



Gloster Street MESSENGER

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Around Gloster Street

A REASON TO REJOICE!

The Gloster Street family was given a reason to rejoice this past Sunday, February 11, as **Abby Taylor** was baptized for the remission of her sins. Abby is the fiancé of **James Rieves McAuley**. Be sure to let Abby know how much you appreciate her wonderful decision. To God be the glory!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Our new pictorial directories have arrived. If you had your picture made, you may pick up your copy in the church office. These tools are always quite helpful in helping us to become acquainted with our growing family here at Gloster Street.

THANK YOU

The Area-Wide Youth Meeting, which we hosted this past Sunday evening, was a great success. We not only had a wonderful crowd but also enjoyed an excellent period of fellowship together afterward. Special thanks go to **Carlton Plunk** and his team for all of their hard work. Thanks also for the many positive comments regarding the lesson: *The Importance of Proper Self-Esteem*. If you would like a copy on CD, please contact the church office.

UPCOMING...

One of the things we look forward to each year is the fine job our young men do in leading our worship service. This will take place on Sunday, **March 4**. Our young ladies will be teaching our children's classes on Sunday, **February 25**. They will also be hosting a Widows' Luncheon after services on that day.

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.

www.glosterstreetchurch.com



www.dayspringtv.com

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



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

WARNING: WE LIVE IN A SECULAR CULTURE

Chad Ramsey

Christians are supposed to be in the world but not of it. Rather than isolating ourselves from the challenges associated with living in a secular culture, we are called to engage those around us by humbly defending our beliefs when given the opportunity (1 Peter 3:15). We are to use our influence for good. We are to be salt; we are to be light (Matthew 5:13-16). Sadly, such does not always occur. Instead of influencing others for good, many have been influenced by our secular culture. Instead of sharing the gospel, many have been shamed and silenced.

Paul clearly warned his audience about the influence of the world when he wrote: “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God” (Romans 12:2 NKJV). Nevertheless, individuals from the first century until today have ignored Paul’s advice and attempted to hold hands with both the world and Christ. The end result of such divided allegiance is corruption. Toleration and acceptance replace conviction and devotion. Certainty is replaced with skepticism. The very ones charged with the responsibility of changing the world are all too frequently changed by it.

The church is certainly not immune to this problem. Because many Christians do not realize the insidious way secularism works, some blindly feed upon images and storylines presented in television programs, special interest pieces, movies, novels and social media posts. Through these various avenues, identities are attached to behaviors once shunned, and the focus shifts imperceptibly from the action to the actor. When this occurs, emotional attachments are established. Observers find themselves sympathizing with the one engaged in error. Ultimately, behaviors once viewed as sinful are rationalized and tolerated, if not embraced. Those who go down this slippery slope rarely reverse course. We need to see the danger of secular culture before it is too late!

Just For Fun

An Old Bible Riddle: We've published this riddle twice in this bulletin over the past 10 years. Each time I have to think to figure it out. This riddle came about because a merchant in New England offered an elderly lady a prize if she could compose a Bible riddle he could not answer. She won the prize. Can you figure out the answer?

1) Adam, God made out of dust,
but thought it best to make me first.
So I was made before the man,
to answer God's most holy plan.

My body God did make complete,
but without arms, or legs, or feet.
My ways and acts he did control,
but to my body gave no soul.

A living being I became,
and Adam gave to me a name.
I from his presence then withdrew,
and more of Adam never knew.

I did my Maker's law obey,
and from it never went astray.
Thousands of miles I go in fear,
but seldom on the earth appear.

For purpose wise, which God did see,
He put a living soul in me.
That soul from me my God did claim,
and took from me that soul again!

6) And when from me that soul had fled,
I was the same as when first made.
And without hands or feet or soul,
I travel now from pole to pole.

I labor hard both day and night,
To fallen men I give much light.
Thousands of folk, both young and old,
may by my death a light behold!

And though I have both skin and bone,
I have no land to call my own.
To heaven I shall never go,
nor to the grave, nor hell below.

For right nor wrong can I conceive,
the scriptures I cannot believe.
Although my name therein is found,
they are to me an empty sound.

Now my name is recorded there,
I honestly to you declare.
No fear of death doth trouble me;
real happenings I shall never see.

Now as these lines, my friend you read,
search the scriptures with great heed.
And if my name you cannot find,
it's very strange—you must be blind.

Last week's answers: 1. Cain, 2. Eli, 3. People of Babel, 4. Rebekkah (vr. 46), 5. Jacob, 6. Noah, 7. Abraham, 8. Joseph, 9. Women of Israel, 10. Moses

Upcoming Events

The **Annual Sweetheart Banquet** is Saturday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the annex.

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.

There will be a **Widows' Luncheon** Sunday, February 25 in the Annex following Bible class.

Amory Church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting February 25-28. Sunday afternoon service will be at 1:30 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday services at 7:00 p.m. **Billy Lambert** will be the speaker.

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Our Record

Worship A.M.....	253
Bible Classes.....	223
Worship P.M.....	321
Wednesday (2-7).....	162
Contribution.....	\$12,202
Weekly Budget.....	\$12,750

UPCOMING...

Annual Sweetheart Banquet.....February 17
GOAL SUNDAY.....May 6
Campaign to Columbia, Mississippi.....June 7-10
Vacation Bible School.....June 25-29

APPOINTMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Sunday Morning Worship

Reading.....Chancy Griffin
Scripture.....TBA
Prayer.....Steve Walden
Closing Prayer.....Paul Callens
Song Director.....Greg Jones

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...Angel Wiginton, Shana Bell
Bible Study....Beth Aderholt, Tracie Bramlett
Worship PM...Monica Burleson, Sherrie Buskirk
Wed. (2-21)...Renea Callens

Sunday Evening Worship

Reading.....Stephen Fikes
Scripture.....TBA
Prayer.....Wayne Washington
Closing Prayer.....Rance Clayton
Song Director.....Taylor Walden
Song Director (2-21).....Philip Crowe
Speaker (2-21).....Terry Smith
Prayer (2-21).....John Thomas Kellum

Prayer List: MEMBERS: Loretta Payne, Herb Guin,
Thomas Aderholt, Paul Burleson, Wanda Burleson, Geneva
Brooks, Karen Wade, Meg Bradley, Myriam Guin, Sherrie
Buskirk, Martha Milam, Louis Miro, John Hodges, Mary
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Herndon, Annette Gann, Modena Green, Curt Mize, Joe Mears,
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