



Gloster Street
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Around Gloster Street

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Patricia Hamblin	3	Tim Nelson	17
Annette Mize	4	Kay Garrett	20
Jake Franklin Ramsey	7	Melanie Williams	20
Jacquelyn Archer	9	Elizabeth Pritchard	21
Sam Cervantes	10	Jim McAuley	22
Evelyn Crowe	12	Mary Allyson Garrett	23
Samuel Trey Robertson	13	Joe Connell	26
Olivia Callens	15	Kim McAuley	27
Ethan Wiginton	15		

BUILDING FUND CONTRIBUTION

Our final **Building Fund Contribution** for 2017 will take place on Sunday, **December 31**. All of the contribution on this Sunday will be used to reduce the debt from our building expansion. We are so blessed to have a wonderful facility at Gloster Street. As it currently stands, we have raised almost 71% of the needed \$1,500,000. With your continued generosity, we can erase the rest of this debt in the near future. Please make plans give accordingly.

RAISINS FOR GHANA

For the past few years, we have raised money to buy raisins to be sent to our missionary in Ghana, brother Ken Kesse. Raisins can be rehydrated and squeezed for juice to be used in the Lord's Supper. This is essential in parts of Ghana where there is no access to grape juice. Last year we raised **\$3,300**. We are hoping to be able to raise **\$4,000** this year. We will be collecting funds for this project during the month of January. If you would like to help, please see **Gary Martin**.

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

THE COMING OF THE CHRIST

Chad Ramsey

In Paul's first letter to Timothy, he explained why Christ came to the earth when he wrote: "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief" (1 Timothy 1:15). Importantly, Paul's explanation is consistent with Jesus' own testimony, for He said: "...the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Any discussion of Jesus' purpose must take these statements into consideration.

Because man sins (cf. Romans 3:23), he is separated from God (cf. Isaiah 59:1-2). God, however, does not want man to be lost (cf. 1 Timothy 2:4). Consequently, He devised a plan to pay man's penalty and redeem sinners. So Romans 6:23 declares: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." God's plan, of course, involved Jesus dying sacrificially for the sins of humanity. Thus, the innocent Son of God bore our sinful burden on the cross, "that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Any discussion of deeply held beliefs must introduce the incarnation of Christ. Scripture declares that Jesus left the glories of heaven to come to earth as a servant (cf. Philippians 2:7-8). As such, He faithfully obeyed the will of His Father (cf. Hebrews 10:9). In fact, although He was the very Son of God, He did not escape the suffering reserved for the wicked (cf. Hebrews 5:8). Rather than fleeing from persecution, Jesus "endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2).

Because Jesus came to the earth, we do not have to fear death (cf. Hebrews 2:14-15). Too, we can rejoice knowing His coming allows Him to sympathize with our struggles. This is why, as the author of Hebrews observed, "He had to be made like His brethren" (Hebrews 2:17). Even so, Christ was unique. From His virgin birth to His wonderful miracles, He was "declared to be the Son of God with power" (Romans 1:4). He was a man, but He was also God in the flesh (cf. John 1:1; 1:14). We should be thankful God made provisions for our salvation by sending Jesus Christ to redeem us. We should also rejoice knowing that Christ's sacrifice was based upon love (cf. 1 John 3:16).

Just For Fun

What Am I?

1. I am important, but before I can be used in judging, I must be thoroughly free of dirt.
2. Many people have me and do not use me; but those who do are blessed.
3. Jesus said I was the light of the body.
4. Besides being a part of man, I belong in every needle, and a camel finds it hard to pass through me.

Answer: I am _____. See Luke 6:41, Matthew 13:16; 6:22, Mark 10:25

Last Week's Answers:

1. Father, 2. Almighty, 3. God, 4. Jehovah, 5. Creator, 6. Lord. Hidden Word: Doctor

New Year's Eve Singing

The **5th Annual New Year's Eve Singing** will be December 31 at Plainview Church of Christ in Fulton beginning at 8:00 p.m.

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Our Record

Worship A.M.....	253
Bible Classes.....	215
Worship P.M.....	174
Wednesday (12-13).....	152
Contribution.....	\$12, 531
Weekly Budget.....	\$12,500

UPCOMING...

Building Fund Contribution.....December 31

APPOINTMENTS FOR DECEMBER 24, 2017

Sunday Morning Worship

Reading.....Chancy Griffin
Scripture.....TBA
Prayer.....Donny Hamblin
Closing Prayer.....Gary Martin
Song Director.....Clyde Mize

Lord's Table

North Side

Mike Burleson
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...Karen Wilson, Janet Smith
Bible Study....Kathy Walden, Angel Wiginton
Worship PM....Michelle Plunk, Alischa Williams
Wed. (12-27)...Sheree Walden

Sunday Evening Worship

Reading.....Taylor McDonald
Scripture.....TBA
Prayer.....George Heath
Closing Prayer.....Tony Milam
Song Director.....Kevon Brooks
Song Director (12-27).Taylor McDonald
Speaker (12-27).....Chase Cervantes
Prayer (12-27).....Sam Cervantes

Prayer List: MEMBERS: Loretta Payne, Herb Guin,
Thomas Aderholt, Paul Burleson, Wanda Burleson, 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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