GLOSTER STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
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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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Around Gloster Street

A GREAT DAY

We had a wonderful day this past Sunday at Gloster Street. First, our young men did an excellent job leading our worship on Sunday morning. We appreciate their efforts and the preparations they made to help us worship in spirit and truth. The songs selected, prayers led, and lessons presented were thoughtful and encouraging. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Second, our young ladies hosted a **Widow's Luncheon** following our morning services. By all reports, this was an enjoyable time for those who attended. Lots of hard work went in to preparing for this event, and we appreciate everyone who helped.

Third, the Area-Wide Youth Meeting that took place at Gloster Street on Sunday evening was well-attended and uplifting. Special thanks to **Johnson Ramsey** for the excellent lesson he presented. We also appreciate **Carlton Plunk** and his team for providing the meal that we enjoyed afterward.

Days like this are an encouragement because they provide a glimpse into the future. Our young people are full of energy and potential, and we need to do everything we can to help them develop and proceed in a way that honors God.

BROTHER KEN KESSE

It has been a treat to have brother **Ken Kesse** with us for the past couple of weeks. Brother Kesse will be speaking this Sunday evening, March 9, about his work in Ghana. We love and appreciate Ken and look forward to the good things he will be able to share. Speaking of Ghana, if you have not yet contributed to the "Raisin Fund," there is still time. Please give these contributions to **Gary Martin.**

May God Bless You All!

Chad Ramsey

CONCERNING FALSE TEACHING

By Chad Ramsey

Jude wrote his letter to warn Christians about false teaching. His concern was well-founded, for "certain men" had "crept in unnoticed" among the brethren and taught false doctrine regarding God's grace (Jude 4). To counter these individuals and their influence, Jude exposed both their tactics and mentality. Describing them, he wrote: "These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering the people to gain advantage" (verse 16). Instead of being deceived by their smooth delivery and deceptive promises, Jude urged his readers to "remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts" (verses 17-18).

As Jude noted, various warnings are scattered throughout the New Testament about false teachers. For example, Jesus declared: "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves" (Matthew 7:15). Paul likewise told the elders from Ephesus: "For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also, from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves" (Acts 20:29-30). And Peter warned: "But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction" (2 Peter 2:1). Because Christians must "speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine" (Titus 2:1), we must be careful not to fall victim to false teachers.

But how are we to avoid being deceived? We must evaluate what we are taught in light of God's Word. Like the Bereans, we must search "the Scriptures daily" (Acts 17:11). In other words, we must do as Paul instructed the Thessalonians. He wrote: "Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil" (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22). Jude also encouraged his readers to develop this kind of awareness, noting that false teaching and the resulting apostasy it creates is not a new problem (Jude 5-11). Nevertheless, it is must neither be minimized nor ignored. It was a threat to the faith of first-century Christians, and it remains a threat today. Rather than being "tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting" (Ephesians 4:14), we must first learn and obey God's revealed word. We must then stand firm. Because false teaching is thwarted by sound doctrine, Paul told Timothy: "Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 1:13). We must do no less.

—JUST FOR FUN—

Please answer the following questions from Genesis 10:

1. How many sons did Noah have?
2. What were their names?
3. Who was Canaan the son of?
4. Who was the mighty hunter?
5. What nation was the beginning of Nimrod's kingdom?
6. And what future nation came from that kingdom?
7. From which son of Ham came the land of Canaan, including Sodom and Gomorrah?
8. Which brother was the oldest?
9. T F All the nations that developed after the flood came from these three sons.

Last Week's Answers: 1. Verse 2: Animals would now be afraid of them, verse 3: Could eat plants and animals, verse 4: Couldn't eat blood, verses 5-6: could not murder other people; 2. Would never destroy the earth with a flood; 3. Yes; 4. Rainbow; 5. Yes; 6. This was a bad thing; 7. To respect his body; 8. We should respect other people, especially their and our bodies.

—ANNOUNCEMENTS—

- Our **First Wednesday Meal** will be on **Wednesday, March 5,** from 6:00-6:45 in the annex. The cost is $5 for those over 12.
- **Kids for Christ** will meet at 5:30 in the annex on **Sunday, March 9.**
- Our goal for **buying and shipping raisins to Ghana** is **$15,000**. *$16,605 has been raised to date.* **Ken Kesse** of Ghana will have a presentation for us during our **Sunday evening worship hour on March 9**.
- You're invited to the **Enrichment Worship with James Segars: A Survey of the Old Testament** on **Monday night, March 10**, from 6:30-8:00 in Room 213.
- The **Jr. Bible Bowl** will be held at Gloster Street at 2:00 on **Sunday, March 16**.
- **TNT** will be hosted by Bradley and Melanie Williams in the Fellowship House on **Sunday evening, March 23.**
- There will be a **bridal shower for Madi Harris**, bride-elect of Whit Franklin, on **Sunday, March 30**, from 1:30-3:00 at the home of Marsha Jones. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.
- **Please remember these efforts**:
  - The deadline for **donating *Foundations* and other sound Bible class materials** to World Evangelism is **April 6**. There is a box in the lobby labeled for these donations.
  - We were asked to help West Main **collect prescription eyeglasses & reading glasses** to distribute on a mission trip to Honduras in July. There is a basket in the lobby labeled for this effort.
- Please contact the office for assistance in signing up for our **church app** or our **digital church pictorial directory**. Please submit updated information or photos to the office at any time.

ELDERS

Paul Callens 620-9814
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DEACONS

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

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OUR RECORD

Worship AM 292 (124*)
Bible Classes.....257
Worship PM.....275 (131*)
Wednesday AM & PM 238 (83*)
*Livestream views as of 3/5
Contribution.....$30,187
Weekly Budget.....$21,500

Church App

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Please check the lobby bulletin boards for more information or scan the QR codes.

Website

Mar. 5 (6-6:45)..... First Wednesday Meal/Annex/$5 over 12
Mar. 9 (5:30) .....Kids for Christ/Annex
Mar. 10 (6:30-8:00).....Enrichment Workshop with James Segars
Mar. 16 (2:00) ..... Jr. Bible Bowl at Gloster Street
Mar. 23 (7:00) .....TNT/Fellowship House
Mar. 30 (1:30-3:00)..... Bridal Shower for Madi Harris

VISITORS MAY SCAN WEBSITE QR CODE TO ACCESS ONLINE VISITOR CARD.

—APPOINTMENTS—

MARCH CONTRIBUTION DUTY

Louis Cervantes, Rusty Palmer, Josh Miles, Carson Heath

MARCH FLOWERS

Renea Callens, Cari Rowe

MARCH GREETERS

George & Melodie Heath

MARCH USHERS / SECURITY TEAM

George Heath, Trent Johnson, Jim McAuley, Joey Spearman

—PRAYER LIST—

GS MEMBERS: Thomas & Beth Aderholt, Paul & Wanda Burleson, Gina Edwards, Mary Hallman, Tim Nelson

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

- Parker Bell (military)
- Marie Crowe—Manor on Lawndale, Rm. 302
- Madeline Lamon—North MS Regional Center
- Sonny Vinson—Rosewood, Rm. 30

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

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

Garland Anderson, Shirley Armstrong, Carlin Beard, Ken Burleson, Sherry Draper, Jan Edmunds, Randy Evans, Lyndell Fikes, Craig Ford, Carson Fowler, Angela Hayes, Dana Hitt, Linda Hood, Cecil Johnson, Brenda Kennedy, Chad Kennedy, Jared Kizer, Linda Maxwell, Sonna Mims, Richard Mitchell, Curt Mize, Carolyn Morris, Vivian Mullen, Jo Putney, David Ross, Nell Tucker, Shoneel Walker, Daniel Washington, Caroline Willis

MARCH 9, 2025

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Reading..... Ethan Benefield
Scripture..... Matthew 5:3-11
Song Director.....Steve Walden
Opening Prayer ..... Mike Burleson
Communion .....Tim Davis
Contribution..... Stephen Fikes
Sermon..... Cason Pearce
Closing Prayer..... Spencer Johnson

SUNDAY EVENING

Reading.....Beau Hill
Song Director.....Taylor Walden
Opening Prayer .....Louis Cervantes
Sermon.....Ken Kesse
Closing Prayer.....Tony Milam

SUNDAY NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Worship AM .....Michelle Plunk, Samantha Raines
Bible Study .....Jacquie Archer, Kathy Walden
Worship PM.....Gabrielle Smith, Janet Smith

MARCH 12, 2025

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Song Director.....Brian Archer
Speaker .....Mike Burleson
Closing Prayer.....Jerene Fikes

WEDNESDAY NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Jessi Clark