



# *Seymour Sayings*

The Weekly Bulletin of the

*Seymour Church of Christ*

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane  
Seymour, TN 37865

**November 6, 2016**



## *Person to Person . . .*

*Tom Miller*



### “WE” VERSES “THEM”

I have lived and worked with congregations in three states: Ohio, West Virginia, and Tennessee. I have noticed that the folks in each of these states really like their university sports teams. They root for them, and celebrate each victory and mourn each loss.

I’ve also noticed that first person plural pronouns are generally used to refer to these teams. “We have a great team this year.” “They can’t beat us.” “We lost a couple of close games, but we still have a chance to have a good season.”

This usage of “we” and “us” means that people identify with the team. Though they do not own it or even play on it, it is their team.

I like it when people use those same pronouns in talking about the church. I recognize that the church belongs to Christ and not me. When I say, “This is my church,,” I mean the same thing someone means when they say, “The Tennessee Vols is my team.” I have a relationship with the church.

Unfortunately, some people switch to third person plural pronouns when speaking of the church. “I don’t like some of the things they are doing down at church.” “They want me to be more involved with them in the work, but I’m not going to do it.” “They should take the Great Commission more seriously.”

Friends, this is not just a reminder about the usage of pronouns. There really is a point to be made. Could it be that we are more connected to our favorite sports teams than we are to the church?

The truth is that we are the church, and we must not forget that. It will be only as successful as we—along with God’s blessings—work to make it.

# FAMILY MATTERS



**PRAYER LIST**—**Darlene Adams'** hip replacement surgery is scheduled for tomorrow. Please be sure to keep her in your prayers. . . . . **Melissa McBroom** has not been feeling well recently. . . . Be sure to keep **William Payne** in your prayers as he takes his treatments for cancer. . . **Linda Hopper** continues to experience a lot of pain in her back.

**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS THAT SHOW OUR DEVOTION**—Bible Study, 49; Morning Worship, 66; Evening Worship, 46; Contribution, \$1,362; Wednesday Bible Study, 34.

## **EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER**

- **Ladies' Meeting**—Today @ 5 p.m.
- **Elder's & Deacon's Meeting**—Tuesday, Nov. 8 @ 7 p.m.
- **Ladies' Devotional**—Thursday, Nov. 17 @ 7 p.m.
- **Elder's Meeting**—Tuesday, Nov. 22 @ 7 p.m.
- **Thanksgiving**—Thursday, Nov. 24

**THANK YOU**—**Peyton Curtis** extends her appreciation to all who helped her collect socks for the homeless in Cookeville, where she goes to school. It is so good to see our young people reaching out to those in need.

**RECEPTION AFTER SERVICES THIS EVENING**—There will be a reception after services this evening in honor of the three newest Wheelers (**Tristan, Timmy, and Bella**). Their adoption was finalized last Wednesday morning. Please bring finger foods and join in the festivities.

Thanksgiving, to be  
*truly* thanksgiving,  
is **first** thanks,  
**then** giving.



## **SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, November 6**

A.M.— “A Citizen of Two Kingdoms” (Colossians 1:13-14)

P.M.— “What Happens When We Die?” (Luke 16:19-31)

## THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

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

Wednesday: *Singing, Steve Hopper; Prayer, Tom Miller  
Devotional, Kenny Brown*

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

*Wednesday—7:00 p.m.*

### **Church of the Covered Dish** by Thom Tapp



**“He preaches on love too much.  
That makes me mad!”**