



*Gloster Street*  
**MESSENGER**  
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# Around Gloster Street

## A REASON TO REJOICE

Our Gloster Street family was given reason to rejoice this past Sunday, September 10, as **Ron Hurtt** responded to the Lord's invitation requesting prayers for forgiveness. We are thankful for Ron's desire to live as God desires. To God be the glory!

## BUILDING FUND CONTRIBUTION

On Sunday, September 24, we will have our third **Building Fund Contribution** for 2017. As you know, our elders have set aside the contribution from the last Sunday of each quarter in the year to go exclusively to reducing our debt. Because of your generosity, we have been able to pay back over \$1,000,000 in less than three years. Please continue to give generously!

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

If you have not already done so, please sign up to have your family's picture taken for our new pictorial directory. We have a new directory made approximately every three or four years. There are a number of new families who have come our way since the last directory was made, and we believe this will be a useful tool for our congregation. Pictures will be made **October 13-18**. We hope every individual and family will participate. The sign-up table is in the foyer.

## GOSPEL MEETING

Please be praying for the success of our **Gospel Meeting**. I'm especially looking forward to **November 5-8**, because my dad, **Glenn B. Ramsey**, will be preaching. Be sure to mark your calendar and invite your friends.

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](http://www.glosterstreetchurch.com)



[www.dayspringtv.com](http://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

## **RELYING UPON PRAYER**

**Chad Ramsey**

Scripture has a great deal to say about the subject of prayer. Rather than allowing the difficulties of life to cause us to worry, we are instructed to pray. Making this point, the apostle Paul wrote: “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6). Prayer is supposed to be more than a habit or ritual; it should be a valuable tool capable of producing results in the life of the believer. So James affirmed: “Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16).

Often times, individuals give up on prayer (or pray infrequently) because their petitions are seemingly ignored. Such, however, does not mean that prayer is impotent. There are valid reasons certain requests or petitions may go unfulfilled. For example, it is entirely possible that a prayer is not in line with God’s ultimate will. This does not mean that the petitioner is necessarily asking for something from selfish motivation. It could be that he or she is limited by perspective. Consequently, we should imitate our Lord who prayed: “Your will be done” (Matthew 26:42). Emphasizing the importance of considering God’s will when we pray, the apostle John wrote: “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him” (1 John 5:14-15).

Prayer was obviously dear to the apostle Paul. He was thankful when brethren remembered him in prayer and noted with appreciation the good that resulted from such. He complimented the Corinthians on one occasion and wrote: “you also helping together in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the gift granted to us through many” (2 Corinthians 1:11). Within its context, this statement reveals Paul’s belief that the Corinthians’ prayers helped him escape from a troublesome (and potentially life-threatening) situation he encountered while in Asia (cf. Acts 19:28-41). No wonder he valued prayer!

Importantly, Paul did not just covet the prayers of others. He spent much time praying for others. In fact, he revealed that he prayed for both congregations and individuals on a regular basis. He told the Thessalonians that he spent time “night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith” (1 Thessalonians 3:10). And he informed Timothy: “I remember you in my prayers night and day” (2 Timothy 1:3). Given Paul’s appreciation for prayer and his dependence upon it, it is not surprising to find prayers scattered throughout his letters (e.g. Ephesians 1:15-23).

### *Just For Fun*

Find 15 books of the Bible in the following paragraph:

I once made some remarks about hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu. Kept some people actually looking so hard for the facts and studying for the revelation, they were in a jam. Especially since the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck numbers of our readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few minutes for you. Yes, there will be some that are easy to spot. Others may require judges to determine. We must admit, it usually takes a minute to find one, and there will be loud lamentations when you see how simple it is. One little lady says she brews coffee while she puzzles her brain.

Last week's answers: 1. Methuselah, 2. Jesus, 3. Saul, 4. Ethiopian Eunuch, 5. Jeremiah, 6. Esther, 7. Aaron, 8. Ruth, 9. Jesus, 10. Stephen

### Care Group

The **Cornelius' Care Group** will meet Sunday, September 17, in the Annex.

### Jr. Bible Bowl

**Jr. Bible Bowl** for Grades K-6 is Sunday, September 17, at 2:00 p.m. at New Albany Church of Christ.

### Wednesday Friends

**Wednesday Friends** will meet September 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the Old Fellowship Hall.

### Ladies Day

There will be a **Ladies Day** at the **Pine Grove Church of Christ** on September 23 with speaker, Belinda Anderson. Breakfast and lunch provided. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.

**Oak Ridge Church of Christ** will have a **Ladies Day** on September 23 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Lunch provided. Kate Hale of the Oak Ridge congregation will be the speaker.

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**Our Record**

Worship A.M.....	242
Bible Classes.....	204
Worship P.M.....	168
Wednesday (9-6).....	188
Contribution.....	\$11,834
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 17, 2017**

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Reading.....Chase Rowe  
 Scripture.....TBA  
 Prayer.....Rusty Palmer  
 Closing Prayer.....Steve Walden  
 Song Director.....Greg Jones

**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.....Kim Overton, Jennifer Sellars  
 Bible Study.....Michelle Plunk, Janet Smith  
 Worship PM.....Kathy Walden, Angel  
 Wiginton  
 Wed. (9-20).....Sheree Walden

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Reading.....Taylor Walden  
 Scripture.....TBA  
 Prayer.....Clyde Mize  
 Closing Prayer.....Walt Walker  
 Song Director.....Philip Crowe  
 Song Director (9-20)..Taylor McDonald  
 Speaker (9-20).....Bradley Williams  
 Prayer (9-20).....John Thomas Kellum

**Prayer List: MEMBERS:** Loretta Payne, Herb Guin,  
 Thomas Aderholt, Paul Burseson, Wanda Burseson, Geneva  
 Brooks, Karen Wade, Pat Miller

**FAMILY & FRIENDS:** James Draper, Bruce Carter, Ed  
 Herndon, Annette Gann, Modena Green, Curt Mize, Joe Mears,  
 Shelby Reed, Jr., Faye Sellers, Wayne Jackson, 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,  
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**Health Care Centers:** Greenhouse #800 - **Maurice Kellum**  
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