



Seymour Sayings

The Weekly Bulletin of the

Seymour Church of Christ

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane

Seymour, TN 37865

January 14, 2024

Above all else, guard your
heart, for everything you do
flows from it.



Proverbs 4:23

Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



GROWTH IS HARD WORK

Growth, in any realm, does not come without effort. Babies grow only when their needs for food, rest, and medical care are met. Otherwise, they deteriorate and die.

The same is true of spiritual growth. Christians are expected to grow. 2 Peter 3:18 says, **“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”**

To grow spiritually, proper nutrition is needed (1 Pet. 2:3). The spiritual side of man must be exercised (1 Tim. 4:8). And, of course, the terrible spiritual disease of sin must be dealt with (Rom. 3:23; 6:23).

These same basic truths can be applied to congregations. Churches do not just happen to grow. They grow in direct proportion to the individual growth level of their members and the involvement of each of those members. Ephesians 4:16 explains it like this: **“From whom the whole body joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”**

It all sounds so simple, doesn't it? The problem is that growth is really hard work. It must be made to happen. Unfortunately, many are not willing to pay the price to grow individually or congregationally.

But, honestly, can we afford not to grow? Consider the alternative!

FAMILY MATTERS



PRAYER LIST—**Al Flores** is confined at home with another lung infection. . . . **Suzanne Cronin** requests prayers for her daughter, **Katie**, who will have an upper and lower scope done on the 19th and for **Haley Cawood**, her niece-in-law, whose grandfather passed away last Tuesday. . . . In addition to everything else, **Sierra Miller** has been diagnosed as diabetic and is being treated with medicine. . . . **Melissa McBroom** has Covid. Prayers, please..

MISCELLANEOUS—A Happy Birthday to **Amelia Lane**, who celebrated her first birthday yesterday. . . . Those wishing to attend the **Youth Meeting** in Jefferson City on February 3 should be at the church building at 7 a.m. . . . **Rusty & Trish Curtis** are in Oklahoma visiting **Peyton**.

FOR THE RECORD—**Sunday**: Bible Study, 60; Morning Worship, 81; Evening Worship, 35; Contribution, \$2,419. **Wednesday**: 53 + 10. (*The + numbers are the number of people who joined us by livestream.*)



ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING—**Today**, January 14 at 4:45 p.m



LIFT GIVEAWAY— **Saturday**, January 20, 9 a.m. *A list is in the foyer of items needed.*

SIGN UP

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—Lists are posted on the bulletin board in the hall to clean the building and prepare communion each month this year. Don't volunteer others, but please sign up yourself.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, January 14

A.M.— **“The Question”**

Acts 2:36-41

P.M.— **“Ephesians: In Christ”**

Ephesians 1:1-14

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Song Leader:	Brian Lane	Kenny Brown
Announcements:	John McBroom	John McBroom
Reading (<i>Acts 4:7-13</i>)	Jeff Cronin	
Opening Prayer	Jeff Whitaker	Chris Bragwell
Presiding at Lord's Table:	Tim Wheeler	Tim Wheeler
Serving at Lord's Table:	Tristan Wheeler, Timmy Wheeler Chris Sergent, Will Curtis	
Reading (<i>Acts 2:36-41</i>)	Bret McHone	
Closing Prayer:	Sam Martin	Jacob Ward

*Wednesday: Singing, Will Curtis; Devotional, Jeff Whitaker
Closing Prayer, Kenny Brown*

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



Elf on the Shelf? Psh.
What Jesus wants is ewe in a pew!
Thanks, Marie.