



Seymour Sayings

The Weekly Bulletin of the

Seymour Church of Christ

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane

Seymour, TN 37865

July 24, 2016

Because He lives
I can face tomorrow



Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

The Second Amendment to the Constitution is being widely debated these days. It says, “A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.” Most recently this amendment has been interpreted to grant the right of gun ownership to individuals for purposes that include self-defense.

Something that was said in a recent Wednesday evening devotional got me to thinking about this matter in a little different sense. What about the Christian’s right to bear spiritual arms?

In giving what we often refer to as “The Christian’s Armor,” Paul said, “**And take . . . the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**” (Eph. 6:17). As Christian, we have both the right and the responsible to bear and responsibly use this weapon.

As with any weapon, our use of the sword of the Spirit demands knowledge and skill. 2 Timothy 2:15 says, “Do your best to present yourselves to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, **rightly handling the word of truth**” (ESV). The word of God in the hands of someone who does not know enough about it to use it wisely is as dangerous as a loaded gun in the hands of a child.

Therefore, let us resolve to learn all we can about this spiritual weapon. Let us study it carefully and thoroughly—in private and in our Bible classes at church. Then, let us use it prayerfully and wisely to help people and not to hurt them.

Our goal is stated in 1 Peter 3:15, “**But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect**” (ESV).

FAMILY MATTERS



PRAYER LIST—Norma Jean Miller has not able to be at services last couple of weekends. . . . It was great to see **Genova Lambert** able to be out. . . . Please continue to keep **Beatrice Sue Laney** (Kella Whitaker's sister) in your prayers. . . . Little **Azure Kinzalow** has been quite ill with strep throat and hand, foot, and mouth infection. She is on antibiotics and fluids. . . .

Heather Fleenor has been ill this past week with an upper respiratory infection, a sinus infection, and a touch of pneumonia. She is taking antibiotics. . . . **Karlie Sergent** has also been sick this past week. . . . Prayers have been requested for Darlene Adams' nephew, **Daryl Bailey**. He has been quite ill and was taken to the hospital in Oak Ridge last week with renal failure.

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS THAT SHOW OUR DEVOTION—Bible Study, 45; Morning Worship, 62; Evening Worship, 38; Contribution, \$1,504; Wednesday Bible Study, 41.

PICTURE MAKE-UP DATE—As you may know, we are trying to update our picture board and then move it to a place that makes it more usable. If you have not had your picture made yet, please plan to do so on **Saturday, August 6**. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer for you to select a specific time.



DON'T FORGET—There will be a covered-dish dinner following services this morning. This will give us a last opportunity to spend some time together with the Portland group before they return home.

GUEST SPEAKER—**Stan Foster**, Youth and Family Life Minister at Portland, TN will be our guest speaker today. We are thankful to Stan and the Portland group for supporting us in our work at Seymour.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, July 24

A.M.— “May God Deliver You” (Daniel 6:16)

P.M.— “Faith Into Action, Part 3” (Hebrews 11:5-6)

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Announcements:	John McBroom	John McBroom
Song Leader:	JD Cantrell	Steve Hopper
Bible Reading	Adam Cawthon	
Opening Prayer:	John Miller	Rusty Curtis
Preside at Lord's Table:	Scott Cooper	Jeff Whitaker
Serving at Lord's Table	<i>Nate LaFollette, Isaiah Wheeler</i>	
	<i>Anthony Wheeler, Joseph Wheeler</i>	
Closing Prayer:	John McBroom	Jim Husband
Wednesday:	<i>Singing, Tim Wheeler; Prayer, Joseph Wheeler</i>	
	<i>Devotional, John McBroom</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.



COMING UP

- ✓ Elder's Meeting, July 26 @ 7 p.m.
 - ✓ Ladies' Devotional, July 28 @ 7 p.m.
 - ✓ 5th Sunday, July 31
- Contribution for General Fund*
- Q&A in the evening*
- ✓ Teacher's Meeting, August, 7 @ 4:30 p.m.