



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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Charlotte Miles	2	Shelby Reed.....	18
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Missy McDonald	5	Kaden Tyra	20
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Rhonda Howerton.....	7	Levi Ray	22
Dalton Tutor	8	Mitchell Speed.....	23
James Wall.....	8	Glenda Segars	24
Sandra White	8	LaShae Wortham	24
Felicia Jackson.....	10	Pam Davis.....	26
Sonny Lyons.....	12	Tanya Pannell	26
Eliza McAuley	12	Abi Clayton	27
Anna Mae Shelton	13	Hunter Fletcher	27
Randy Taylor	14	Chris Hallmark	27
Louis Cervantes	15	Arthur Garrett	28
Betty Bethay	16	Kristen McFarland.....	28
Mae Tucker.....	16	Colton Timmons	28
Willis Tucker	16	Ronnie Parker	29
Aaron Patterson	17	Lindsey Jo Speed.....	29
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BUSY IN THE LORD'S WORK

Whether summer is over, the beginning of school marks the unofficial start of fall. The last several months have seen our campaign to Pineville, Louisiana; Vacation Bible School; and Maywood Christian Camp. These efforts all proved beneficial. But summer is not the only time when we have opportunities to serve and grow. Big upcoming events include our Family Retreat (September 11-13) and our Gospel Meeting with Rusty Hills (November 1-4). Information on these and other future activities can be found on the church calendar.

May God Bless You All!

Chad Ramsey

THE VALUE OF APOLOGETICS

by Chad Ramsey

Given the prevalence of doubt and skepticism in our world today, it seems that all Christians would be interested in learning how to better defend their beliefs. The fact that we disagree points to this need. But what can individuals who have not spent their lives studying the intricate arguments of apologetics do?

We must begin by familiarizing ourselves with the available evidence. If those around us question God's existence, we would do well to point to the existence of our universe and ask about its origin. The creation itself offers one of the strongest testimonies for God's reality. The psalmist proclaimed: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork" (Psalm 19:1; see Romans 1:18-21). One does not need to be a scientist to realize that something does not come from nothing. If we find a building, we know that there must have been a builder. As the author of Hebrews put it: "For every house is built by someone, but he who built all things is God" (Hebrews 3:4).

Other important arguments to use in support of God's existence include the presence of intelligent design in our world (see Proverbs 20:12) and the existence of objective moral law. If, for example, the human body is merely the product of billions of years of mindless evolution, why does it exhibit evidence of intentional design? Christians need to know that design points to the existence of a designer! Similarly, if there is no ultimate source of morality higher than man, who can say a particular action is always wrong? Such a right only belongs to one who is higher than man—the objective moral lawgiver!

We also need to become familiar with arguments offered in favor of Jesus's deity and the inspiration of the Bible. By doing so, we learn that our faith does not rely upon baseless assumptions. When used appropriately, apologetic arguments show that Christianity is reasonable. Rather than being confused by complex arguments, Christians may draw courage from the fact that their faith can endure the attacks of skeptics.

But the real value of apologetics is not in winning arguments; it is in winning souls to Christ. This is not just the task of scholars or experts. All Christians have a responsibility to be evangelistic, and it is quite impossible to ask someone to obey Jesus when they do not even believe in God. Here is where a working knowledge of apologetics becomes practical. Once we have adequately presented to others why we believe in God, they can no longer claim ignorance. The issue then is not whether God exists but how one is supposed to respond to Him. In his essay, *On Obstinacy in Belief*, C. S. Lewis described what results when this occurs: "You are no longer faced with an argument which demands your assent, but with a Person who demands your confidence" (392-393). If we can utilize apologetics in this way, we will have done well.

—JUST FOR FUN—

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS FROM EXODUS 35:

1. Moses assembled the congregation. What was the first thing about which he talked to them?
2. Secondly, he took up a collection of cloth, stones, spices, etc. What were these things for?
3. What invitation was given in verse 10?
4. According to verse 21, what kind of offering was this that they gave?
5. Who were asked to help with the building, men or women?
6. Who was in charge of the work?
7. From what tribe was he?
8. With what was he filled?
9. Who helped him?
10. From what tribe was he?
11. With what was he also filled?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS: 1. Hew two stones, 2. Onto Mount Sinai, 3. Pardon the iniquity of Israel, 4. The covenant, 5. Don't make a covenant with them, 6. Destroy them, 7. Unleavened bread, 8. Work, 9. Unleavened bread, 10. His skin shone.

—ANNOUNCEMENTS—

- There will be a **paddling trip for Gloster Street Youth** (grades 7-12) on **Saturday, August 29**. Please see Cason Pearce for more information.
- **KFC and Club 5-6** will meet at 5:30 p.m., in the annex on **Sunday, August 30**.
- **Parents of those in grades 7-12** need to meet in the front of the auditorium after services **Sunday night, August 30**, to help plan the TNT schedule. Please see George Heath for 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. The menu is: spaghetti, Alfredo, salad, bread, & desserts. A link to RSVP was sent to our members.
- 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

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CHURCH OFFICE

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OUR RECORD

Worship AM 341 (83*)
Bible Classes 278
Worship PM 247 (53*)
Wednesday AM/PM 271 (63*)
*Livestream views as of 8/26
Contribution \$23,931
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. 29 Paddling Trip (grades 7-12)
Aug. 30 (5:30-5:55) KFC & Club 5-6/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 30, 2026

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Reading Misha Pannell
Scripture James 3:17-18
Song Director Chris Hallmark
Opening Prayer George Heath
Communion Tony Milam
Contribution Greg Jones
Sermon Cason Pearce
Closing Prayer Josh Miles

SUNDAY EVENING

Reading Cody Poe
Song Director Cason Pearce
Opening Prayer Beau Hill
Sermon Chad Ramsey
Closing Prayer Rusty Palmer

SUNDAY NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Worship AM Leah Herndon, Zoey Herndon
Bible Study Jacquie Archer, Amy Crane
Worship PM Emi Franklin, Shanna Franklin

September 2, 2026

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Song Director Spencer Johnson
Speaker Tim Davis
Closing Prayer Monte Key

WEDNESDAY NURSERY ATTENDANT

Tish Cornelius

—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: Michael Anderson, 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, 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, Sam Wiginton