



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 always happy to welcome new members to our Gloster Street family. Recently, **Jo Anne Miles** met with our elders and expressed her desire to be recognized as a part of the congregation here. Jo Anne, who is the mother of **Joshua Miles**, has been visiting with us for several weeks. Please make her feel at home. Her contact information is available in our *Instant Church Directory*.

A RECENT RESPONSE

The Lord's invitation is always open, and we are grateful for those who feel the need to publicly respond. On Sunday, November 23, **J.J. Reed** came forward requesting the prayers of the church on his behalf. We appreciate his tender heart and desire to live in a way that pleases God. Please encourage him as you have the opportunity. To God be the glory!

BROTHER WILLIAM CHEN

This coming Sunday evening, December 7, we will welcome brother **William Chen** to Gloster Street. Brother Chen is one of our missionaries, whose work is focused on producing gospel material (in both written and video formats) in the Chinese language. He currently lives in San Marcos, Texas, and works closely with **World Video Bible School**. We look forward to hearing his report of the good work he has been doing, and we are thankful to be "fellow workers" in the kingdom.

HOLIDAY GATHERING

Our annual combined Care Group Holiday Gathering will take place this Sunday evening after our service. This will be an enjoyable time of fellowship for all who attend. Don't miss it!

May God Bless You All!

Chad Ramsey

FINDING STRENGTH FOR THE TASK

By Chad Ramsey

The book of Esther reads like a modern-day thriller. From its depiction of the harshness of the Persian king, to its characterization of his high-minded adviser, Haman, the text conveys the perilous situation faced by the Jews after Haman proposed their annihilation (Esther 3:10-15). By emphasizing the cruel and domineering nature of King Ahasuerus in his previous dealings with Queen Vashti, and by describing how easily he agreed to Haman's suggestion to destroy some of the people in his kingdom, the author sets the stage for the almost impossible task facing Queen Esther. Ahasuerus had already removed one queen for disobedience. What would stop him from removing another?

When we consider the importance King Ahasuerus placed on outward appearances, we have a better understanding of Esther's difficult situation. After learning of Haman's decree, Mordecai urged "her to go in to the king to make supplication to him and plead before him for her people" (Esther 4:8). But this order was easier said than done. To approach the king required an invitation, and those who violated protocol were put to death unless the king showed mercy (verse 11). Esther had not been called by Ahasuerus in thirty days, and we have no reason to think the king would be in a mood to show mercy to anyone who violated the law. Even if she was allowed an audience with the king, which was far from certain, Esther would need to convince him to counter a law he authorized. Given his hesitancy to be perceived by his subjects as anything other than strong and decisive, the mission seemed impossible. Adding to the difficulty was the unalterable nature of the laws of the Medes and Persians (cf. Esther 1:19; 8:8; Daniel 6:8). The situation was certainly bleak.

Thankfully, the blessings of God never cease. When things appear darkest, hope remains. God's unseen hand ushered Esther to her royal position, and His wonderful providence guided her efforts. Although she was hesitant to heed Mordecai's command, she was not unwilling. But before she approached the king, she requested the Jews to fast on her behalf (Esther 4:16). Esther understood God's help was needed, and she intended to petition Him for it. Her mentality was similar to that of the prophet Jeremiah, who wrote: "Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'Therefore I hope in Him!'" (Lamentations 3:22-24). We would do well to learn from and follow Esther's example by seeking God's help before we attempt to solve life's problems, for by doing so, she found strength sufficient for the task.

— JUST FOR FUN —

Please answer the following questions from Genesis 50:

1. In verse 2, Jacob was _____.
2. How many days were fulfilled for him (after the custom of the Egyptians)?
3. How many days did the Egyptians mourn him?
4. What does this tell us about the way the Egyptians felt about Jacob?
5. What request did Joseph then make of Pharaoh?
6. Where did Jacob's sons bury him?
7. What did the brothers fear after Jacob died?
8. What was Joseph's reply to that fear?
9. What did Joseph say God would do to the family of Jacob?
10. What did Joseph want done with his bones?

Last week's answers: 1. Called his sons to him to prophesy to them; 2. Their and their descendants' future; 3. Unstable as water; 4. Cruelty; 5. Scepter; 6. Shiloh, Christ; 7. Ships; 8. Judge them; 9. Levi was not counted among the twelve; 10. With his father, cave of Machpelah.

— ANNOUNCEMENTS —

- We will display **poinsettias** in our pulpit area during the month of December. Please drop them off in the Fellowship Hall by **8:00 AM on Saturday, December 6**. Be sure to note who the poinsettias are in honor or memory of on the sheet in the office.
- **KFC** and **Club 5-6** will meet in the Fellowship House 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 following evening services on **Sunday, December 7**. You are asked to take holiday finger foods.
- **TNT** will be hosted by the Russells and Callenses at the home of Derek and Shelley Russell following evening services on **Sunday, December 21**. Please take a \$15-20 wrapped gift.
- There will be no Wednesday morning class on **December 24**. On Wednesday evening, all classes will stay in the auditorium.
- **EYC** for Gloster Street Youth will be **Dec. 27-30**.
- 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

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George Heath Dennie Smith
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Tony Milam Steve Walden
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OUR RECORD

Worship AM 330 (107*)
Bible Classes 252
Worship PM 197 (57*)
Wednesday AM & PM 190 (68*)
*Livestream views as of 12/3
Contribution \$20,010
Weekly Budget \$21,500

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



Please check bulletin boards for more info or scan QR
codes (app on left for events & website calendar on right).



Dec. 3 (6-6:45) First Wed. Fellowship Meal/Annex/\$5 over 12
Dec. 7 (11:00)KFC & Club 5-6/Annex/Lunch/Cookies/Caroling
Dec. 7 (5:00) Area-Wide/West Main-Tupelo/Van 4:30
Dec. 7 (5-5:45) First Sunday Singing/Auditorium
Dec. 7 (7:00) Congregational Holiday Finger Foods/Annex
Dec. 21 (7:00) TNT/at Russells'/\$15-20 wrapped gift
Dec. 24 (7:00) Combined Classes/Auditorium
Dec. 27-30 EYC/Gloster Street Youth

SCAN WEBSITE QR CODE TO FILL OUT ONLINE VISITOR CARD.

— APPOINTMENTS —

DECEMBER USHERS/SECURITY TEAM

Jeff Collums, Philip Crowe,
Kevin White, Jason Wiginton

DECEMBER CONTRIBUTION DUTY

George Heath, Marty Rowe,
Jason Dickinson, Dean Webb

DECEMBER GREETERS

Carlton and Michelle Plunk

DECEMBER FLOWERS

Peggy Engel, Tina Milam

— PRAYER LIST —

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

**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, 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,
Jo Putney, Glenn Ramsey, Wayne Ray, Nell Tucker,
Shoneel Walker, Daniel Washington, Sue Weeks

DECEMBER 7, 2025

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Reading Sky Ray
Scripture Lamentations 3:22-24
Song Director Steve Walden
Opening Prayer Andy Kellum
Communion Terry Smith
Contribution Monte Key
Sermon Chad Ramsey
Closing Prayer Boyd Anderson

SUNDAY EVENING

Reading Bradley Williams
Song Director Taylor Walden
Opening Prayer Rusty Palmer
Sermon William Chen
Closing Prayer Jeremy Archer

SUNDAY NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Worship AM Melanie and Lanie White
Bible Study Donna Kellum, Kathy Walden
Worship PM Melanie and Liza Williams

DECEMBER 10, 2025

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Song Director Brian Archer
Speaker Dennie Smith
Closing Prayer Tim Davis

WEDNESDAY NURSERY ATTENDANT

Jacquie Archer