



Gloster Street
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Around Gloster Street

AREA-WIDE YOUTH MEETING

We will host the **Area-Wide Youth Meeting** at Gloster Street this Sunday night at **6:30 p.m.** It is always a blessing to have so many young people with us, and we look forward to the period of worship and fellowship. Also, please remember to bring finger-food desserts for the fellowship meal that will follow.

BROTHER KEN KESSE

Brother **Ken Kesse**, our missionary to Ghana, is in the United States for a few weeks. We are thankful for Ken's faithfulness to the Lord and for his fruitful work in Africa. Ken will report on his work this coming Wednesday, **February 14**. Both adult classes as well as our 7-12th grade classes will meet in the auditorium.

SWEETHEART BANQUET

Don't forget about our annual Sweetheart Banquet. It will be held on Saturday, February 17, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in our Annex. **Carlton Plunk** and his team always do an excellent job with this event. If you have not signed-up to attend, it's not too late!

WIDOWS' LUNCHEON

Our teenage girls class will be hosting a **Widows' Luncheon** on Sunday, February 25, after our morning services. If you would like more information, please see **Beverly Ramsey**. We are thankful for this and all other good works our young people are involved in.

May God Bless You All!

Chad Ramsey

Worship Services

Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Bible Class 10:10 a.m.
Sunday 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 (ETVA)

Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on MY MS
(Tupelo Comcast channel 3)

Monday – Friday at 6:30 a.m. & 8:00
a.m.
MY MS

Searching the Scriptures



Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
SuperTalk 95.9 FM

The Importance of Objective Truth

Chad Ramsey

In His defense before Pilate, Jesus powerfully declared: “Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice” (John 18:37). This statement implies truth is more than a fleeting, subjective whim. One cannot be “of the truth” and be self-absorbed, for truth demands action. Because the evidence declares Jesus to be more than a man, individuals who act in accordance with truth must hear and obey Him. Truth does not depend upon individual likes or dislikes. Rather, it stands outside the realm of preference. It is, of necessity, objective and absolute rather than subjective and relative.

Nevertheless, Pilate, upon hearing Jesus’ declaration, dismissively asked: “What is truth?” (v. 38). Although the governor’s subsequent actions indicate he believed Jesus to be innocent of the charges brought against Him, Pilate acquiesced and delivered Jesus to be crucified (John 19:16). Perhaps his actions were made easier by his refusal to view truth as an independent, objective entity. To Pilate, and to many in our society today, truth is either nothing or anything. It is whatever one wants it to be.

The reason individuals deny objective truth is obvious. If there is no truth or standard, there is no guilt. Additionally, long held views regarding morality—including deviant practices—are irrelevant. If there is no objective truth, man can live as he chooses. Sadly, even those who have not completely rejected truth have still moved away from the idea that truth is independent of both man and society. A 2016 *Barna Group* study found that many individuals view morality as a cultural issue. In fact, the survey found that almost “two-thirds of all American adults (65%) agree... that ‘every culture must determine what is acceptable morality for its people’” (*The End of Absolutes: America’s New Moral Code*).

This approach may work well in theory, but it fails miserably in practice (e.g., Nazi Germany). Subjective moral behavior unchecked by an objective standard ends in utter chaos. Without an objective standard, anything goes. In such an environment, the government, church and home will crumble. Thus, the wise man wrote: “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death” (Proverbs 14:12). Thankfully, we do not have to be swayed by culture. God’s truth stands (2 Timothy 2:19). Our task is to be “of the truth” and obey Jesus!

Just For Fun

Who said:

1. "My punishment is greater than I can bear" (Genesis 4:13)?
2. "How long wilt thou be drunken?" (I Samuel 1:13)?
3. "Let us make us a name." (Genesis 11:4)?
4. "What good shall my life do me?" (Genesis 27:6)?
5. "Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother." (Genesis 32:11)?

To whom was it said:

6. "Make thee an ark of gopher wood." (Genesis 6:14)?
7. "Get thee out of thy country." (Genesis 12:1)?
8. "There is none so discreet and wise as thou art." (Genesis 41:39)?
9. "Every son that is born, ye shall cast into the river." (Exodus 1:22)?
10. "What is that in thy hand?" (Exodus 4:2)?

Last week's answers: 1. Pilate, 2. Jesus, 3. Mordicai, 4. Moses, 5. The Lord through Amos, 6. Dumah recorded by Isaiah, 7. Saul of Tarsus, 8. Elijah, 9. The Lord through Micah, 10. Ethiopian Eunuch

Annual Sweetheart Banquet

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Area Wide Youth Meeting

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Jr. Bible Bowl

Jr. Bible Bowl for grades K-6 will be February 18 at 2:00 p.m. at the Mayfield Church of Christ. Those interested in their children participating see Louis Cervantes.

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Our Record

Worship A.M.....	239
Bible Classes.....	200
Worship P.M.....	157
Wednesday (1-31).....	NA
Contribution.....	\$13,725
Weekly Budget.....	\$12,750

UPCOMING...

Area Wide Youth Meeting.....February 11
Annual Sweetheart Banquet.....February 17

APPOINTMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Sunday Morning Worship

Reading.....John Thomas Kellum
Scripture.....TBA
Prayer.....Dennie Smith
Closing Prayer.....Boyd Brumley
Song Director.....Clyde Mize

Lord's Table

North Side

Monte Key
Rob Logan
Wyatt Logan
Jim McAuley
Taylor McDonald

South Side

Gary Martin
Tony Milam
Rusty Palmer
Ronnie Parker

Alternates: Ralph Perry, Carlton Plunk,
Johnson Ramsey, Chase Rowe

Nursery Attendants

Worship A.M....Janet Smith Kathy Walden
Bible Study.....Ellen Reed, Ally Savery
Worship PM.....Jessie Savery, Karen Wilson
Wed. (2-14).....Sheree Walden

Sunday Evening Worship

Reading.....Brian Herndon
Scripture.....TBA
Prayer.....Terry Smith
Closing Prayer.....Kevon Brooks
Song Director.....Windell Fikes
Song Director (2-14).....Bill Botts
Speaker (2-14).....Ken Kesse
Prayer (2-14).....Wyatt Logan

Prayer List: MEMBERS: Loretta Payne, Herb Guin,
Thomas Aderholt, Paul Burlison, Wanda Burlison, Geneva
Brooks, Karen Wade, Meg Bradley, Myriam Guin, Sherrie
Buskirk, Martha Milam, Louis Miro, John Hodges

FAMILY & FRIENDS: James Draper, Bruce Carter, Ed
Herndon, Annette Gann, Modena Green, Curt Mize, Joe Mears,
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