



# Gloster Street MESSENGER

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## Around Gloster Street

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Spencer & Lillian Johnson** on the birth of their daughter, **Merideth Margaret Johnson**, on Tuesday, February 17. Meri Margaret weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce and was 19¾ inches long. She is welcomed by her grandparents **Karen Angle** and **Branyan & Amanda Johnson**.

### MISSION WORK IN HONDURAS

We are happy to report our mission team in Honduras is doing well. Please keep **Dennie & Janet Smith, Louis Cervantes, Rusty Palmer, and Aaron Spearman** in your prayers. They have been very busy conducting Bible studies helping with the medical clinic in that location.



### SPEAKING OF MISSION TRIPS...

It's not too early to begin planning for our stateside mission trip this summer. From **June 6-11**, we will be working in **Pineville, Louisiana**. During this effort, we will go throughout the community passing out invitations and conduct a **VBS / Gospel Meeting**. We would love for you and your family to join us on this great trip. If you would like more information, please let me know.

May God Bless You All!  
*Chad Ramsey*

**GLOSTER STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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#### WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship..... 9:00 a.m.  
Bible Class ..... 10:10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Class .....7:00 p.m.

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

**Sunday at 8:00 a.m.** on ABC WTVA  
(Comcast Channel 7)

**Sunday at 9:00 a.m.** on WTVA  
(Comcast Channel 6)

**Monday – Friday at 6:00 a.m. & 6:30 a.m.**  
and **Sunday at 8:00 a.m.**  
on **MY MS** (Comcast Channel 3)

## Searching the Scriptures

**Sunday at 9:00 a.m.**  
**SuperTalk 101.9 WFTA**

## HOSEA AND GOMER

by Chad Ramsey

After describing Israel's status as God's chosen people (Deuteronomy 7:6), Moses made clear that God's decision was not based on the value of the nation. He said: "The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; but because the Lord loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt" (verses 7-8). Because of God's love and faithfulness, the Israelites enjoyed a special relationship with Him.

Like the Children of Israel, our relationship with the Lord is based on His love and faithfulness, not our intrinsic worth. We do not enjoy special favor from God because we are better than others and thus deserving. Regardless of how we compare to those around us, "our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; we all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away" (Isaiah 64:6). Nevertheless, we have the opportunity to be "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people" (1 Peter 2:9). Why? Because God continues to love us when we are unlovable, He faithfully made provisions for our redemption through the death of His Son Jesus. This is what Paul had in mind when he wrote: "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:6-8).

In one of the most heart-wrenching yet remarkable stories recorded in Scripture, God used the marriage relationship of the Old Testament prophet Hosea and his wife Gomer to illustrate His never-ending love for His people. Living in Israel when Jeroboam II was king (Hosea 1:1), the prophet addressed people who enjoyed a time of national prosperity and peace. During Jeroboam II's reign, Israel regained land "from the entrance of Hamath to the Sea of the Arabah" (2 Kings 14:25). This occurred because "the Lord saw that the affliction of Israel was very bitter; and whether bond or free, there was no helper for Israel. And the Lord did not say that He would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven; but He saved Israel by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash" (verses 26-27). Sadly, the territorial gains the nation enjoyed did not cause its people to turn from wickedness to God. Instead, Jeroboam II "did evil in the sight of the Lord; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin" (verse 24).

Despite Israel's rebellion, God never stopped loving or pursuing His people. To demonstrate how far He was willing to go to redeem them, God instructed Hosea: "Go, take yourself a wife of harlotry and children of harlotry. For the land has committed great harlotry by departing from the Lord" (Hosea 1:2). Hosea's marriage to Gomer symbolized God's relationship with Israel. God chose the nation despite its flaws; He loved the nation without qualification. Importantly, Hosea willingly did the same. Although the marriage of Hosea and Gomer is hardly a model for Christians today, it helps us better appreciate what true devotion looks like.

## — JUST FOR FUN —

### Answer the following questions from Exodus 9:

1. What was the fifth plague (verse 3)?
2. What did it come upon and who was spared?
3. When did Moses say this would happen?
4. What happened to Pharaoh's heart?
5. What was plague six (verse 9)?
6. Who are we told these came upon (verse 11)?
7. After hardening his heart, what plague did God tell Pharaoh would come the next day?
8. What happened to the cattle left in the field?
9. What land was spared?
10. What did Pharaoh do after he admitted sin and the plague was removed?

**Last week's answers:** 1. Frogs, 2. Yes, 3. Get rid of them, 4. Yes, 5. Tomorrow, 6. Hardened his heart and did not let them go, 7. Lice, 8. No, 9. Hardened his heart, 10. Flies, 11. Israel.

## — ANNOUNCEMENTS —

- **Sympathy** is extended to the family and friends of **Gina Edwards**. Gina passed away Sunday, February 22, in Memphis at Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare. A public visitation will be from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM Friday, February 27, at Holland Funeral Directors-Tupelo. A private family service will follow.
- We are raising funds to purchase **raisins for Ghana**, which will be rehydrated and squeezed to be used for the fruit of the vine for the Lord's Supper. Our goal is to collect **\$20,000** by the end of March.
- **Youth Sunday** will be **March 1**. Our young men will be leading our morning and evening services. The young ladies will host our **Annual Widows' Luncheon** in the annex following morning services. The young ladies taught the younger Bible classes last Sunday morning.
- There will be a **bridal shower for Catherine Storment**, bride-elect of Scott Milam, on **Sunday, March 1**, from 1:30-3:00 at the home of Sharon Galloway. The address and bridal registries are posted on the bulletin board. A direct link to registries is available through our church app in Events & Activities.
- Our **First Sunday Singing** will be **Sunday, March 1**, from 5:00-5:45 in the auditorium.
- **KFC and Club 5-6** will meet in the annex at 5:30 on **Sunday, March 1**.
- The **Hallmark Care Group** will meet in the annex following evening services on **Sunday, March 1**, for a meal and fellowship. The menu is tacos, Mexican dishes & sides, drinks, & desserts.
- Our **First Wednesday Fellowship Meal** will be **Wednesday, March 4**, from 6:00-6:45 in the Annex. The menu is spaghetti, chicken Alfredo, bread, salad, desserts, & drinks. The cost is \$12 for those over 12. A link to RSVP was sent to our members.
- The **Heath Care Group** will meet in the annex following evening services on **Sunday, March 8**, for a meal and fellowship. The menu is tacos, Mexican dishes & sides, drinks, & desserts.
- **Gloster Street will host the Area-Wide Youth Meeting on Sunday evening, March 15**. *Our service will start at 5:00 PM instead of 6:00 PM.* We will provide a meal in the annex at 6:00. You are asked to take single-serve dessert items for this.
- Please contact the church office for assistance in signing up for our **church app** or **digital church pictorial directory**. You may submit updated information or photos to the office at any time.

**ELDERS**

Paul Callens ..... 620-9814  
Branyan Johnson ..... 321-3331  
Greg Jones ..... 419-1269  
Monte Key ..... 791-1664  
Gary Martin ..... 322-9160  
Wayne Washington ..... 840-0772

**DEACONS**

Louis Cervantes ..... Carlton Plunk  
Travis Cornelius ..... Marty Rowe  
George Heath ..... Dennie Smith  
T.K. Hollingsworth ..... Aaron Spearman  
Tony Milam ..... Steve Walden  
Rusty Palmer ..... Bradley Williams

**MINISTERS**

Chad Ramsey, Cason Pearce, Brian Galloway

**CHURCH OFFICE**

Michelle Plunk, Secretary

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**OUR RECORD**

Worship AM .....306 (119\*)  
Bible Classes .....261  
Worship PM ..... 227 (66\*)  
Wednesday AM/PM.....273 (78\*)  
\*Livestream views as of 2/25  
Contribution .....\$29,491  
Weekly Budget.....\$23,000

Church app



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**

Please check bulletin boards for more info or scan QR codes (app on left for events & website calendar on right).

Website



Mar. 1 (AM & PM Services) ..... Youth Sunday  
Mar. 1 (11:15) ..... Annual Widows' Luncheon/Annex  
Mar. 1 (1:30-3:00)..... Storment Bridal Shower@Galloway  
Mar. 1 (5:00-5:45)..... First Sunday Singing/Auditorium  
Mar. 1 (5:30) ..... KFC & Club 5-6/Annex  
Mar. 1 (7:00) ..... Hallmark Care Group/Annex  
Mar. 4 (6:00-6:45)..... First Wednesday Meal/Annex/\$5 over 12  
Mar. 8 (7:00) ..... Heath Care Group/Annex  
Mar. 15 (5:00 at GS) ..... Area-Wide Youth Meeting/Meal at 6:00

**SCAN WEBSITE QR CODE TO FILL OUT ONLINE VISITOR CARD.**

**— APPOINTMENTS —**

**MARCH USHERS/SECURITY TEAM**

George Heath, Jason Dickinson, Jim McAuely,  
Joey Spearman, Dean Webb

**MARCH CONTRIBUTION DUTY**

Louis Cervantes, Rusty Palmer,  
A.J. Freeman, Beau Hill

**MARCH GREETERS**

George & Melodie Heath

**MARCH FLOWERS**

Jo Anne Miles, Kylie Miles

**MARCH 1, 2026**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

Reading ..... Youth Sunday  
Scripture ..... Youth Sunday  
Song Director ..... Youth Sunday  
Opening Prayer ..... Youth Sunday  
Communion ..... Youth Sunday  
Contribution ..... Youth Sunday  
Sermon ..... Youth Sunday  
Closing Prayer ..... Youth Sunday

**SUNDAY EVENING**

Reading ..... Youth Sunday  
Song Director ..... Youth Sunday  
Opening Prayer ..... Youth Sunday  
Sermon ..... Youth Sunday  
Closing Prayer ..... Youth Sunday

**SUNDAY NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

Worship AM .....Lanie White, Melanie White  
Bible Study ..... Natalie Duffie, Michelle Hill  
Worship PM .... Sharon Galloway, Lindsey Hollingsworth

**MARCH 4, 2026**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP**

Song Director ..... Brian Archer  
Speaker ..... Cooper Burleson  
Closing Prayer ..... Carlton Plunk

**WEDNESDAY NURSERY ATTENDANT**

Anna Margaret Jones

**— PRAYER LIST —**

**GS MEMBERS:** Thomas & Beth Aderholt, Dave Carpenter (Courtyard Room 11 North), Glenda Muse (Meadows of Fulton Rehab Room 109B), Tim Nelson (Diversicare Room D9), Adam Wortham

**GS LONG-TERM, MILITARY, AND CARE FACILITIES (Addresses on bulletin board):**

- ◆ Parker Bell (military)
- ◆ Madeline Lamon—North MS Regional Center
- ◆ Sonny Vinson—Rosewood, Rm. 30

**GS HOMEBOUND:** Anthony & Arminda Washington, Mike Wilson, Robert Windham

**GS FAMILY AND FRIENDS - LONG-TERM, MILITARY, OR CARE FACILITIES:** John Allmond, Mickey Bailey, Carlin Beard, Ken Burleson, Reah Cristadoro, Sherry Draper, Jan Edmunds, Glenda Evans, Lyndell Fikes, Craig Ford, Carson Fowler, Greg Hall, Angela Hayes, Dana Hitt, Maryann Hitt, Linda Hood, Wayne Howell, Cecilia Hughes, Jared Kizer, Brenda Little, Jackie Little, Linda Maxwell, Richard Mitchell, Curt Mize, Gael & Carolyn Morris, Joey Pittman, Jo Putney, Glenn Ramsey, Wayne Ray, Joyce Robinson, Holly Stout, Nell Tucker, Bobby Wages, Daniel Washington, Sue Weeks