GLOSTER STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
307 N. GLOSTER ST. - TUPELO, MS 38804
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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.
Bible Class ..... 10:10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Class .....7:00 p.m.

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Sunday at **8:00 a.m.** on **ABC WTVA**
(Comcast Channel 7)

Sunday at **9:00 a.m.** on **WTVA**
(Comcast Channel 6)

Monday – Friday at **6:00 a.m.** & **6:30 a.m.**
and **Sunday** at **8:00 a.m.**
on **MY MS** (Comcast Channel 3)

Searching the Scriptures

Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
SuperTalk 101.9 WFTA

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Chad Hickman 1
Marsha Kiste.....1
John McAuley 1
Clay Spearman 1
Steve Bramlett 2
Tish Cornelius 4
Quetta Hamer 5
Anthony Washington.....7
Branyan Johnson 8
Bradley Williams.....8
Doris Fikes 9
Houston Kiste 9
Norris Stubbs.....9
Liam Brumley.....11
Anna Margaret Jones.....11
Robert Logan.....11
Callen Raines.....14
Lianna Callens.....15
Bobbi Kellum 15
Britney Tutor 15
Blaine Holliday.....17
Lillian Johnson 17
Doug Mobley.....17
Travis Cornelius 18
Arminda Washington 19
Abby McAuley.....21
Noah Kennedy.....24
Boyd Anderson.....25
Ethan Benefield.....26
Riley Jones 27
Betty Crosswhite 27
Cason Pearce 28
Adelyn Russell 28
Lex Russell.....28
Wrenly Willis 28
Dawson McCord.....30
Jimmy Bell 31

RECENT RESPONSES

We are always thankful for those who respond to the Lord's invitation requesting the prayers of their brethren. On Wednesday, September 18, **Kristen McFarland** asked for the prayers of the church on her behalf. On Sunday, September 22, **T.K. Hollingsworth** responded requesting prayer as well. We appreciate both these individuals. Please encourage them as you have the opportunity. To God be the glory!

MEETING REPORT

I've been preaching this past week in a Gospel Meeting for the **Willette church of Christ,** near Red Boiling Springs, Tennessee. This good church is very active in global mission efforts. Attendance has been good; interest is high. With that said, I'm looking forward to being back home this week. See you on Sunday!

May God Bless You All!

Chad Ramsey

A BARRIER TO UNITY

by Chad Ramsey

If you took the time to survey all the groups claiming to follow Christ, you would find their practices to be very different. Consquently, rather than enjoying the unity for which Jesus prayed (John 17:20-21), those who point to Him as their Lord are noticeably divided. This is especially lamentable when we consider the absolute nature of truth. As Paul noted: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Ephesians 4:4-6).

Given Paul's declaration that there is only "one body" (Ephesians 4:4), why are there so many religious groups today? And how is it possible for these groups to all claim to be following Jesus and yet practice different things? Although ethese questions deserve a much more detailed answer than space permits, it is sufficient to say that the way a group interprets the Bible determines its course. For example, groups failing to recognize the distinction between the Old and New Testaments either engage in practices that were nailed to the cross with Jesus (see Colossians 2:13-14), or they seek to justify current practices by appealing to the Old Testament for authority. But since the Law of Moses and its ordinances died with Christ, we must not turn to it for justification. Making this point, Paul wrote: "But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter" (Romans 7:6).

A great barrier to religious unity is the failure to interpret the Bible correctly. Rather than studying the Bible and drawing the conclusions warranted by the text, individuals are content to accept and promote traditionally held beliefs. Sadly, following the traditions of men will not lead us to heaven (see 1 Peter 1:17-19). Instead, we must obey Jesus Christ (Hebrews 5:9)!

—JUST FOR FUN—

Below are 9 of the 10 plagues, scrambled. Unscramble each. Use the '[ ]' letters to unscramble the last and worst of the plagues at the bottom.

A D E K N R S S [___] ___ ___ ___ [___] ___ ___ ___

A C E L T T ___ ___ [___] ___ ___ ___

A B D E L O O O R T T W ___ ___ ___ ___ [___] ___ ___ [___] ___ ___ [___] ___

B I L O S ___ [___] ___ ___ ___

C L O S S T U ___ ___ ___ ___ [___] [___] ___

F G O R S [___] [___] ___ ___ ___

A H I L [___] [___] ___ ___

E F I L S [___] ___ ___ ___ ___

C E I L ___ [___] ___ [___]

Last Plague: ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

Last Week's Answers: 1. Philistines; 2. Take the Ark of the Covenant into battle; 3. Elders of Israel; 4. Israel cheered, Philistines were afraid; 5. Philistines; 6. Hophni, Phinehas, Phinehas' wife, Eli; 7. Put it in the temple of their idol god, Dagon; 8. Idols fell and broke, pestilence in the cities; 9. Send back to Israel; 10. Defeating the Egyptians.

—ANNOUNCEMENTS—

- **Sympathy** is extended to the friends and family of **Elizabeth Pritchard** who was a member at Gloster Street and attended here until her health failed several years ago. She passed away Saturday, September 21. A private graveside service was held Wednesday, September 25, in Olive Branch, MS.
- **Kids for Christ (KFC)** (6th grade & under) will **NOT meet on Sunday, September 29.**
- There will be an **End-of-Summer Congregational Cookout** in the annex on **Sunday, September 29**, following evening services. The menu includes hamburgers and hotdogs, baked beans, chips, and drinks. If you would like, please bring a dessert. Everything else will be provided.
- **Sunday, September 29**, is the deadline to sign up for **EYC** (7th grade – college). Please see Cason Pearce for more information.
- Our **First Wednesday Fellowship Meal** will be in the annex on **Wednesday, October 2**, from 6:00-6:45 PM. The cost is $5 for those over 12. An RSVP link was sent to our congregation.
- Our **First Sunday Singing** will be held from 5:00-5:45 in the auditorium on **Sunday, October 6**. Everyone is welcome to participate.
- Please contact the office for assistance in signing up for our **church app, Remind, or our digital church directory**. Please submit updated information or photos to the office at any time.

ELDERS

Paul Callens 620-9814
Branyan Johnson.....321-3331
Greg Jones 419-1269
Monte Key 791-1664
Gary Martin 322-9160
James Segars 842-8227
Wayne Washington 840-0772

DEACONS

Louis Cervantes ..... Rusty Palmer
Travis Cornelius.....Carlton Plunk
George Heath .....Dennie Smith
Tony Milam .....Steve Walden

MINISTERS

Chad Ramsey, Cason Pearce, Brian Galloway

CHURCH OFFICE

Michelle Plunk, Secretary

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OUR RECORD

Worship AM.....258 (118*)
Bible Classes 230
Worship PM 173 (52*)
Wednesday AM & PM..... 234 (87*)
*Livestream views as of 9/25
Contribution $17,950
Weekly Budget.....$18,500

Church App

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Please check the lobby bulletin boards for more information or scan the QR codes (App/Events, & Website/Activities Calendar).

Website

Sept. 29 (7 PM) ... End-of-Summer Congregational Cookout/Annex
Sept. 29.....Deadline to register for EYC (7th grade-college)
Oct. 2 (6-6:45 PM) .... First Wednesday Fellowship Meal/Annex/$5
Oct. 6 (5-5:45 PM) .....First Sunday Singing/Auditorium
Oct. 13 (van 4:30) .....Area-Wide Youth Meeting/Skyline
Oct. 14 (6:30-8 PM) ..... Enrichment Workshop with James Segars

VISITORS MAY SCAN THE WEBSITE QR CODE TO ACCESS AND FILL OUT OUR ONLINE VISITOR CARD.

—APPOINTMENTS—

SEPTEMBER CONTRIBUTION DUTY

Louis Cervantes, Rusty Palmer,
T.K. Hollingsworth, Burt Griffin

SEPTEMBER USHERS/SECURITY TEAM

George Heath, Trent Johnson,
Jim McAuley, Joey Spearman

SEPTEMBER FLOWERS

Cathy McCarthy, Michelle Plunk

—PRAYER LIST—

GS MEMBERS: Thomas & Beth Aderholt, Paul & Wanda Burleson, Stuart Creech, Tim Nelson, Anthony Washington, Eddie White

GS LONG-TERM, MILITARY, & CARE FACILITIES (Addresses on bulletin board):

- Parker Bell (military)
- Marie Crowe—Manor on Lawndale, Rm. 302
- Madeline Lamon—North MS Regional Center
- Sonny & Melanie Vinson—Rosewood, Rm. 16

GS HOMEBOUND: Anthony & Arminda Washington, Mike Wilson, Robert Windham

GS FAMILY & FRIENDS - LONG-TERM, MILITARY, OR CARE FACILITIES:

Garland Anderson, Shirley Armstrong, Kaydn Bates, Carlin Beard, Billy Darnell, Jan Edmunds, Lyndell Fikes, Craig Ford, Carson Fowler, John Hamblin, Angela Hayes, Penelope Ann Hogans, Linda Hood, Cecil Johnson, Brenda Kennedy, Chad Kennedy, Linda Maxwell, Richard Mitchell, Sam Mitchell, Curt Mize, Vivian Mullen, David Paden, Jo Putney, Marilyn Russell, Jamey Stanford, Caleb Timmons, Nell Tucker, Daniel Washington, Caroline Willis

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Reading.....Samuel Trey Robertson
Scripture.....Hebrews 5:6-9
Song Director .....Cason Pearce
Opening Prayer.....Jeff Collums
Communion..... Boyd Anderson
Contribution ..... Brian Archer
Sermon.....Chad Ramsey
Closing Prayer.....Beau Hill

SUNDAY EVENING

Reading .....Joseph Caviness
Song Director ..... Taylor Walden
Opening Prayer.....Travis Cornelius
Sermon.....Chad Ramsey
Closing Prayer..... T.K. Hollingsworth

SUNDAY NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Worship AM .....Jill and Sophie Palmer
Bible Study .....Tina Milam, Jazmin Poe
Worship PM..... Casey Pearce, Michelle Plunk

OCTOBER 2, 2024

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Song Director .....Spencer Johnson
Speaker ..... Kevon Brooks
Closing Prayer..... Monte Key

WEDNESDAY NURSERY ATTENDANT

Jessi Clark