



Gloucester Street
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Around Gloucester Street

A RECENT RESPONSE

We are thankful when precious souls respond to the invitation. This past Sunday evening, December 3, **Susie Savery** responded and requested the prayers of the church for forgiveness and strength. Please let Susie know how much you appreciate her. To God be the glory!

WHO NEEDS JESUS?

The following quotation was written by J. B. Weatherspoon. Read and enjoy!

“Some men under the burden of a bad past need to see first the forgiving Christ; others are struggling against the undertow of their daily environment and need to see first the Christ who can give strength; others are afraid of death and destiny and need to see first the Christ of resurrection and the eternal home. Some regard themselves as of no use in the kingdom of God and like lost coins need to be recovered to usefulness; others are forlorn and helpless and afraid like lost sheep and need to be brought home; others are wasted in sin and despair of the world, and in penitent supplication are turning homeward, and need assurance of the Father’s grace. There are such people in every community, different from one another, and whose problems and sins are as definite as these. And for every one there is in Christ his ‘missing piece,’ that which will redeem, repair and fulfill his life.”

BIBLE CLASS

If you haven’t been attending Bible class on a regular basis, why not start this week?

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 RAISING OF LAZARUS

By Chad Ramsey

Of all the miracles performed by Jesus, one of the most memorable is the raising of Lazarus from the dead. This significant event, only recorded in John's gospel, made an obvious impact on the people who lived in and around Jerusalem. Besides revealing Jesus' emotional connection to His friend (John 11:35), the miracle displayed His wonderful power. Because Lazarus "had been dead four days" (v. 39), there was no question about whether a miracle had taken place. Jesus powerfully called: "'Lazarus, come forth!' And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth" (vv. 43-44).

Lazarus' resurrection was not the only time Jesus brought an individual back from the dead. He had done similarly when He raised the Widow of Nain's son (Luke 7:11-17). He had also raised the daughter of Jairus (Luke 8:49-56). In no other instance, however, does the text emphasize how long the individual had been dead before being raised. Too, Lazarus's case is the only one in which the deceased had already been placed in a tomb. Jesus' actions in this instance were made all the more impactful by the presence of the large crowd and their evident anticipation. Prior to His arrival, it seems Martha and Mary had discussed how He could have saved their brother (cf. John 11:21, 32). Individuals from the crowd agreed and openly asked: "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?" (v. 37).

As was true with so many of Jesus' other miracles, some were moved by the event and came to believe in Jesus (John 11:45). Others refused to consider the obvious evidence and instead reported the events to the Pharisees (v. 46). For their part, the Jewish leaders both intensified their efforts to seize Jesus (v. 57) and discussed putting Lazarus to death, "because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus" (John 12:11).

The account of Lazarus' resurrection reminds us of several important facts. Although ample evidence to believe in Jesus as the Son of God was available, God did not force individuals to accept Jesus' claims. Individuals were given reasons to believe, yet they maintained their freedom to doubt. We also see the pull of human relationships and pride in the reactions of the Jewish leaders. Describing such, John wrote: "Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God" (John 12:42-43). In addition to these things, the text provides a glimpse into the personal life of Jesus—one filled with love and compassion for Lazarus and his family (John 11:35-36). It is comforting to learn that even Jesus wept on occasion, and it is thrilling to be reminded of His power over death.

Just For Fun

Books of the Bible

1. The name of which book means "The Preacher"?
2. Which book is named after a slave-owner?
3. The title of which book means "Unveiling"?
4. Which book is named after the leaving of some people from a certain place?
5. The title of this book means "weepings" or "cryings".
6. Which book's title means "a repetition"?
7. Which book describes the works of a group of men (and is named accordingly)?
8. Which book is so named because in it is described the counting of people?
9. Which book is named after a former publican?
10. The name of which book shows that it contains wise sayings?

Last Week's Answers:

1. Stephen, 2. Pilate, 3. Ruth, 4. Hezekiah, 5. Samuel, 6. Philip, 7. Zacchaeus, 8. Goliath, 9. Elymas, 10. Ephraim.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Boyd and Christie Brumley and family on the passing of her brother, **Browning Reynolds** on Friday, December 1. His funeral service was held on Wednesday, December 6, in Pontotoc.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Wayne and Karen Wilson on the birth of their granddaughter, **Ellis Kate Wilson**. She was born November 30, weighing 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 21 inches long. She is the daughter of Lee and Julie Wilson. Ellis was also welcomed by her big sister, Aubrey.

Holiday Party

A **congregational Holiday Party** will be held in the Annex on Sunday, December 10, after evening services. Bring finger foods.

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Our Record

Worship A.M.....	242
Bible Classes.....	211
Worship P.M.....	146
Wednesday (11-29).....	163
Contribution.....	\$13,562
Weekly Budget.....	\$12,500

UPCOMING...

Building Fund Contribution.....December 31

APPOINTMENTS FOR DECEMBER 10, 2017

Sunday Morning Worship

Reading.....Wyatt Logan
Scripture.....TBA
Prayer.....Windell Fikes
Closing Prayer.....Andy Kellum
Song Director.....Steve Walden

Lord's Table

North Side

Mike Bureson
Steve Bramlett
Boyd Brumley
Jeff Collums
Sam Cervantes

South Side

Louis Cervantes
Kevon Brooks
Paul Callens
Brooks Crabtree

Alternates: Paul Crowe, Philip Crowe,
David Crump, Jimmy Dyson

Nursery Attendants

Worship A.M...Bobbi Kellum, Donna Kellum
Bible Study.....Carolyn Martin, Kim McAuley
Worship PM.....Michelle Hill, Kelli Heath
Wed. (12-13)...Janis McCoy

Sunday Evening Worship

Reading.....Rusty Palmer
Scripture.....TBA
Prayer.....Brian Galloway
Closing Prayer.....Monte Key
Song Director.....Taylor Walden
Song Director (12-13).....Bill Botts
Speaker (12-13).....Chase Rowe
Prayer (12-13).....Wyatt Logan

Prayer List: MEMBERS: Loretta Payne, Herb Guin,
Thomas Aderholt, Paul Bureson, Wanda Bureson, Geneva
Brooks, Karen Wade, Leah Johnson, Tadd Logan, Meg Bradley,
Kim Overton

FAMILY & FRIENDS: James Draper, Bruce Carter, Ed
Herndon, Annette Gann, Modena Green, Curt Mize, Joe Mears,
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Health Care Centers: Elizabeth Pritchard - Avonlea
Assisted Living, rm. 304; **Loretta Payne** - Cedars Health Care
Center, rm. 703; **Geneva Brooks** - Union County Health and
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