



Seymour Sayings

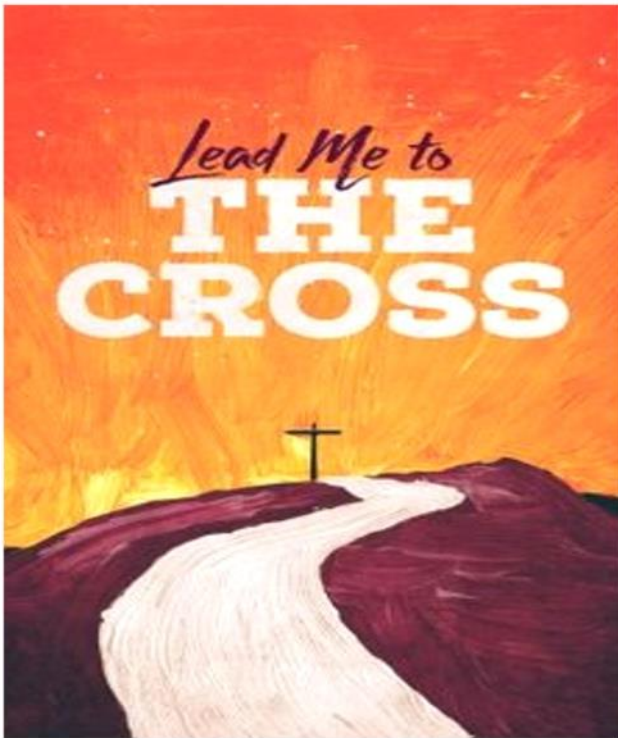
The Weekly Bulletin of the

Seymour Church of Christ

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane

Seymour, TN 37865

January 7, 2018



Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



A LABOR OF LOVE

Genesis 29 tells the interesting story of Jacob taking Leah and Rachel as his wives. You may remember that Jacob wanted Rachel and agreed with her father, Laban, to work seven years for her.

At the end of the seven years, Laban gave Jacob his older daughter, Leah. He explained that it was their custom not to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one. Jacob agreed to serve another seven years for Rachel.

Fourteen years of service for Rachel's hand in marriage! Why? How? The answer is rather simple, **"So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed only a few days to him, because of the love he had for her"** (Gen. 29:20). Although it was a long time in one sense, it didn't seem so to Jacob, because he was motivated by love.

In the New Testament, Paul explained that his service for Christ was also a labor of love. **"For the love of Christ compels us . . ."** (2 Cor. 5:14). This lets us know how Paul could work so tirelessly and remain faithful to the Lord in spite of severe persecutions. He knew that Christ loved him, and he loved Christ.

Some today may serve out of a sense of duty (Rev. 2:1-7), for the praise they might receive from men (Matt. 6:2,8), or for any number of other impure motives. The only service, however, that is joyous for the person and pleasing to God is service that is motivated by love.

FAMILY MATTERS



PRAYER LIST—Alice Graves has not been feeling well recently, and her daughter—with whom she lives—has also been ill. . . . **Kenny Brown** reinjured his back last week and has been having considerable discomfort. . . . Kenny also asks us to remember his father, **Vernon Brown**, who will be having a heart catherization soon. . . . Sam Martin’s sister-in-law,

Kim Russell, will have surgery on January 22 to clear the main arteries in both legs. Prayers, please. . . . Donna Lane’s brother, **Terry Taylor**, is scheduled to be transferred to a rehab facility soon.

FOR THE RECORD—Sunday Bible Study, 44; Morning Worship, 69; Evening Worship, 57; Contribution, \$1,885; Wednesday Bible Study, 46.

CALENDARS AND SERVICE SCHEDULES AVAILABLE—Calendars and Men’s Service Schedules are both available on the new table in the foyer.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS—We extend our appreciation to **Brian Lane** for leading our discussion of **Ephesians** in the Sunday morning adult class. Beginning today, **John McBroom** will assume the responsibility of leading our study of the book of **Philippians**.



SIGN UP—The 2018 schedules are posted for those who serve by preparing the communion each week and cleaning the building as needed. Please stop by the bulletin board in the hall and sign up to help.

*“The New Year lies before you like a spotless tract of snow.
Be careful how you tread it, for every mark will show.”*



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, January 7

A.M.— “I Will Put First Things First”
Philippians 3:13-14

P.M.— “Have a Blessed Day”
Philippians 4:6

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

| | <i>Morning</i> | <i>Evening</i> |
|--------------------------|---|----------------|
| Announcements: | Jeff Whitaker | Jeff Whitaker |
| Song Leader: | Kenny Brown | Kenny Brown |
| Bible Reading | Sam Martin | |
| Opening Prayer: | John McBroom | Tim Wheeler |
| Preside at Lord's Table: | Jeff Cronin | Jeff Cronin |
| Serving at Lord's Table | Joseph Wheeler, Isaiah Wheeler Anthony Wheeler, Tristan Wheeler | |
| Closing Prayer: | Chris Bragwell | Sam Martin |
| Wednesday: | <i>Singing, Tim Wheeler; Prayer, Jeff Cronin Devotional, Sam Martin</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.

