



Gloster Street
MESSENGER

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Around Gloster Street

A REASON TO REJOICE!

Our Gloster Street family was given a reason to rejoice this past Sunday as **Grayson Garrett** was baptized into Christ for the remission of his sins. Grayson is the son of **Jon David Garrett** and **Mary Allyson Garrett**. He is also the grandson of **Arthur & Kay Garrett** and **Meg Bradley** and the great-grandson of **Glenda Muse**. We rejoice with Grayson over this wonderful decision and look forward to seeing him “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (**2 Peter 3:18**). To God be the glory!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer is almost here, and we have several upcoming events at Gloster Street. Please keep the following efforts in your prayers:

- Campaign to Pineville, LA (**June 6-11**)
- VBS at Gloster Street (**June 28-July 2**)
- Maywood Christian Camp (**July 12-18**)

Besides these events, we have numerous regular weekly and monthly activities on the calendar. Be sure to get involved.

BIBLE CLASS OPTIONS

Each Sunday and Wednesday we have classes for all ages at Gloster Street, including at least two options for adults. We also have a class every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. that provides an alternative to Wednesday evening Bible Study. Several folks attend both. But no matter which class you choose to be part of, don't miss out on opportunities to increase your Bible knowledge and enjoy the fellowship of your brethren. Take advantage!

May God Bless You All!

Chad Ramsey

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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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FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE:
 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)



Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
SuperTalk 101.9 WFTA

“I CRIED OUT TO GOD”

by Chad Ramsey

The individual who faces intense suffering, no matter the cause, often feels helpless. Personal struggles are amplified when we assume no one cares. Loneliness accompanies difficulty, and hope is lost. We wonder: How much more can we take? Why doesn't anyone seem to care? The prophet Elijah evidently felt this way in 1 Kings 19. After winning a great victory over the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel (see 1 Kings 18:20-40), Elijah was forced to flee for his life from Queen Jezebel. Alone and in despair, he cried out to God: “It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!” (1 Kings 19:4). Although the prophet was ready to give up on that occasion, God would not allow him. He provided for Elijah's needs and eventually reminded him he was not alone (verse 18). God cared for Elijah continually, especially as he faced the trials of life.

As God cared for Elijah, He also cares for us. He is with us when we “walk through the valley of the shadow of death” (Psalm 23:4); He is with us when we seek to resolve problems with others (Matthew 18:20). His special care for us is best seen in His willingness to send Jesus to die in our place. Noting this, Paul wrote: “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). Because He lived on this earth, Jesus understands “our weaknesses” (Hebrews 4:15) and “is able to aid those who are tempted” (Hebrews 2:18). No matter how bad things may seem, we are not alone. This is why Peter encouraged: “Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your cares on Him, for He cares for you” (1 Peter 5:6-7).

In the 77th Psalm, the cares and concerns of the author take the center stage. Because of his problems, the psalmist could neither sleep nor speak (verse 4). He felt as if God had cast him aside (verse 7). In his despair, he wondered: “Has His mercy ceased forever? Has His promise failed forevermore? Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has He in anger shut up His tender mercies?” (verses 8-9). Thankfully, he concluded this was not the case. God's faithfulness in the past is proof He cares (verses 10-12).

Like the psalmist, we must avoid allowing the momentary trials of life to raise doubts about God. The trials we face do not indicate God has abandoned us. Instead, they remind us something much better awaits (see 2 Corinthians 4:16-18). Whether we experience relief from the present trials of life, whatever they may be, we long for the place where “God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away” (Revelation 21:4).

— JUST FOR FUN —

Answer the following questions from Exodus 20:

1. Exodus 20:1-17 gives the Ten Commandments. They were a part of the law given to the children of Israel. Why did they need a law?
2. What were the first three commandments concerning?
3. Which commandment is the longest?
4. What did the last six commandments concern?
5. Why did the people want Moses to speak to them instead of God?
6. God did not want them to make gods (idols), especially those made from what two things?
7. He wanted an altar of _____.
8. What was to be offered on this altar?
9. If they made an altar of stones, what were they not allowed to do with the stones?
10. Why could they not go up by steps unto the altar?

Last week's answers: 1. three months; 2. God brought them to him from the Egyptians; 3. Peculiar treasure, kingdom of priests, holy nation; 4. We will do all God said; 5. Wash their clothing; 6. Thick cloud, thunders, and lightnings; 7. Touch the mountain; 8. Smoke and the sound of a trumpet; 9. Make holy; 10. We need to spiritually make sure we are holy.

— ANNOUNCEMENTS —

- Congratulations to **Gary and Julie Powell** on their recent marriage on May 5!
- We rejoice in the **baptism of Grayson Garrett** on Sunday, May 10. Grayson is the son of Jon David Garrett and Mary Allyson Garrett, the grandson of Arthur and Kay Garrett and Meg Bradley, and the great-grandson of Glenda Muse.
- The regular meetings for **KFC and Club 5-6** will resume in August. The summer schedule will be available soon.
- A **Congregational End-of-School Supper** will be held in the annex on **Sunday, May 17**, following evening services. You are asked to take sandwiches, sides, and ice cream.
- Please contact the church office for assistance in signing up for our *two apps*—our **Church App** and our **Instant Church Directory**. You may submit updated directory information or photos to the office at any time.

UPCOMING:

- The **Campaign to Pineville, Louisiana**, will be **June 6-11**. More details are on our church app and calendar.
- **Promotion Sunday** will be **June 7**, the first day of the **Summer Quarter**.
- Our **Vacation Bible School** will be held **June 28-July 2**. More details are on our church app and calendar.
- Our week for **Maywood Christian Camp** is **July 12-18**. You may register online at www.maywoodchristiancamp.com.

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OUR RECORD

Worship AM 392 (88*)
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Worship PM 226 (58*)
Wednesday AM/PM 266 (81*)
*Livestream views as of 5/13
Contribution \$21,947
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



May 17 (7:00)..... Congregational End-of-School Supper/Annex
June 6-11 Campaign to Pineville, LA
June 7 Promotion Sunday
June 7 Summer Quarter Begins
June 28-July 2 Vacation Bible School
July 12-18..... Maywood Christian Camp

SCAN WEBSITE QR CODE TO FILL OUT ONLINE VISITOR CARD.

— APPOINTMENTS —

MAY USHERS/SECURITY TEAM

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

MAY CONTRIBUTION DUTY

George Heath, Aaron Spearman,
Cody Poe, Cooper Burleson

MAY GREETERS

Terry and Cathy McCarthy

MAY FLOWERS

Suzanne Cervantes, Michelle Hill

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Reading..... Ruslan Cornelius
Scripture Mark 11:7-10
Song Director Taylor McDonald
Opening Prayer..... Andy Kellum
Communion Carson Heath
Contribution..... Cason Pearce
Sermon..... Chad Ramsey
Closing Prayer David Bridges

SUNDAY EVENING

Reading..... Andrew Wall
Song Director Clyde Mize
Opening Prayer..... Terry Smith
Sermon..... Chad Ramsey
Closing Prayer Zachary Bridges

SUNDAY NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Worship AM..... Leah Herndon, Zoey Herndon
Bible Study Tonya Poe, Kathy Walden
Worship PM Casey Pearce, Janet Smith

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WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Song Director Windell Fikes
Speaker Taylor Walden
Closing Prayer Misha Pannell

WEDNESDAY NURSERY ATTENDANT

Jan Key

— PRAYER LIST —

GS MEMBERS: Thomas & Beth Aderholt, Dave
Carpenter, Charlotte Lindley, Tim Nelson (Diversicare
Room D9), James Simpson, Adam Wortham

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

- ◆ Parker Bell (military/Active Duty/ Middle East/USS Mason)
- ◆ Madeline Lamon—North MS Regional Center
- ◆ Sonny Vinson—Mitchell Center

GS HOMEBOUND: Anthony & Arminda Washington,
Mike Wilson (radiation), Robert Windham

GS FAMILY & FRIENDS: Mickey Bailey, Carlin Beard,
Ken Burleson, Relda Castles, Mandi Cofer, Kayla Collins,
Reah Cristadoro, Jerry Dees, Sherry Draper, Lyndell Fikes,
Craig Ford, Carson Fowler, Jennifer Groover, Angela
Hayes, Dana Hitt, Maryann Hitt, Wayne Howell, Cecilia
Hughes, Jared Kizer, Brenda Little, Jackie Little, Linda
Maxwell, Carla McKinney, Phillip McMillian, Dena
Miles, Richard Mitchell, Curt Mize, Gael & Carolyn
Morris, Glenn Ramsey, Wayne Ray, Joyce Robinson,
Holly Stout, Nell Tucker, Bobby Wages, Daniel
Washington, Sue Weeks, Riley Wicker, George Wills