrapping a Gift, # 7” (2 Timothy 2:15)

## THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Announcements:	Rusty Curtis	Rusty Curtis
Song Leader:	Tim Wheeler	Tim Wheeler
Bible Reading	John McBroom	
Opening Prayer:	Jeff Whitaker	Chris Bragwell
Preside at Lord's Table:	Kenny Brown	Kenny Brown
Serving at Lord's Table	<i>Chris Bragwell, Will Curtis</i> <i>Jeff Cronin, Keith McCord</i>	
Closing Prayer:	Rusty Curtis	Jim Husband

Wednesday: *Singing, Isaiah Wheeler; Prayer, Joseph Wheeler*  
*Devotional, Jeff Cronin*

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

*Wednesday—7:00 p.m.*

**CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH** by Thom Tapp

