



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

REFLECTING ON 2025

As we draw toward the close of this year, it is healthy to pause and reflect on what has taken place at Gloster Street during this time. We are currently *averaging* **304** persons in our morning worship assembly. The average attendance for Bible Class is **248**. These numbers are encouraging, but they could be better. If you are not currently attending Bible Class, why not start this week?

Speaking of numbers, the average attendance at VBS this summer was **233** per day, with a record high of **264** on the Tuesday of that week. Over the course of this year, we have also welcomed **36** individuals who placed membership with the Gloster Street family. Additionally, we've experienced a baby boom, with **9** little ones born in 2025!

The year has seen us focus our attention on foreign mission work. I was blessed to begin the year in **Ghana** with brother **Ken Kesse**, where **13** precious souls were baptized into Christ during our campaign. Many others in Ghana have responded to the gospel this year because of brother Ken's good work. Since this visit, Gloster Street has helped our brethren in Ghana by drilling two wells (in Bonte and Nante) and constructing a new church building (in Nante). Other successful mission efforts we've supported include the works of brother **Marlon Retana** and brother **William Chen**. Both men visited with us this year and provided reports of the good things they are doing. To God be the glory!

As with any year, our Gloster Street family has experienced sorrow in 2025. Faithful members have passed from this life to the next, and we have mourned the loss of individuals who cannot be replaced. Nevertheless, we rejoice because they finished the race and are now at rest (**2 Timothy 4:6-8; Revelation 14:13**). Our goal is to join them in the heavenly home Jesus promised to prepare (**John 14:1-4**). I'm thankful for the year God has given to us, and I look forward to many more as we serve... *For His glory!*

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). Obviously, we must also imitate God. Making this point, Paul admonished the Ephesians: “Therefore, be imitators of God as dear children” (Ephesians 5:1). The apostle John conveyed a similar idea when he wrote: “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 (cf. 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 he was only worthy of imitation insofar as he imitated Jesus Christ (cf. 1 Corinthians 11:1). Thus, we must make every effort to imitate God, not man.

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 instructed his readers to “walk worthy” (Ephesians 4:1). 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—

There seems to be some misunderstanding/confusion about the length of time between Genesis and Exodus. Answer the following from Genesis 50 and Exodus 1 to solve the confusion:

1. There are four passages that refer to either 400 or 430 years. List specifically what each says:
 - a. Acts 7:6: What would happen for 400 years?
 - b. Exodus 12:40-41: What was 430 years?
 - c. Genesis 15:13: What would happen for 400 years?
 - d. Galatians 3:17: What did the 430 years separate?
2. Some read the above and assume the slavery of Israel in Egypt was 400 or 430 years, but that is not what is said. Galatians 3:17 gives us the best clue, so let's look at the lifespans between the covenant and the leaving Egypt, which was 430 years. After each question below, find the length of time from the covenant (C).
 - a. How old was Abraham when the covenant was first given? Genesis 12:4 ____.
 - b. How old was Abraham when Isaac was born? Genesis 21:5 _____. (C ____)
 - c. How old was Isaac when Jacob was born? (Genesis 25:26) _____. (C ____)
 - d. How old was Jacob when Joseph was born? _____. (C ____)
 In Gen. 41:46, Joseph was 30. Add 7 years of plenty (41:53) and 2 years of famine (45:6) gives Joseph's age when Jacob came to Egypt. Genesis 47:9 gives Jacob's age when he came to Egypt. Subtract for Jacob's age when Joseph is born.
 - e. How old was Joseph when he died? (Genesis 50:22) _____. (C ____)
 - f. How old was Moses when God sent him to free the people? (Exo 7:7). _____.
 - g. You have all the information. How many years are between Joseph's death and Moses' birth. Slavery started sometime during this span of years.

Last week's answers: 1. Embalmed, 2. 40, 3. 70, 4. They respected him, 5. Bury me in my grave in Canaan, 6. Cave of Machpelah, 7. Joseph would turn on them, 8. God meant what happened for good, 9. Bring them out of the land back to Canaan, 10. Taken to Canaan when they went back.

—ANNOUNCEMENTS—

- **Sympathy** is extended to Kelby Anderson and family in the death of her grandfather, Bert Carraway, Jr., on Monday, December 8. Visitation will be Friday, December 12, from 11:00-1:00 at Glenwood Funeral Home in Vicksburg, followed immediately by a memorial and interment.
- **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.

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OUR RECORD

Worship AM 324 (108*)
Bible Classes 280
Worship PM 214 (61*)
Wednesday AM & PM 256 (63*)
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Contribution \$21,883
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. 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

DECEMBER 14, 2025

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Reading Asher Bass
Scripture Revelation 2:2-5
Song Director Taylor McDonald
Opening Prayer Greg Jones
Communion Stephen Fikes
Contribution Ricky Turner
Sermon Chad Ramsey
Closing Prayer Wesley Bass

SUNDAY EVENING

Reading Joseph Caviness
Song Director Clyde Mize
Opening Prayer Carlton Plunk
Sermon Chad Ramsey
Closing Prayer Jimmy Bell

SUNDAY NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Worship AM Kelby Anderson, Raleigh Bass
Bible Study Jan Key, LaShae Wortham
Worship PM Amy Crane, Carolyn Martin

DECEMBER 17, 2025

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Song Director Kevon Brooks
Speaker Donny Hamblin
Closing Prayer Beau Hill

WEDNESDAY NURSERY ATTENDANT

Mary Charles Bridges

— PRAYER LIST —

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

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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

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