



Gloster Street
MESSENGER

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Around Gloster Street

BEGINNING YEAR 15

This past Sunday, September 3, marked the beginning of my 15th year as preacher at Gloster Street. As I look back over that time, I'm humbled by the opportunity granted me to serve with so many wonderful, faithful Christians. Many of our loved ones have gone to be with the Lord during these years. The young people who were in our youth group when I arrived have matured into faithful Christian adults. Many are now married; some have children of their own. Since that time, our families at Gloster Street have been blessed with new additions (including my own). Additionally, individuals and families choosing to place membership with us have honored our congregation and spurred our physical growth. Numerous souls have been taught the gospel and have submitted their lives in obedience to Christ Jesus!

During the past fourteen years, the congregation has grown by an *average* of almost 100 per Sunday. This is encouraging, but I do not believe we have even begun to realize our true potential. Visitors are present at every service. The fields are white unto harvest!

It is not possible for me to adequately express my thanks to our eldership for their diligent service. The original four men who were elders when my family moved to Tupelo are still serving ably today. I appreciate **Monte Key**, **Gary Martin**, **James Segars**, and **Wayne Washington** for taking a chance on a young preacher fourteen years ago. And I appreciate how these men, along with **Paul Callens**, continue to lead the Gloster Street congregation.

My prayer is that God will bless each of us as we seek to faithfully proclaim His truth and serve as a shining light in Tupelo and throughout our state, nation, and world. The future at Gloster Street is extremely bright! I'm certainly looking forward to year 15!

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



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

Set Free From Sin: Romans 6:17-23

Chad Ramsey

Because of God's grace, we do not have to be servants of sin. This does not mean we are freed from all servitude. As Paul observed: "...you are the one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness" (Romans 6:16). The Roman Christians whom Paul addressed had chosen to obey the gospel (cf. Romans 6:3-4). By so doing, these former servants of sin "obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which [they] were delivered" (Romans 6:17). Interestingly, the word "form," which is also translated "standard" (ESV), "signifies a mold into which melted metals are poured, to receive the form of the mold. The apostle represents the gospel doctrine as a mold, into which the Romans were put by their baptism, in order to their being fashioned anew. And he thanks God, that from the heart, that is, most willingly and sincerely, they had yielded to the forming efficacy of that mold of doctrine, and were made new, both in principle and practice" (Macknight 304). Again, the opportunity to change from serving sin to serving God is only possible because of God's grace.

When one obeys the gospel, he or she becomes a slave of righteousness (Romans 6:18, 19). Although this might sound like a burden, just the opposite is true. Individuals who once lived for self and sin were expected to turn from such and begin to live for God. "Formerly their members had been used in worldly living; now they are to separate them from such worldly uses and dedicate them to the service of God. And that is sanctification. In so doing, they, as Paul admonishes in Rom. 12:1, present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well-pleasing to God" (Whiteside 141).

Those who are enslaved by sin do not serve God (Romans 6:20), for it is not possible to serve two masters (cf. Matthew 6:24). The fruit of wicked behavior brings shame and eventual death (Romans 6:21). Moses E. Lard helpfully commented: "You derived no benefit from your former sins, nor will you ever do so; for the end of them is death. It is not their nature to yield you good; therefore you must not commit them" (217). Thankfully, we do not have to remain in bondage to sin. Rather than bearing the fruit of wickedness, we can bring forth "fruit to holiness" (Romans 6:22). Importantly, Christians must realize we have a choice in this matter. We can either choose sin, which is rewarded by eternal punishment, or God's grace, which offers "eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

Lard, Moses E. *A Commentary on Romans*. Delight: Gospel Light, n.d.

Macknight, James. *Macknight on the Epistles*. Vols. I-II. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1969.

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Just For Fun

Who Am I?

1. I am the oldest man mentioned in the Bible.
2. I did no sin, neither was guile found in my mouth.
3. I once persecuted Christians even unto death.
4. I drove about 1000 miles, one way, to worship.
5. I am called the weeping prophet.
6. I became queen and saved my people.
7. I was the first high priest of Israel.
8. An Old Testament book is written of my courtship and marriage.
9. I am the lamb of God.
10. I was the first man killed for preaching the gospel of Christ.

Last week's answers: 1. John, 2. Solomon, 3. Andrew, 4. Hezekiah, 5. Dorcas, 6. Isaac, 7. Jonah, 8. Peter, 9. Judas, 10. Timothy.

Care Group

The **Miro's Care Group** will meet Sunday, September 10, in the Annex.

Jr. Bible Bowl

Jr. Bible Bowl for Grades K-6th is Sunday, September 17, at 2:00 p.m. at New Albany Church of Christ. Parents who are interested in their children participating see Louis Cervantes.

Homecoming/Gospel Meeting

Sherman church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting September 10 through September 13 with speaker, Marshall Eubanks. Sunday afternoon service will be at 1:00 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday services will be at 7:00 p.m.

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Our Record

Worship A.M.....	233
Bible Classes.....	190
Worship P.M.....	176
Wednesday (8-30).....	169
Contribution.....	\$11,657
Weekly Budget.....	\$12,500

UPCOMING...

Building Fund Contribution.....September 24

Pictorial Directory.....October 13-18

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

APPOINTMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Sunday Morning Worship

Reading.....Wyatt Logan
Scripture.....TBA
Prayer.....Gary Martin
Closing Prayer.....Dennie Smith
Song Director.....Clyde Mize

Lord's Table

North Side

Brian Galloway
David Crump
Burt Griffin
Chancy Griffin
Brian Herndon

South Side

Windell Fikes
Arthur Garrett
Donny Hamblin
Beau Hill

Alternates: George Heath, Clint House,
Branyan Johnson, Spencer Johnson

Nursery Attendants

Worship A.M.....Martha Milam, Tonya Poe
Bible Study.....Rosanna Miro, Tina Milam
Worship PM.....Jill Palmer, Bethany Patterson
Wed. (9-13).....Marsha Kiste

Sunday Evening Worship

Reading.....Taylor McDonald
Scripture.....TBA
Prayer.....Tony Milam
Closing Prayer.....Terry Smith
Song Director.....Boyd Brumley
Song Director (9-13)...Johnson Ramsey
Speaker (9-13).....Philip Crowe
Prayer (9-13).....Wyatt Logan

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

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

Health Care Centers: Greenhouse #800 - **Maurice Kellum**
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