



Seymour Sayings

The Weekly Bulletin of the

Seymour Church of Christ

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane
Seymour, TN 37865

January 7, 2024

More *Jesus*

Less Drama

Less Selfishness

Less Complaining

Less Bitterness

Less Gossip

Less Pride

Less Anger

Less Me

Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



UNEMPLOYMENT

There is a lot of discussion these days about the state of our economy. Is it better or worse than it has been? Statistics say the current unemployment rate in the US is 3.7%, which equals 6.3 million Americans out of work.

Some observations are apparent. Many have lost their jobs. Others, still fortunate enough to have jobs, are working reduced schedules. New workers, trying to enter the job market, are finding doors closed in their particular field.

Yet, there are lots of signs posted indicating that businesses are hiring. Many say they can make more money not working than they can working. Sad, isn't it? Some who don't have jobs really don't want a job—they want a position, and those can be hard to come by.

What about the church? The churches unemployment problem is not due to an unavailability of jobs. It's due to the shortage of willing workers.

In a parable in Matthew 20, a landowner asked some who were standing idle, "Why have you been standing idle all day?" (Matt. 20:6). Their reply was, "Because no one hired us." The landowner then said, "You also go into the vineyard and work ..."

Today, there are church members standing idle. They attend and place a few dollars in the collection basket, but they are not active in the work of the church. Let's make 2024 the year we all get to work for the Lord.

As the old hymn suggests, "To the work! To the work! We are servants of God." (*Words by Fanny J. Crosby, 1869*)

FAMILY MATTERS



PRAYER LIST—Al Flores has another lung infection, and prayers are requested. . . . **Gary & Helen Graves** has both been ill recently. . . . **Amelia Neff**, granddaughter of Jeff & Lynn Whitaker, has RSV. . . . The **Lanes** have all been sick recently with the flu and upper respiratory problems. . . . **Chris & Darlene Houser** have been unwell. . . . **Mark & Pam Neal** have both been on antibiotics for upper respiratory infections. . . . **John McBroom** did not feel well this past week. . . . **Katie Cronin** had some kind of “bug” last weekend,. . . . Marie Caprani requests prayers for her dad, **Perry, and his wife, Deborah**, who have been battling Covid since before Christmas. . . . Mary Tanner’s dad, **Beau Tanner**, continued to have mini-strokes.

FOR THE RECORD—**Sunday**: Bible Study, 53; Morning Worship, 74 + 10; Evening Worship, No Service; Contribution, \$2,064. **Wednesday**: 69 + 10. (*The + numbers are the number of people who joined us by livestream.*)



LIFELINES GRIEF DISCUSSION GROUP—Today, January 7 at 4:45 p.m.

AREA-WIDE YOUTH RALLY—Today, Jan. 7. Group will meet and leave the building at 3 p.m.

ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING—Sunday afternoon, January 14 at 4:45 p.m



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

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 7

A.M.— **“Roots & Fruit”**

John 15:1-8

P.M.— **“Ephesians: The Beginning”**

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Song Leader:	Kenny Brown	Chris Bragwell
Announcements:	Brian Lane	Brian Lane
Reading (<i>Psalms 1</i>)	John McBroom	
Opening Prayer	Rusty Curtis	Tim Wheeler
Presiding at Lord's Table:	Jeff Cronin	Jeff Cronin
Serving at Lord's Table:	Ricky Spears, Mark Neal Jacob Houser, Jacob Ward	
Reading (<i>John 15:1-8</i>)	Tristan Wheeler	
Closing Prayer:	Will Curtis	Kenny Brown

*Wednesday: Singing. Sam Martin; Devotional, Rusty Curtis
Closing Prayer, Jeff Cronin*

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



Bologna Ramen Cake. Another way to ensure you're never be asked again to bring a dessert to the church dinner.