



Seymour Sayings

The Weekly Bulletin of the

Seymour Church of Christ

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane
Seymour, TN 37865

January 28, 2024

**Don't just invite
people to church.**

Invite them to lunch.

Invite them to your table or patio.

Invite them into your life!

Be there for them.



We—

not our building

—are the church!

Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



TRADITIONS

Some time ago, I heard a radio preacher ask, “Do we listen more to the fathers or to the Father?” That’s a good question. It got me to thinking about traditions.

Traditions may be defined as “the handing down orally of customs, beliefs, etc. from generation to generation.” All churches, including the Lord’s, have traditions. It can be the times we meet for worship, the order of our worship, how we must dress for worship, how we extend the invitation, or what we must say when we baptize someone.

Traditions, per se, are neither good nor bad, but they can become either. If our traditions are good, expedient, and not in violation of Scripture, I see no reason to change them. I fear however, that some of our traditions have crystalized into laws, and that is dangerous. Brethren can treat time-honored traditions as sacred white cows, and woe to the man who would dare to violate them.

We absolutely must learn the difference between our traditions and what God has said in His Word. Traditions will change over time, but His Word is changeless. Traditions will vary from place-to-place, but the Scriptures are constant.

Let’s be loyal to the Father and not to the fathers. Let’s never be guilty of doing what the Pharisees in the first century did. Of them, Jesus said, “... you make the commandments of God of no effect by your tradition” (Matt. 15:6).

FAMILY MATTERS



PRAYER LIST—Yolanda Flores was to have an MRI last Friday to determine what the pain is from in her hips. She is scheduled to see her doctor this coming Friday. . . . Sierra Miller requests prayers for her daughter-in-law's mother, **Marie Cooper**, who in ICU at U.T. . . . **Dorothy Strattis**, a former member at Seymour, is in the Health and Rehabilitation Center in Sevierville, room 116. . . . **Shawn Malloy**, a former member at Seymour, passed away January 8. Our condolences to his wife, **Darlene**, and the family. . . . Sierra Miller requests prayers for her daughter, **Tierra Halstead**, who is suffering with shingles. . . . **Mark Neal** was diagnosed with type A Flu last week. . . . Pam Neal requests prayers for her sister, **Wendy Brown**, who is being tested for suspected bladder cancer this coming Wednesday.

MISCELLANEOUS—**Youth Meeting** February 3 at Jefferson City. Transportation from our building at 7 a.m. . . . **Marriage Retreat** February 14-18 at Pigeon Forge. Flyers in the foyer. . . . **Timmy and Bella Wheeler** will be going to Honduras May 24-June 3 with the Torch Medical Missions.

FOR THE RECORD FROM 1/14—**Sunday**: Bible Study, 51; Morning Worship, 90; Evening Worship, 49 + 10; Contribution, \$3,571. **Wednesday**: No service due to weather. (*The + numbers are those who are watching online.*)

Upcoming Events:

- ✓ **GRIEF DISCUSSION GROUP**— February 4 at 4:45 p.m.
- ✓ **VALENTINES BANQUET**—Saturday, February 10 at 6 p.m. Meal catered by *Smokin' Possums BBQ*. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hall.
- ✓ **ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING**—Sunday, February 11 at 4:45 p.m.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, January 28

A.M.— “**The Connection**”

Ephesians 2:4-10

P.M.— “**Ephesians # 3: Paul’s Prayer**”

Ephesians 1:15-23

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Song Leader:	Will Curtis	Kenny Brown
Announcements:	John McBroom	John McBroom
Reading (<i>Titus 2:11-14</i>)	Mark Neal	
Opening Prayer	Rusty Curtis	Jeff Cronin
Presiding at Lord's Table:	Chris Bragwell	Chris Bragwell
Serving at Lord's Table:	Darrell Whitaker, Sam Martin Ricky Spears, Bret McHone	
Reading (<i>Ephesians 2:4-10</i>)	Brian Lane	
Closing Prayer:	Tim Wheeler	Tristan Wheeler

*Wednesday: Singing, Sam Martin; 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.

If Moses had a smartphone



Thanks, Jeff C.