



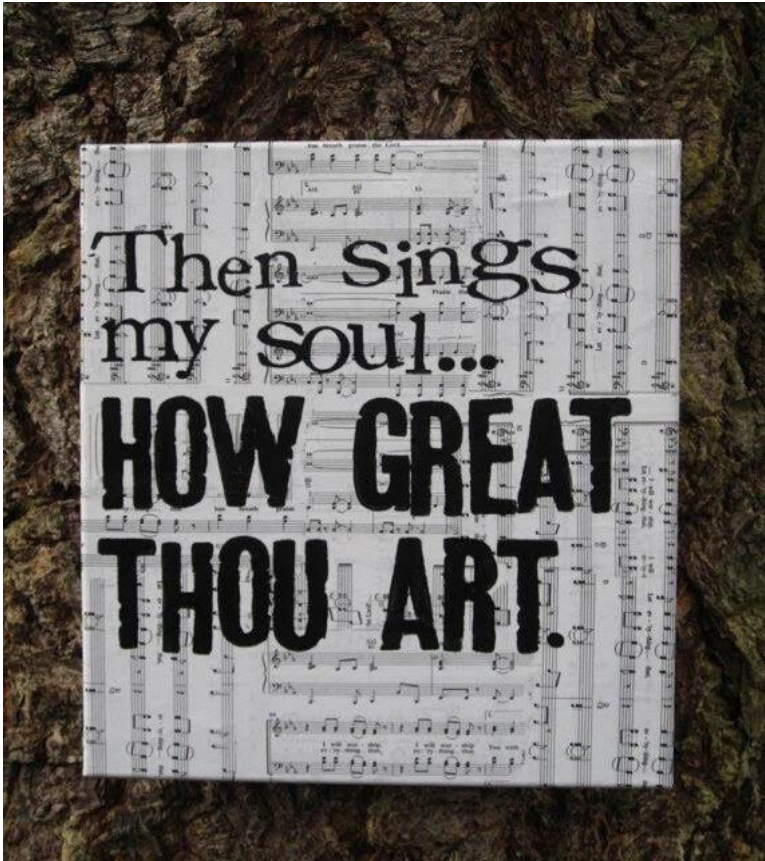
Seymour Sayings

The Weekly Bulletin of the

Seymour Church of Christ

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane
Seymour, TN 37865

May 21, 2017



Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

It has been observed that in the more than 4,000 years of recorded history, only 300 or 400 hundred of those years have been without a major war. This has caused someone to quip, “Peace is merely that brief, glorious moment in history when everyone stops to reload their weapons.”

At this very moment, wars are raging in various places around the world. Our own nation is torn by strife and conflict. We long for peace, and we desperately need peacemakers today.

When Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers” (Matt. 5:9), it should be noted that He is asking people to be active and not passive. He did not say, “Blessed are those who have a peaceful disposition.” He did not say, “Blessed are those who desire peace.” And, He did not say, “Blessed are those who do everything they can to avoid trouble.”

He did say (in essence), “Take the initiative, be active, do what you can to make peace.” This is in keeping with the words of the Psalmist, “Depart from evil, and do good, seek peace and pursue it” (Psa. 34:14).

I am not suggesting we try to reconcile all warring factions. We do not have the opportunity or skills to do that. I am suggesting that we live and speak in such a way that will contribute to peace. We cannot control what others say or do, but we can control what we say or do. Our words can defuse or ignite a situation. Our lives can calm or agitate those about us.

Peacemakers build bridges; they do not tear them down. Peacemakers seek to restore relationships; they do not try to destroy them. Peacemakers exert a calming influence on potentially explosive situations; they do not throw more fuel on the fire. Peacemakers are kind and considerate in all they do; they do not nurse grudges and hold animosity in their hearts.

Be a peacemaker, “For they shall be called sons of God.”

FAMILY MATTERS



PRAYER LIST—**Betty Summers** (Lynn Whitaker's mother) fell recently and broke her wrist. Following surgery, she is in Island Home Rehabilitation Center (room 204B) in South Knoxville. . . . **Russell Boling** reports that his father, **Mel Boling**, is home from the hospital and tolerating his treatments for cancer fairly well. . . . We are thankful for the progress **John McBroom** is making following his surgery, and we pray he will continue to improve. . . . **Kenny Brown** has been having back problems, and asks that we continue to pray for his improvement. . . . **Julianna Gregory and Sherry McAbee** are vacationing in Scotland. Keep them in your prayers for a safe trip. . . . Please continue to pray for **Denise Agricola, Genova Lambert, Barb Gillaspie, Bill Morrison, Richard Hawkins, and Claudia Wallace.**

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS THAT SHOW OUR DEVOTION—Bible Study, 57; Morning Worship, 74; Contribution, \$1,793; Evening Worship, 42; Wednesday Bible Study, 61.

SERVICES HERE TODAY—**Tom Miller** is in a short meeting with the Gatlinburg congregation this weekend. **Tim Wheeler** will be speaking here this morning, and there will be a song service this evening.



- ✓ May 25—Ladies' Devotional @ 7 p.m.
- ✓ May 29—Memorial Day
- ✓ June 3—Wedding Shower for Erin Thomas @ 2
- ✓ June 3—Youth Night @ McBroom's

TEACHERS MEETING—We will have a **short Teachers' Meeting next Sunday afternoon at 5:15 p.m.** just to make sure everything is ready for the new quarter which begins in June.

FLYERS IN THE FOYER—Flyers for the **Leadership Workshop** (June 24) and the **Super Saturday** (July 22) are available in the foyer.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, May 21

A.M.— “What Does It Mean To Believe In Christ?” (John 3:16)

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Announcements:	Jeff Whitaker	Jeff Whitaker
Song Leader:	Will Curtis	Will Curtis
Bible Reading	Joseph Wheeler	
Opening Prayer:	John McBroom	Chris Bragwell
Preside at Lord's Table:	Rusty Curtis	Rusty Curtis
Serving at Lord's Table	<i>Chris Bragwell, Darrell Whitaker</i>	
	<i>Jeff Cronin, Kenny Brown</i>	
Closing Prayer:	Kenny Brown	Jim Husband

Wednesday: *Singing, Kenny Brown; Prayer, Joseph Wheeler*
Devotional, John McBroom

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

Wednesday—7:00 p.m.



That was a good sermon, but I would have
 settled for a soundbite.