



*Gloster Street*  
**MESSENGER**

**July 5, 2026 - Vol. LX, No. 27**

# Around Gloster Street

## VBS REPORT

Our Vacation Bible School has been outstanding this year, beginning with the kickoff this past Sunday evening. We not only had an excellent crowd—**343**—but also enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship afterward. We appreciate everyone who helped make this night special.

Monday through Wednesday have also been well-attended, *averaging 219* per day. We have many who deserve to be recognized for their hard work, beginning with our teachers:

- Cradle Roll: **Beverly Ramsey, Cindy Swann, Star Ray**
- 2s & 3s: **Tish Cornelius, Shelby Jones, Jazmin Poe, Lydia Freeman**
- 4s: **Janet Smith, Natalie Duffie, Sharon Galloway**
- 5 / K: **Peggy Engel, Jan Key, Anna Miles**
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Suzanne Cervantes, Marsha Kiste, Kim Willis**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>: **Pat Miller, Jessica Archer**
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>: **Casey Pearce, Raleigh Bass**
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>: **Cason Pearce, Wesley Bass**
- 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>: **Chad Ramsey**
- Adults: **Johnson Ramsey, Terry Smith, Windell Fikes, Tim Davis, Chris Hallmark**

Special thanks also goes to **Patsy Washington** and her team of ladies who provide snacks each day; to **Holly Hallmark** and her helpers who put on the puppet show; to **Jill Palmer, Diane Parker**, and the rest of the craft ladies; to **Jolayne Loden, Kathy Davis, Janis McCoy, Kathy Walden, Karen Angle**, and **Bobbi Kellum**, for their work with registration, to **Terry & Cathy McCarthy**, who do whatever needs to be done; to **Ronnie Parker, Arthur Garrett**, and the rest of the set up crew; and to **Helen Stubbs**, who works hard every day to help clean things up. To these and everyone else who helps, "Thank you!" You are making a real difference.

May God Bless You All!

*Chad Ramsey*

**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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 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

## EYEWITNESSES OF HIS MAJESTY

by Chad Ramsey

Individuals gain knowledge in two distinct ways. We learn some things firsthand by experience. These are the things we are able to touch, taste, see, hear, or smell. Through empirical observation, we are able to verify the reality of certain truths. This is how the apostle John knew Jesus. In the opening verses of 1 John, he wrote: “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled concerning the Word of life—the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us” (1 John 1:1-2). John did not need someone else to tell him about Jesus, for he had experienced him. He heard Jesus speak words of eternal life. He saw Jesus perform notable miracles. He looked upon Jesus when He hung upon the cross. He placed his hands upon the resurrected Lord. Jesus lived as God in the flesh, and John witnessed this fact.

Besides gaining knowledge through personal experience, we also learn truth through the credible testimony of others. For example, we do not have to burn our hands on a hot stove to know we should not touch it. We can trust the testimony of loving mothers who warned us against such. This path to knowledge is not second rate. We can be just as certain about facts learned in this manner as facts we experienced firsthand. Luke made this point in the introduction of his gospel account. He began: “Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of the those things which have been fulfilled among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed” (Luke 1:1-4). Although Luke was not an eyewitness of Jesus’s ministry, he produced an “orderly account” (verse 3) capable of providing Theophilus with “certainty” (verse 4). In other words, Theophilus was able to learn about Jesus from the credible testimony of Luke. He did not have to experience Jesus firsthand.

Our situation today is similar to Theophilus’s. We do not have the privilege of seeing Jesus walk on water. We will not eat food He miraculously produced. We cannot place our hands on His resurrected body. Nevertheless, we can believe. We can have certainty regarding His life, death, and resurrection because we trust the credible testimony of Scripture. Jesus had us in mind when He said: “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed” (John 20:29). In 2 Peter 1:16-17, both ways of gaining knowledge are on display. Peter affirmed that he was one of the “eyewitnesses of His majesty” when God spoke from heaven and said: “This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” Consequently, the apostle called upon his readers to “heed” or listen to his testimony (verse 19). Unlike Peter, we did not have the opportunity to experience Jesus being transfigured firsthand, but we can trust and act upon his report. Will you?

## — JUST FOR FUN —

### ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS FROM EXODUS 27:

1. The altar was square. How long was each side (feet and inches)?
2. Of what were the horns at the corner of the altar made?
3. What was the size of the court of the tabernacle (feet and inches)?
4. How high were the hangings around the court?
5. What metals were used on the pillars around the court which held the curtains?
6. How wide was the gate of the court?
7. Of what were the hangings of the court made in verse 18?
8. Of what were the instruments of the tabernacle made?
9. What kind of oil was used in the lamps?
10. How long were the lamps kept burning?

**LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:** 1. 42 feet, 2. 50, 3. Gold, 4. 11, 5. 45 feet, 6. Acacia wood, 7. 15 feet x 27 inches, 8. A veil, 9. Holy place and the most holy place (or holiest of holies), 10. A screen.

## — ANNOUNCEMENTS —

- The **Gloster Street Youth (grades 7-12)** will go **bowling** at Event Zona following Vacation Bible School on **Thursday, July 2**. See Cason Pearce for more information.
- There is a box in the lobby for donating **craft supplies for Maywood Christian Camp**. Items needed are ~16-oz. empty water bottles with lids and shoeboxes around size 4.5" x 8" x 15".
- Our week for **Maywood Christian Camp** is **July 12-18**. You may register online at [www.maywoodchristiancamp.com](http://www.maywoodchristiancamp.com).
- There will be a **Baby Shower for Anna Mae Shelton** on **Sunday, July 19**, from 1:30-3:00 at the home of Suzanne Cervantes. A flyer with more details is on the bulletin board. More information is also available on the church app and calendar.
- The **Hallmark Care Group** will meet in the annex following evening services on **Sunday, July 19**. The menu is chicken dishes, sides, drinks, and desserts.
- **KFC & Club 5-6** will have a **Canoe Trip** on **Saturday, July 25**. Please see Cason Pearce for more information.
- The **Heath Care Group** will meet in the annex following evening services on **Sunday, July 26**. The menu is chicken dishes, sides, drinks, and desserts.
- 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.

**ELDERS**

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**DEACONS**

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

**MINISTERS**

Chad Ramsey, Cason Pearce, Brian Galloway

**CHURCH OFFICE**

Michelle Plunk, Secretary

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**OUR RECORD**

Worship AM ..... 293 (109\*)  
Bible Classes.....283  
Worship PM..... 343 (84\*)  
Wednesday AM/PM ..... 250 (56\*)  
\*Livestream views as of 7/1  
Contribution.....\$21,092  
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



June 28-July 2..... Vacation Bible School  
July 2 (Noon).....Bowling (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)/Event Zona  
July 12-18 .....Maywood Christian Camp  
July 19 (1:30-3:00)..... Shelton Baby Shower @ Cervantes  
July 19 (7:00).....Hallmark Care Group/Annex  
July 25 ..... KFC & Club 5-6 Canoe Trip  
July 26 (7:00)..... Heath Care Group/Annex

**SCAN WEBSITE QR CODE TO FILL OUT ONLINE VISITOR CARD.**

**— APPOINTMENTS —**

**JULY USHERS/SECURITY TEAM**

Bradley Williams, Travis Cornelius, Scott Crane, Burt Griffin, Brad Hilliard

**JULY CONTRIBUTION DUTY**

Dennie Smith, Steve Walden, Carter Smith, John Bowlin

**JULY GREETERS**

Jerene and Joan Fikes

**JULY FLOWERS**

Melinda Lamon

**July 5, 2026**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

Reading..... Ruslan Cornelius  
Scripture .....James 2:14-17  
Song Director ..... Taylor McDonald  
Opening Prayer..... Wesley Bass  
Communion ..... Joseph Caviness  
Contribution..... Branyan Johnson  
Sermon..... Cason Pearce  
Closing Prayer ..... Jerene Fikes

**SUNDAY EVENING**

Reading (Galatians 4:3-5) ..... Carson Heath  
Song Director ..... Taylor Walden  
Opening Prayer..... Jimmy Bell  
Sermon..... Brian Galloway  
Closing Prayer ..... Stephen Fikes

**SUNDAY NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

Worship AM..... Amanda Johnson, Leah Johnson  
Bible Study ..... Marsha Jones, Shelby Jones  
Worship PM .....Jacquie Archer, Anna Margaret Jones

**July 8, 2026**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP**

Song Director ..... Wesley Bass  
Speaker .....George Heath  
Closing Prayer ..... Rusty Palmer

**WEDNESDAY NURSERY ATTENDANT**

Jan Key

**— PRAYER LIST —**

**GS MEMBERS:** Charlotte Lindley, Tim Nelson (Diversicare/D9), Eddie White, Larry Wood, 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:** Thomas & Beth Aderholt, Anthony & Arminda Washington, Mike Wilson (radiation), Robert Windham

**GS FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Mickey Bailey, Carlin Beard, Ken Bureson, Relda Castles, Mandi Cofer, Kayla Collins, Reah Cristadoro, Jerry Dees, Sherry Draper, Lyndell Fikes, Craig Ford, Carson Fowler, Jennifer Groover, Angela Hayes, Wayne Howell, Cecilia Hughes, Edward Irby, Jared Kizer, Peggy Leonard, Brenda Little, Jackie Little, Phillip McMillian, Dena Miles, Richard Mitchell, Curt Mize, Gael & Carolyn Morris, Glenn Ramsey, Wayne Ray, Joyce Robinson, Holly Stout, Peggy Tidwell, Nell Tucker, Bobby Wages, Daniel Washington, George Wills