



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

WELCOME

We are happy to welcome **Donnie & Wanda McKay** to Gloster Street. The McKays have been visiting with us for some time and recently met with our elders expressing their desire to be recognized as members here. Please be sure to officially welcome them to our church family. Their address and contact information will be available in our Instant Church Directory.

ABOUT INVITATIONS

Several of you made a special effort to invite friends, relatives, or neighbors to join us for our recent Gospel Meeting. Let me encourage you to invite those same individuals to our regular services, regardless of whether they previously accepted your invitation. Many of the individuals we encounter on a regular basis have no religious affiliation. Some are sincerely searching for truth. Because we are told to “shine as lights in the world” (**Philippians 2:15**), we must share the message of Jesus with as many as possible. Invite. Invite. Invite.

AN UPDATE ON GHANA

Our building project in Nante, Ghana, continues on schedule and is growing closer to its completion. Brother **Ken Kesse** and several of our preaching students are conducting a ***Back to the Bible Campaign*** in Nante this week—November 12-16. This coming January, a follow-up campaign will take place in the same location. Please pray that souls will be won to Christ through these concentrated efforts.

May God Bless You All!

Chad Ramsey

SPECIFIC SPIRITUAL GROWTH

By Chad Ramsey

At the end of his second New Testament letter, the apostle Peter challenged his audience to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18, NKJV). Although this statement is often cited to encourage spiritual development, we rarely examine the two specific areas of growth Peter mentions. His admonition is neither general nor vague. We are to grow in “grace”; we are to grow in “knowledge.”

The reference to “grace” in 2 Peter 3:18 is one of two found in the letter (cf. 2 Peter 1:2). Brother Guy N. Woods believed the term “is here used to sum up all the favor of God, which favor increases toward us as we advance in stature as his children” (193). It seems Peter is indicating the role grace plays in our development. It facilitates, or makes possible, our spiritual growth. We grow because of God’s unmerited favor. Thomas R. Schreiner explained, “Grace is the foundation of the lives of believers and is entirely God’s gift, and yet believers are exhorted to grow in it, to be nurtured in it, and to be strengthened by it. Grace is not a static reality. Believers are to grow in it until the day they die” (401). As we seek to grow in grace, we should never forget God’s grace makes salvation possible (Ephesians 2:8; Titus 2:11). Those who seek to grow in grace will exhibit appreciation for God’s favor by living in a way that avoids the harshness so common in society. Kindness will replace meanness. Graciousness will abound.

The term translated “knowledge” in 2 Peter 3:18 is found two other times in the epistle (cf. 2 Peter 1:5, 6). In those verses, Peter urged his audience to add knowledge to the other Christian graces mentioned in verses 5-7. Each time the term is used in the letter, spiritual growth or development is encouraged. In 2 Peter 3:18, the emphasis is on growing in “knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” If we gain knowledge about a variety of things but do not know Christ, we have failed. Paul understood this point and told the Corinthians: “For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified” (1 Corinthians 2:2). It is also why Paul told the Philippians: “But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ” (Philippians 3:7-8).

What can we do to facilitate spiritual growth? We can focus more upon God’s grace and God’s Son and less upon ourselves. Spiritual growth is not measured by how we compare to those around us (cf. 2 Corinthians 10:12). This is a point the Pharisee in Luke 18:11-12 failed to understand. Ironically, it is instead based upon dependence, not independence. The more we rely upon God, the more we will grow. Unlike the physical and mental growth we observe in our children as they mature, the kind of spiritual growth Peter encourages in 2 Peter 3:18 requires us to become more dependent upon God, not less.

Schreiner, Thomas R. *1, 2 Peter, Jude (The New American Commentary)*. Vol. 37. Nashville: B&H, 2003.

Woods, Guy N. *A Commentary on the New Testament Epistles*. Nashville: Gospel Advocate, 1991.

— JUST FOR FUN —

Please answer the following questions from Genesis 47:

1. How many of his brethren did Joseph take to Pharaoh?
2. When Pharaoh asked their occupation, what did they say?
3. If you rated Goshen compared to the rest of Egypt, how would it rate?
4. When Joseph took Jacob to meet Pharaoh, what did Jacob do to Pharaoh?
5. As the famine continued, Joseph first gathered up all the _____ in the land.
6. When that was used up, what did people do to buy grain?
7. What was the third things used to buy grain?
8. Joseph gave the people seed to sow. What percentage went back to Pharaoh?
9. In verse 27, how did Israel fare in Egypt?
10. What request did Jacob make of Joseph before he died?

Last week's answers: 1. Offered sacrifices; 2. Fear not to go to Egypt, God would make of him a great nation; 3. His children, their wives, and children; 4. 66; 5. All in his house; 6. His sons' wives; 7. Sons of Joseph; 8. 70; 9. Goshen; 10. Herdsmen (shepherds).

— ANNOUNCEMENTS —

- **Kids for Christ** and **Club 5-6** will meet at 5:30 in the annex on **Sunday, November 16 and 23**.
- **Prime-Timers** will meet in the annex after evening services on **Sunday, November 16**, for a meal and fellowship. Dinner will be provided: Seafood boil, roasted chicken, and sides. Please take homemade desserts and drinks.
- **TNT** will be hosted by the Worthams in the Fellowship House following our evening services on **Sunday, November 16**.
- We will have a **Thanksgiving service** led by Cason Pearce on **Wednesday, November 26**. Everyone will stay in the auditorium; there will be no classes.
- **Kids for Christ** and **Club 5-6** will meet at 11:00 in the annex on **Sunday, November 30**, for a provided lunch and carnival.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- An **Ornament Exchange and Meal** for all the ladies will be held at 6:00 on **Monday night, December 1**, at the home of Casey Pearce. Please take a dish/finger food to share for dinner and an ornament to exchange.
- Our **First Wednesday Fellowship Meal** will be held in the annex on **Wednesday, December 3**, from 6:00-6:45. The cost is \$5 for those over 12.
- **KFC** and **Club 5-6** will meet in the annex at 11:00 on **Sunday, December 7**, for a provided lunch, cookie decorating, and caroling. See Cason Pearce for more information.
- Our **First Sunday Singing** will be held in the auditorium from 5:00-5:45 on **Sunday, December 7**.
- The next **Area-Wide Youth Meeting** will be at 5:00 at West Main in Tupelo on **Sunday, December 7**. The van will leave at 4:30.
- Our **Annual Combined Care Group Holiday Gathering** will be in the annex on **Sunday, December 7**, following evening services. You are asked to take holiday finger foods.
- Please contact the church office for assistance in signing up for our **church app** or **digital church pictorial directory**. You may submit updated information or photos to the office at any time.

ELDERS

Paul Callens 620-9814
Branyan Johnson 321-3331
Greg Jones 419-1269
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DEACONS

Louis Cervantes Carlton Plunk
Travis Cornelius Marty Rowe
George Heath Dennie Smith
T.K. Hollingsworth Aaron Spearman
Tony Milam Steve Walden
Rusty Palmer Bradley Williams

MINISTERS

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OUR RECORD

Worship AM.....318 (102*)
Bible Classes266
Worship PM 203 (75*)
Gospel Meeting: 11/3 – 205; 11/4 - 215
Wednesday AM & PM..... 274 (73*)
*Livestream views as of 11/12
Contribution\$22,702
Weekly Budget.....\$21,500



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Please check the lobby bulletin boards for more
info or scan the QR codes (app on left for Events,
& website on right for Activities Calendar).



Nov. 16 & 23 (5:30)..... KFC & Club 5-6/Annex
Nov. 16 (7:00)..... Prime-Timers/Meal and Fellowship/Annex
Nov. 16 (7:00)..... TNT/Fellowship House/Worthams
Nov. 26 (7:00)..... Thanksgiving Service/No Classes
Nov. 30 (11:00)..... KFC & Club 5-6/Annex/Lunch and Carnival
Dec. 3 (6:00) Ladies' Ornament Exchange & Meal/Pearce

SCAN WEBSITE QR CODE TO FILL OUT ONLINE VISITOR CARD.

—APPOINTMENTS—

NOVEMBER USHERS/SECURITY TEAM

A.J. Freeman, Spencer Johnson,
Terry McCarthy, Rusty Palmer

NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTION DUTY

T.K. Hollingsworth, Tony Milam,
Ruslan Cornelius, Derick Young

NOVEMBER GREETERS

Bradley and Melanie Williams

NOVEMBER FLOWERS

Bobbi Kellum, Tina Milam

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Reading Asher Bass
Scripture 1 Corinthians 1:20-25
Song Director Taylor McDonald
Opening Prayer..... Stephen Fikes
Communion..... Wesley Bass
Contribution Travis Cornelius
Sermon..... Chad Ramsey
Closing Prayer Andy Kellum

SUNDAY EVENING

Reading Philip Crowe
Song Director Taylor Walden
Opening Prayer..... Jerene Fikes
Sermon..... Chad Ramsey
Closing Prayer Beau Hill

SUNDAY NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Worship AM Lindsey Hollingsworth, Leah Johnson
Bible Study Amanda Johnson, Shelby Jones
Worship PM Tina Milam, Olivia Jones

NOVEMBER 19, 2025

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Song Director Wesley Bass
Speaker Paul Callens
Closing Prayer Jeremy Archer

WEDNESDAY NURSERY ATTENDANT

Jill Palmer

—PRAYER LIST—

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

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 AND FRIENDS - LONG-TERM, MILITARY, OR CARE FACILITIES: John Allmond, Garland Anderson, Mickey Bailey, Carlin Beard, Ken Burleson, Reah Cristadoro, Sherry Draper, Jan Edmunds, Glenda Evans, Lyndell Fikes, Carson Fowler, Deloris Griffin, Greg Hall, Caroline Hawkinson, Angela Hayes, Dana Hitt, Maryann Hitt, Linda Hood, Wayne Howell, Jared Kizer, Brenda Little, Jackie Little, Linda Maxwell, Sonna Mims, Richard Mitchell, Curt Mize, Gael & Carolyn Morris, Joey Pittman, Scott Pittman, Jo Putney, Glenn Ramsey, Wayne Ray, Nell Tucker, Shoneel Walker, Daniel Washington, Sue Weeks, Caroline Willis