



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)



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

Gloster Street

MESSANGER

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Around Gloster Street

WELCOME

Gloster Street is blessed to welcome another new family to our number. This past Sunday, August 9, **Sam & Sarah Ryann Cervantes** met with our elders and expressed their desire to be recognized as part of the congregation here. We look forward to worshipping and serving God together. Their contact information is available in the *Instant Church Directory* app.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

We are always thankful for precious souls who respond to the Lord's invitation. On Wednesday, August 5, **Kristen McFarland** came forward and requested the prayers of the congregation. We appreciate Kristen's courage and desire to set an appropriate Christian example. Please encourage her as you have the opportunity.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Taylor McDonald**, who was recently hired as Youth Minister for the Christian Chapel church of Christ near Amory, Mississippi. We are thankful for Taylor and look forward to hearing about the good things he will accomplish in this new role.

K.F.C. & CLUB 5-6

With the school year now in session, both **Kids for Christ** and **Club 5-6** will resume meeting on a weekly basis. Kickoff for these programs will take place Sunday, August 16, at 11:00 a.m. Details about this meeting can be found on the inside of this week's bulletin. For more information, see **Cason Pearce**.

May God Bless You All!

Chad Ramsey

PERSPECTIVES ON THE PROBLEM OF EVIL

by Chad Ramsey

It is easy to become discouraged when seeming injustices take place. When the supposedly innocent suffer, we protest. In fact, we ask: How can God allow the righteous to struggle? Why do bad things happen to good people? Why do the wicked prosper? If God is all-powerful and truly just, how can He allow such to occur? As you likely know, these questions are not new to our generation. For centuries individuals have pondered this problem and have questioned God.

The philosopher Epicurus (341-270 B.C.) is credited with first formulating what we call “the problem of evil.” Believing the existence and prevalence of evil in our world can hardly be reconciled with the existence of an all-powerful, omni-benevolent God, Epicurus observed: “God either wishes to take away evil, and is unable; or He is able and is unwilling; or He is neither willing nor able, or He is both willing and able” (*Reasons to Believe*, 35). Because evil exists, Epicurus concluded that God does not.

Importantly, Epicurus’s conclusion does not necessarily follow. Although it is difficult for one in the midst of suffering to recognize, trials can and often do serve to strengthen us (Psalm 119:71). Additionally, we must consider that many of our problems result from human freedom. If God acted to remove the results of this freedom, we would not really be free. Ultimately, God’s purpose for creation—to bring “many sons to glory” (Hebrews 2:10; cf. Ecclesiastes 12:13; Acts 17:26-28)—must also be acknowledged. The following line of reasoning summarizes the idea well: “If God created the world for a particular purpose, and if it can be shown that physical suffering helps to facilitate the purpose for which it was created, then we may correctly conclude that the problem of evil does not count as evidence against the existence of God” (*Reasons to Believe*, 41).

As important as it may be to consider suffering in its proper perspective, it does not lessen its impact upon the sufferer. Before Epicurus ever lived upon the earth, the prophet Jeremiah struggled with the same problem. Unlike the skeptic, Jeremiah did not reject God. He simply did not understand. Therefore, he asked: “Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why are those happy who deal so treacherously?” (Jeremiah 12:1). Rather than providing an answer or defense, God replied: “If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, then how can you contend with the horses? And if in the land of peace, in which you trusted, they wearied you, then how will you do in the floodplain of the Jordan?” (verse 5). As He had done when answering Job (see Job 38-41), the Lord simply showed Jeremiah that he lacked the capacity to understand. The solution to Jeremiah’s struggle was not an explanation. It was trust. Like him, we must trust in the God whose ways and knowledge are much higher than our own (Isaiah 55:8-9).

—JUST FOR FUN—

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS FROM EXODUS 33:

1. Why would God not go into the midst of the Israelites' camp?
2. What did He tell them to put off?
3. Where did God temporarily dwell?
4. Who met with Him there as needed?
5. Where was the pillar of cloud?
6. Who else was in that temporary place with Moses?
7. What did Moses ask of God in verse 13?
8. Who had found favor in God's eyes?
9. Did God grant Moses what he asked?
10. What was Moses not allowed to see, and why?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS: 1. They thought Moses was gone; 2. Aaron; 3. Gold from jewelry; 4. Engraved; 5. Offered sacrifices to the calf; 6. Brought them out of Egypt; 7. Consume them; 8. Moses; 9. Cast them down and they broke; 10. Burnt the calf, ground it to powder, and put it in their water for them to drink; also allowed those who did not worship the calf to kill those who did. About 3000 died.

—ANNOUNCEMENTS—

- The **Kids for Christ** (Pre-K - 4th grade) & **Club 5-6** (5th & 6th grades) **Kickoff** for the school year will be in the annex on **Sunday, August 16**, at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided. If you're planning to attend the family retreat in September, you are encouraged to attend and bring your questions. Following lunch and the informational meeting, there will be an opportunity to participate in a service project involving random acts of kindness for people in our community.
- The **Prime-Timers** will meet for a meal and fellowship in the annex following evening services on **Sunday, August 23**. The menu will be crockpot meals and crockpot desserts. Please see Ricky Turner if you have any questions or need more information.
- The **Hallmark Care Group** will meet in the annex for a meal and fellowship following evening services on **Sunday, August 30**. The menu is Italian dishes, sides, drinks, and desserts.
- The next **First Wednesday Fellowship Meal** will be held in the annex from 6:00-6:45 p.m., on **Wednesday, September 2**. The cost is \$5 for those over 12. More information to follow.
- The **Fall Quarter** will begin **Sunday, September 6**.
- The **KFC and Club 5-6 Family Retreat** will be held **September 11-13**. Please see Cason Pearce for more information.
- The **Heath Care Group** will meet in the annex for a meal and fellowship following evening services on **Sunday, September 13**. The menu is Italian 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.

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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

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OUR RECORD

Worship AM 323 (102*)
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Worship PM 262 (55*)
Wednesday AM/PM 300 (63*)
*Livestream views as of 8/12
Contribution \$28,495
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



Aug. 16 (11:00) KFC & Club 5-6 Kickoff/Annex
Aug. 23 (7:00) Prime-Timers/Annex
Aug. 30 (7:00) Hallmark Care Group/Annex
Sept. 2 (6-6:45) First Wednesday Meal/Annex/\$5 over 12
Sept. 6 Fall Quarter Begins
Sept. 11-13 Family Retreat/KFC & Club 5-6
Sept. 13 (7:00) Heath Care Group/Annex

SCAN WEBSITE QR CODE TO FILL OUT ONLINE VISITOR CARD.

—APPOINTMENTS—

AUGUST USHERS/SECURITY TEAM

Louis Cervantes, David Bridges, Zachary
Bridges, Chase Cervantes, Carson Heath

AUGUST CONTRIBUTION DUTY

Carlton Plunk, Bradley Williams,
Andrew Wall, Derick Young

AUGUST GREETERS

Louis and Suzanne Cervantes

AUGUST FLOWERS

Marsha Jones, Cari Rowe

August 16, 2026

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Reading Ruslan Cornelius
Scripture Luke 10:25-29
Song Director Greg Jones
Opening Prayer Jerene Fikes
Communion Stephen Fikes
Contribution Terry Smith
Sermon Chad Ramsey
Closing Prayer Andy Kellum

SUNDAY EVENING

Reading John Robert Wortham
Song Director Kevon Brooks
Opening Prayer Windell Fikes
Sermon Chad Ramsey
Closing Prayer Monte Key

SUNDAY NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Worship AM Sophia Cervantes, Suzanne Cervantes
Bible Study Lexi Chism, Amy Crane
Worship PM Crystal Crowe, Kaitlyn Crowe

August 19, 2026

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Song Director Spencer Johnson
Speaker Travis Cornelius
Closing Prayer Scott Crane

WEDNESDAY NURSERY ATTENDANT

Pam Davis

—PRAYER LIST—

GS MEMBERS: Paul Burleson, Tim Nelson
(Diversicare/D9), Hannon Ray, 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), Robert Windham

GS FAMILY & FRIENDS: Mickey Bailey, Carlin Beard,
Ken Burleson, Relda Castles, Mandi Cofer, Kayla Collins,
Reah Cristadoro, Mike Crump, Jerry Dees, Sherry Draper,
Lyndell Fikes, Craig Ford, Carson Fowler, Laura Franklin,
Jennifer Groover, Colby Hamblin, Angela Hayes, Wayne
Howell, Edward Irby, Jared Kizer, Peggy Leonard, Brenda
Little, Jackie Little, Phillip McMillian, Dena Miles,
Richard Mitchell, Curt Mize, Eddie Mauney, Gael &
Carolyn Morris, Glenn Ramsey, Wayne Ray, Joyce
Robinson, Holly Stout, Peggy Tidwell, Nell Tucker, Bobby
Wages, Scott Walden, Robin Harris Waldrip, Daniel
Washington, Christine Wicker