



# Gloster Street MESSENGER

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## Around Gloster Street

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| Raleigh Bass.....          | 1  | Andrew Wall.....          | 14 |
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**GLOSTER STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 307 N. GLOSTER ST. - TUPELO, MS 38804  
 OFFICE PHONE: 662-842-6082

**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.

**WEBSITE:** glosterstreetchurch.com  
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 Gloster Street church of Christ



**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**

### TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Our Gloster Street family was given a reason to rejoice this past Sunday morning when **Larry Wood** responded to the Lord’s invitation requesting prayers for forgiveness. We appreciate brother Larry’s sincerity and desire to make his life right in God’s sight. Please encourage him as you have the opportunity. To God be the glory!

### CHURCH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

We will be hosting a *Church Leadership Workshop* on **May 1-2**. This workshop is designed to equip local congregations and church members to better serve God. The theme is *Providing Stability in an Unstable World*. Although elders and deacons will benefit greatly from the lessons presented, everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

May God Bless You All!

*Chad Ramsey*

## A COMPLIMENT IN DISGUISE

by Chad Ramsey

In Acts 17, the apostle Paul “came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews” (verse 1, NKJV). Speaking to the crowd at that location, Paul reasoned from Scripture in order to prove Jesus was the Christ. Although “some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas” (verse 4), others became envious and sought to harm Paul and Silas. These opposite reactions to the message of Jesus are common. Some who hear God’s message obey (Acts 2:36); others rebel (Acts 7:54).

Not surprisingly, those who rebel against God often “speak evil of whatever they do not know” (Jude 1:10). Some of the Thessalonians did this on the occasion described in Acts 17. In an attempt to discredit Paul and his message, his enemies declared: “These who have turned the world upside down have come here too” (Acts 17:6). Rather than tainting Paul and his work, however, the insult actually turned out to be a compliment in disguise. Paul was doing what all Christians should seek to do. He proclaimed the message of Christ—a message that can change the world. We should do no less. But how do we do it?

We must look for individuals who need to hear and obey the gospel. This is where Paul started. According to Acts 17:2: “Paul... went in to them....” He did not wait for lost souls to come to him. Instead, he found and engaged individuals in a study about Jesus. Jesus commanded this type of effort in Mark 16:15, 16. He said, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” We must seek the lost if we wish to turn the world upside down.

Additionally, we must commit to teach only the truth revealed in the Bible. Paul did this when he “reasoned with [the Thessalonians] from the Scriptures, explaining and demonstrating that Christ had to rise again from the dead” (Acts 17:2, 3). This is also the approach Peter advocated when he stated: “If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God (1 Peter 4:11). We must teach God’s doctrine and not our own if we hope to turn the world upside down. Nevertheless, this must be done in a way that is both relevant and faithful. Cultural barriers must be properly considered. Knowledge must be presented in an appropriate way (cf. Proverbs 15:2). Love for the souls of men and women must serve as our motivation (1 Timothy 1:5).

Finally, we must never give up. Paul taught at Thessalonica despite opposition and possible persecution. He realized not everyone would receive and obey the gospel. At the same time, he knew some would. We should never shy away from doing what is right because men oppose us. Jesus was opposed, Paul was opposed, and we will be opposed as well (cf. Matthew 5:10-12; 1 Peter 4:16). Christians are to be different and make a difference. The only way to do this is to preach “Jesus Christ and Him crucified” (1 Corinthians 2:2).

## — JUST FOR FUN —

**Answer the following questions from Exodus 13:**

1. Who was sanctified to Jehovah?
2. In what month was the Passover to be observed each year?
3. They were to clean their homes of leavening and only eat unleavened bread for a week. What was this to signify to them?
4. What do we observe today that comes from this feast and also uses unleavened bread?
5. When they ate the Passover, what were they to relate to their children?
6. Why did God lead them out of Egypt by way of the Red Sea, which was a longer route?
7. Whose bones went with the children of Israel when they left Egypt?
8. What led them by day?
9. What did this become at night?
10. Who was in the items of #8 and #9?

**Last week's answers:** 1. First month of the year, 2. Without blemish, 3. Put on the side posts and lintel of their houses, 4. Ate it if needed with neighbors, 5. Burn with fire, 6. Ready to leave in haste, 7. Leavening, 8. Midnight, 9. 600,000.

## — ANNOUNCEMENTS —

- We are raising funds to purchase **raisins for Ghana**, which will be rehydrated and squeezed to be used for the fruit of the vine for the Lord's Supper. Our goal is to collect **\$20,000** by the **end of March**. Please see Gary Martin if you need more information.
- **KFC and Club 5-6** will meet in the annex at 5:30 on **Sunday, March 29**. *They will not meet on Sunday, April 5.*
- **TNT** will be hosted by the Hallmarks in the Fellowship House on **Sunday, March 29**, following evening services.
- The **Rowe Care Group** will meet in the annex following evening services on **Sunday, March 29**, for a meal and fellowship. The menu is tacos, Mexican dishes & sides, drinks, & desserts.
- Our **First Wednesday Fellowship Meal** will be held in the annex **Wednesday, April 1**, from 6:00-6:45. The cost is \$5 for those over 12. A link to RSVP was sent to our members.
- An **Easter Egg Hunt and Meal** will be held from 3:30-6:30 **Friday, April 3**, at the home of Jeremy and Jessica Archer. This is for all ages. Please arrive between 3:30 and 4:15. The egg hunt will begin at 4:30, with the meal following. Participants are asked to leave two dozen plastic eggs in the box in the church lobby. Please take lawn chairs. More information is on the bulletin board.
- Our **First Sunday Singing** will be held from 5:00-5:45 in the auditorium on **Sunday, April 5**.
- **The Prime-Timers fellowship meal has been postponed.** We will let you know when it is rescheduled. (The menu is crockpot meals and crockpot desserts. Please see Ricky Turner for more information.)
- The next **Area-Wide Youth Meeting** will be held at 5:00 at Fulton church of Christ on **Sunday, April 12**. The van will leave at 4:30.
- 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**

Paul Callens.....620-9814  
Branyan Johnson.....321-3331  
Greg Jones.....419-1269  
Monte Key.....791-1664  
Gary Martin.....322-9160  
Wayne Washington.....840-0772

**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**

Chad Ramsey, Cason Pearce, Brian Galloway

**CHURCH OFFICE**

Michelle Plunk, Secretary

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**OUR RECORD**

Worship AM..... 338 (91\*)  
Bible Classes ..... 314  
Worship PM .....252 (82\*)  
Wednesday AM/PM.....268 (90\*)  
\*Livestream views as of 3/25  
Contribution..... \$21,533  
Weekly Budget..... \$23,000

Church app



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**

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

Website



Mar. 29 (5:30) ..... KFC & Club 5-6/Annex  
Mar. 29 (7:00) ..... TNT hosted by Hallmarks/Fellowship House  
Mar. 29 (7:00) ..... Rowe Care Group/Annex  
Apr. 1 (6:00-6:45) .....First Wednesday Meal/Annex/\$5 over 12  
Apr. 3 (3:30-6:30) ..... Easter Egg Hunt & Meal (Archer)  
Apr. 5 (5:00-5:45) ..... First Sunday Singing/Auditorium  
Apr. 12 (5:00)..... Area-Wide Youth Meeting/Fulton/Van 4:30  
Apr. 12 (7:00)..... Hallmark Care Group/Annex

SCAN WEBSITE QR CODE TO FILL OUT ONLINE VISITOR CARD.

**— APPOINTMENTS —**

**MARCH USHERS/SECURITY TEAM**

George Heath, Jason Dickinson, Jim McAuely,  
Joey Spearman, Dean Webb

**MARCH CONTRIBUTION DUTY**

Louis Cervantes, Rusty Palmer,  
A.J. Freeman, Beau Hill

**MARCH GREETERS**

George & Melodie Heath

**MARCH FLOWERS**

Jo Anne Miles, Kylie Miles

**MARCH 29, 2026**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

Reading ..... Zachary Bridges  
Scripture ..... Matthew 15:3-9  
Song Director ..... Chris Hallmark  
Opening Prayer ..... Paul Callens  
Communion ..... Marty Rowe  
Contribution ..... Tim Davis  
Sermon ..... Chad Ramsey  
Closing Prayer..... Mitchell Speed

**SUNDAY EVENING**

Reading ..... Philip Crowe  
Song Director ..... Greg Jones  
Opening Prayer ..... Joseph Caviness  
Sermon ..... Chad Ramsey  
Closing Prayer..... Andrew Wall

**SUNDAY NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

Worship AM ..... Leah Herndon, Zoey Herndon  
Bible Study ..... Jan Ford, Janet Smith  
Worship PM.....René Taylor, Savannah Tucker

**APRIL 1, 2026**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP**

Song Director ..... Spencer Johnson  
Speaker..... Dennie Smith  
Closing Prayer.....Mike Burleson

**WEDNESDAY NURSERY ATTENDANT**

LaShae Wortham

**— PRAYER LIST —**

**GS MEMBERS:** Thomas & Beth Aderholt, Dave Carpenter (Diversicare), Glenda Muse (Meadows of Fulton Rehab 109B), Tim Nelson (Diversicare Room D9), Hannon Ray, James Simpson, Adam Wortham

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

- ◆ Parker Bell (military/deployed to Middle East)
- ◆ Madeline Lamon—North MS Regional Center
- ◆ Sonny Vinson—Rosewood, Rm. 30

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

**GS FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Mickey Bailey, Carlin Beard, Ken Burleson, Relda Castles, Reah Cristadoro, Sherry Draper, Jan Edmunds, Lyndell Fikes, Craig Ford, Carson Fowler, Greg Hall, Angela Hayes, Dana Hitt, Maryann Hitt, Linda Hood, Wayne Howell, Cecilia Hughes, Jared Kizer, Melvin Laster, Brenda Little, Jackie Little, Linda Maxwell, Dena Miles, Richard Mitchell, Curt Mize, Gael & Carolyn Morris, Jo Putney, Glenn Ramsey, Wayne Ray, Joyce Robinson, Holly Stout, Nell Tucker, Bobby Wages, Daniel Washington, Sue Weeks, George Wills