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Around Gloster Street

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kay Bramlett	1	Joyce Swain	19
Leah Herndon	3	Rosanna Miro	19
Mary O'Neal	5	Suzanne Cervantes	21
Missy McDonald	5	Jim Savery	22
Stacie Crowe	8	Glenda Segars	24
Tim Wade	11	Louis Miro	25
Anna Mae Ramsey	13	Abigail Clayton	27
Louis Cervantes	15	Arthur Garrett	28
Aaron Patterson	17	Kristen Hamilton	28
Peggy Ramsey	17	Ronald Parker	29
Josie Buskirk	18	Kevon Brooks	30
Benjamin Martin	19		

GOAL SUNDAY

Don't forget that our third **GOAL SUNDAY** of 2017 will take place this week—August 27! Please invite a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or family member to join us for our services on Sunday morning. Our goal is to have **281** in Bible Class. This number is well within our reach. What a wonderful opportunity to share the message of Jesus with those around us! Additionally, remember that we will have a potluck meal following our morning services in our annex. This is always an enjoyable period of fellowship.

A RECENT RESPONSE

This past Sunday evening, August 20, **Barbara Morris** responded to the invitation and requested prayers for forgiveness. Ms. Morris has recently moved to our area. We are thankful for her desire to live as God desires. To God be the glory!

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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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

Searching the Scriptures



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

JOHN'S TESTIMONY

Chad Ramsey

The book of 1 John begins in a unique way. Rather than introducing himself and his audience, the apostle John gets directly to his point by stressing the incarnation of the Word. He set forth the idea that the One who existed from the beginning came to earth and was observed in a physical sense. This argument is very similar to the one he presented in the opening verses of the Gospel of John (cf. John 1:1, 14), and the claim is supported in this passage by the author's own testimony. John is not merely affirming the humanity of the Christ; he is claiming to have firsthand knowledge of the Christ's humanity. Thus, 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" (v. 1).

There is a progression in the assertions made by John in 1 John 1:1. He describes hearing, seeing, looking upon and touching the Son of God. All of these assertions point to the physical reality of the Christ. Importantly, each claim builds upon the previous one. John claims to have heard the Christ. But it is one thing to hear something and another to see that thing. He likewise claims to have looked upon or gazed at this being. The idea is that he did more than glance at the Christ. His point is made even more forcefully when John mentioned that he "handled" (NKJV) or "touched" (ESV) the Word of life. This is the most intimate of all his assertions. The idea presented in this verse is clear: "the writer cannot be thinking merely of a message that is heard. He must be thinking of the appearance of the 'Word' described in John 1:1-18 who was made flesh as Jesus Christ" (Marshall 101).

But why would John go into such detail affirming the physical reality of the Christ? Guy N. Woods explained: "The reason why the apostle felt it necessary to deal thus minutely with the evidence, and to offer testimony in such detailed fashion is seen in the nature of the false doctrines prevalent regarding the person of the Christ" (211). Specifically, John was defending Jesus as the Christ against the claims of the Gnostics. These individuals rejected that Jesus could be the incarnate Son of God because they believed all flesh was evil. "They did not deny that the man Jesus had a body, but that the Christ was to be personally identified with the bodily man Jesus. They could not conceive how the 'Christ' could become incarnate, still less have assumed a body subject to suffering and pain" (Stott 48).

John affirmed that the being he described in verifiable terms had indeed come to earth from the Father (v. 2). His testimony was intended to motivate his audience to develop a relationship with this One. Those who chose to do so would enjoy fellowship with like-minded disciples. And John emphasized that their fellowship would also be "with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ" (v. 3). It is important to notice that John did not just refer to Jesus. His reference was much more detailed. By using the descriptive phrase, "His Son Jesus Christ," John upheld both the humanity and divinity of the Savior. The result of the proper understanding of Jesus' identity would be joy (v. 4). John's readers would experience joy as they benefited from the fellowship of the Son of God and His followers. John would experience joy knowing that his audience would be better prepared to answer the critics of their day (cf. 3 John 4).

Marshall, I. Howard. *The Epistles of John (NICOT)*. Ed. Gordon D. Fee. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1978.

Stott, John R. W. *The Letters of John (TNTC)*. Ed. Leon Morris. Downers Grove: IVP, 1988.

Woods, Guy N. *A Commentary on the New Testament Epistles of Peter, John, and Jude*. Nashville: Gospel Advocate, 1991.

Just For Fun

Who Am I?

1. I outran Peter in a 'footrace' (John 20:4).
2. I outran Abner and as a result was killed (2 Samuel 2:18-23).
3. I buried Jesus (Matthew 27:59-60).
4. I buried Moses (Deuteronomy 34:6).
5. I buried Sarah (Genesis 23:19).
6. We buried John the Baptist (Matthew 14:12).
7. We buried Isaac (Genesis 35:29).
8. We buried Jacob (Genesis 50:13).
9. I buried Korah and associates (Numbers 16:32).
10. I buried Elijah (2 Kings 2:11).

Last week's answers: Lawyer, Potter, Musician, Carpenter, Prophet, Rabbi. Plan & Pray

Congratulations

Congratulations to Becky Kellum on the birth of her granddaughter, **Nora Mae Kellum**, on August 19. She weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. Her parents are Ben and Rachel Kellum.

Singing

First Sunday Singing at Gloster Street will be September 3 at 5:00 p.m.

Care Group

The **Plunk's Care Group** will meet Sunday, September 3, in the Annex.

Seminar

East Main Church of Christ will host a seminar August 26-29 with guest speaker, Dr. Brad Harrub. He will be speaking on the topic *The Truth About Origins* on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

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Our Record

Worship A.M.....	245
Bible Classes.....	218
Worship P.M.....	173
Wednesday (8-16).....	183
Contribution.....	\$12,770
Weekly Budget.....	\$12,500

UPCOMING...

GOAL SUNDAY.....August 27

Gospel Meeting at Gloster Street.....November 5-8

APPOINTMENTS FOR AUGUST 27, 2017

Sunday Morning Worship

Reading.....Chancy Griffin
Scripture.....TBA
Prayer.....Andy Kellum
Closing Prayer.....Ralph Perry
Song Director.....Greg Jones

Lord's Table

North Side

Paul Callens
Mike Burleson
Boyd Brumley
Chase Cervantes
Sam Cervantes

South Side

Kevon Brooks
Wayne Wilson
Louis Miro
Dan Yarbro

Alternates: Jeff Collums, Travis Cornelius,
Paul Crowe, Philip Crowe

Nursery Attendants

Worship A.M....Lindsey Hollingsworth, Marsha
Jones
Bible Study.....Becky Kellum, Donna Kellum
Worship PM.....Shelby Jones, Carolyn Martin
Wed. (8-30).....Kim McAuley

Sunday Evening Worship

Reading.....Taylor McDonald
Scripture.....TBA
Prayer.....Monte Key
Closing Prayer.....Carlton Plunk
Song Director.....Spencer Johnson
Song Director (8-30)...Branyan Johnson
Speaker (8-30).....Carlton Plunk
Prayer (8-30).....John Thomas Kellum

Prayer List: MEMBERS: Loretta Payne, Herb Guin, Bob
Adderholt, Thomas Aderholt, Paul Burleson, Wanda Burleson,
Geneva Brooks, Karen Wade

FAMILY & FRIENDS: James Draper, Bluford Miller, Ginger
Jones, Diane Cartwright, Teri Ward, Bruce Carter, Ed Herndon,
Annette Gann, Shirley Thomas, Gerry Cornwell, Kinley
Galbreath, Modena Green, Diane Peters, David Puckett, Thelma
Plunk, Curt Mize, Marleigh Babbitt, Brian Fredrick , Bobbie
Dupree, Joe Mears, Shelby Reed, Jr., Faye Sellers, Wayne
Jackson, Barney Guyton, Alma Wilson, Tammie Walters, Kristy
Tucker, Hayden Pippins, Addison Fowler, Jai Eschete, Drew
Edwards, Amanda Beard, Mike & Melissa Gaddy, Heyward
Wilson, Beau Baker

Health Care Centers: Greenhouse #800 - **Maurice Kellum**
Greenhouse #600 Griffis House, rm. 12 - **Edith Hutcheson**,
Avonlea Assisted Living, rm. 304 - **Elizabeth Pritchard**,
Union Co. Health & Rehab – **Geneva Brooks**, rm. 208-B