



**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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**www.dayspringtv.com**

**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**

# *Gloster Street* **MESSANGER**

**August 3, 2025 - Vol. LIX, No. 31**

## **Around Gloster Street**

### **TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

We continue to thank God for good news. On Saturday, July 5, **Katie Messer** was baptized for the remission of her sins. Katie is the fiancée of **Peyton Wiginton**. We rejoice with Katie and wish her many years of faithful service to God. To God be the glory!

### **INTERESTING...**

The church office recently did a statistical breakdown of our membership by age. The results reveal a very balanced attendance across all groups. For the sake of space, I've condensed the findings into the following four segments:

Ages 0 to 19	127 persons
Ages 20 to 49	149 persons
Ages 50 to 69	124 persons
Ages 70 to 90+	78 persons

Looking closely at these numbers, we see the congregation here is composed of individuals of all ages. It is truly a blessing to a multi-generational church. No matter what generation you are part of—the Silent Generation, Baby Boomers, Generation X, Millennials, Generation Z, or Generation Alpha—there is a place for you at Gloster Street!

### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

It's hard to believe that the summer break is ending. Our teachers are already back at work preparing for the new year; elementary, middle, and high school students will return to class either this week or next. Take a moment to pray for our teachers, students, and parents as this new year begins.

**May God Bless You All!**

***Chad Ramsey***

## IMITATING GOD

By Chad Ramsey

When individuals imitate something, they copy or mimic that thing. Items or behaviors are reproduced; patterns are followed. Although it is possible to imitate evil, God calls His children to do otherwise. We must imitate Christ (John 13:15), faithful individuals (Hebrews 6:12), and faithful congregations (1 Thessalonians 2:14). Paul also told the Ephesians that we must imitate God. He wrote: “Therefore, be imitators of God as dear children” (Ephesians 5:1). Summarizing the idea, the apostle John declared: “Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God” (3 John 11).

Paul frequently encouraged others to imitate or follow his example (see 1 Corinthians 4:16). Regarding the message he proclaimed, he instructed 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). Later in that same letter, he commended Timothy for following his “doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance” (3:10). No doubt Paul was thankful for Timothy’s eagerness to learn from him. Nevertheless, Paul recognized that he was only worthy of imitation insofar as he imitated Jesus Christ (see 1 Corinthians 11:1). Thus, we must make every effort to imitate God, not man.

In Ephesians 5, the apostle Paul emphasizes the importance of proper behavior. Because Christians have been redeemed by Christ (Ephesians 1:7), reconciled “in one body” (2:16), and equipped “for the work of the ministry” (4:12), he instructs his readers to “walk worthy” (verse 1). We cannot do this if we follow those who reject God and callously engage in all sorts of wicked actions (verses 17-19). We can, however, do this if we will imitate God (5:1). But how is this to be done? Peter answered: “Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, ‘Be holy, for I am holy’” (1 Peter 1:13-16).

## — JUST FOR FUN —

**Please answer the following questions from Genesis 31:**

1. How did Laban and his sons feel about Jacob's herds?
2. What did God tell Jacob to do?
3. How many times had Laban changed Jacob's wages?
4. When Jacob left with his family and herds, where did he intend to go?
5. What did Rachel steal from her father when they left?
6. How many days passed before Laban was told Jacob had left?
7. As Laban pursues Jacob, what message did God give to him?
8. When Laban searched for the stolen idols, did he find them?
9. How long in total had Jacob been with Laban?
10. What was the pillar called that Jacob and Laban set up to show they would not harm each other?

**Last Week's Answers:** 1. She envies Leah; 2. Marry my maid and have children through her; 3. Dan, Naphtali; 4. She did the same with her maid; 5. Gad, Asher; 6. Issachar, Zebulun, Dinah; 7. Joseph; 8. God had blessed him for Jacob's sake; 9. Jacob would receive all of the speckled and spotted and brown animals; 10. Jacob's herds grew in size and strength.

## — ANNOUNCEMENTS —

- **Upcoming showers:**
  - There will be a **baby shower for Emily Wall** from 1:30-3:00 on **Sunday, August 3**, at the home of Beth Williams.
  - There will be a **baby shower for Jennifer Ray** from 1:30-3:00 on **Sunday, August 10**, at the home of Casey Pearce.
  - There will be a **bridal shower for Olivia Callens** from 1:30-3:00 on **Sunday, August 24**, at the home of Michelle Hill.
    - **More details** on registries and shower sites are on the bulletin board, our church app, and the Gloster Street calendar on our website.
- **Top Golf Back-to-School Fellowship** (7th-12th Grades) will be **Saturday, August 2**. Please see Cason Pearce for more information.
- Our **First Sunday Singing** will be **Sunday, August 3**, from 5:00-5:45 in the auditorium.
- **KFC Back-to-School Celebration** (elementary ages) will be at Joyner Park following evening services on **Sunday, August 3**. Supper and games will be provided. Please see Cason Pearce for more information.
- Our **First Wednesday Meal** will be held from 6:00-6:45 in the annex on **Wednesday, August 6**. The cost is \$5 for those over 12. The menu is: Taco Salad with chicken or beef, queso, and desserts. A link to RSVP was sent.
- There will be an **Area-Wide Youth Meeting** at 5:00 at Mayfield on **Sunday, August 10**. The van will leave at 4:30.
- The regular meeting of **Kids for Christ (KFC)** will resume on **Sunday, August 10** at 5:30 in the Annex. This is for those in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and under.
- 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  
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 .....361 (98\*)  
Bible Classes.....298  
Worship PM.....211 (56\*)  
Wednesday AM & PM .....274 (76\*)  
\*Livestream views as of 7/30  
Contribution..... \$18,829  
Weekly Budget.....\$21,500



Church App

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Please check our app & the lobby bulletin boards  
for more information, or scan the QR codes.



Website

Aug. 2 ..... Top Golf / 7th-12th grades  
Aug. 2 (6:00)..... Teacher Appreciation Banquet/Annex  
Aug. 3 (1:30-3)..... Baby Shower/Emily Wall @ Beth Williams  
Aug. 3 (5-5:45)..... First Sunday Singing/Auditorium  
Aug. 6 (6-6:45)..... First Wed. Fellowship Meal/Annex/\$5 >12  
Aug. 10 (1:30-3)..... Baby Shower/Jennifer Ray/@ Casey Pearce  
Aug. 10 (5:00)... Area-Wide Youth Meeting/Mayfield/Van 4:30  
Aug. 10 (5:30)..... KFC/Annex

**SCAN WEBSITE QR CODE TO FILL OUT ONLINE VISITOR CARD.**

## **—APPOINTMENTS—**

### AUGUST CONTRIBUTION DUTY

Dennie Smith, George Heath,  
Spencer Johnson, Josh Miles

### AUGUST FLOWERS

Marsha Jones, Martha Milam

### AUGUST GREETERS

Steve and Kathy Walden

### AUGUST USHERS / SECURITY TEAM

Louis Cervantes, David Bridges,  
Zachary Bridges, Carson Heath

## **August 3, 2025**

### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Reading .....Burt Griffin  
Scripture.....Matthew 16:16-19  
Song Director .....Steve Walden  
Opening Prayer ..... Gary Martin  
Communion .....Boyd Anderson  
Contribution..... Cason Pearce  
Sermon.....Chad Ramsey  
Closing Prayer..... Terry Smith

### SUNDAY EVENING

Reading .....Philip Crowe  
Song Director ..... Taylor McDonald  
Opening Prayer ..... Andrew Wall  
Sermon.....Chad Ramsey  
Closing Prayer.....Joey Spearman

### SUNDAY NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Worship AM ..... Shelby Jones, Marsha Kiste  
Bible Study .....Donna Kellum, Carolyn. Martin  
Worship PM.....Marsha Jones, Jan Key

## **August 6, 2025**

### WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Song Director ..... Spencer Johnson  
Speaker ..... Jeff Collums  
Closing Prayer..... Rusty Palmer

### WEDNESDAY NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Janis McCoy

## **—PRAYER LIST—**

**GS MEMBERS:** Thomas and Beth Aderholt, Gina Edwards, Mary Hallman, Tim Nelson, James Segars

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

- ♦ Parker Bell (military)
- ♦ 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, Mickey Bailey, Carlin Beard, Ken Burleson, Hugh Coleman, John Connell, Sherry Draper, Jan Edmunds, Lyndell Fikes, Carson Fowler, David Franklin, Mark Gamble, Barbara Grissom, Greg Hall, Caroline Hawkinson, Angela Hayes, Dana Hitt, Maryann Hitt, Linda Hood, Wayne Howell, Cecil Johnson, Jared Kizer, Brenda Little, Jackie Little, Linda Maxwell, Sonna Mims, Richard Mitchell, Curt Mize, Gael & Carolyn Morris, Jo Putney, Glenn Ramsey, Wayne Ray, Nell Tucker, Shoneel Walker, Daniel Washington