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## NEW ALBANY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Invites you to a

# GOSPEL MEETING

APRIL 22nd-25th, 2018



**Guest Speaker: Chad Ramsey**  
Minister of the Gloster St Church of Christ -Tupelo

**Sunday ~ Sunday School: 9:30am**

**Worship: 10:30am**

**Noon Meal**

**Evening Worship: 6:00pm**

**Mon. - Wed. Nights: 7:00pm**

Chad Ramsey is the minister of the Gloster Street Church of Christ in Tupelo, Mississippi, where he has served since 2003. He and his wife Beverly have three children: Johnson, Anna Mae, and Jake Franklin. Chad is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman University (B.A., History), Tennessee Bible College (B.A., Bible; M.A., Christian Doctrine and Apologetics), and the University of Mississippi (M.A., Philosophy). He is currently doing further graduate work at FHU.

Prior to coming to Tupelo, Chad preached at the West Sparta church of Christ, Sparta, Tennessee. He is the author of the book, *Reasons to Believe: A Survey of Christian Evidences*, and he writes Bible class curriculum for Gospel Advocate Company. A second book, *In God's Image: A Study of the Nature of Man*, has been published by the Gospel Advocate more recently. He has a weekly article in the Tupelo Journal.

Chad is a regularly sought after speaker for gospel meetings and youth gatherings. He is a talented speaker, academically prepared and grounded in the Word. He is well thought of by the Gloster Street congregation and respected in the Tupelo area. He was selected to be one of the moderators of the *Open Forum* this past February at the Freed Hardeman Lectures. You will find that Chad's presentation will be both interesting and informative.

## Sheep Without a Shepherd

By and large, Americans know so little about sheep, yet the Bible is filled with references to shepherds and their flocks. My nearly ten years of living in New Zealand allowed me to be around them. When I went to New Zealand, there were three million people living in that beautiful land and there were eighty million sheep!

I remember driving to conduct a Bible study at a residence on one of the large sheep farms (in New Zealand they were called sheep stations), and found the road blocked by a vast flock of sheep. Some of the stations in New Zealand had flocks that had over 15,000 sheep on them. There were not this many on the one where we were headed to teach the gospel, but it did not take us long to discover how “dumb” sheep are. There was no leader among them as we attempted to drive through them, so they aimlessly meandered around but never moved off the road to give us a path. Sheep will follow a shepherd and his dogs, but they are hopeless without a leader.

In Mark chapter six, Jesus saw a similar disarray, but it was not with sheep. *“And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things”* (Mark 6:34). Neither sheep nor people do well without a shepherd. They are hopelessly lost without someone to guide them.

There were shepherds in the Old Testament who needed to care for God’s flock (Israel). The problem was that they received the honor of being shepherds, but they never actually did the work of a shepherd. *“You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with wool, you slaughter the fatlings, but you do not feed the flock. The weak you have not strengthened nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought when was lost, but with force and cruelty you have ruled them, so they were scattered because there was no shepherd”* (Ezek. 34:2-4). God looked down and saw exactly what Jesus saw in Mark six. His sheep, His people were scattered because there were no shepherds.

What better illustration could there be about the importance of the work of elders in the church today? What a joy it is to see shepherds in our day who truly care for the sheep. They not only care for the ninety-nine sheep who are doing well, but they especially focus their attention on that one sheep who has wandered away. Without shepherds, Christians struggle, for we need godly men to lead us. Thank God for those men who have hearts of compassion for those of us who are part of His flock!  
~ Dan Jenkins

## 8 Reasons to Dress Modestly

As the proud father of two wonderful teenage daughters, I understand quite distinctly the challenging times in which we live, especially when it comes to modesty. Too many people (including Christians) are allowing our culture, our times and our peers to set the standard for us, without realizing (apparently) the damage that is being done by an immodest, “we-bare-all” way of life.

Some folks would rather that preachers just stay away from topics like modesty altogether. So, this preacher is going to do his best to keep himself away from the topic...and just let God address the matter. Here are eight Biblical reasons that Christian ladies, young women and girls need to keep their bodies modestly attired. **Modesty is commanded by God.** *“Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly”* (1 Tim. 2:9). (This list could end right there!)

**If modesty is commanded by God, then immodesty is condemned by God.** *“As a ring of gold in a swine’s snout, so is a lovely woman who lacks discretion”* (Prov. 11:22; cf. 7:10).

**Modesty is commended by God.** *“For Adam and his wife,” who “were naked”* (Gen. 3:7), *“the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them”* (Gen. 3:21).

**Immodesty is a reflection of the heart.** *“Do not let your adornment be merely outward...rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God”* (1 Pet. 3:2-5).

**Immodesty is a sin, for it puts a stumbling block before men.** *“It is inevitable that stumbling blocks come, but woe to him through whom they come!”* (Luke 17:1; cf. Matt. 5:28; Rom. 14:13).

**Immodesty can influence younger women and girls to dress immodestly.** *“Let your light shine before others”* (Matt. 5:16), and *“...admonish the young women...to be discreet, chaste”* (Tit. 2:4-5).

**The “gratifying” anatomy of a woman’s body is for her husband’s enjoyment, not for others.** *“Let her breasts satisfy you [the husband] at all times”* (Prov. 5:19; cf. 1 Cor. 7:1-2).

**The body is “the temple of the Holy Spirit” and not the tavern of the devil.** *“Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you...therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s”* (1 Cor. 6:19-20), and *“give [no] place to the devil”* (Eph. 4:27).  
~ David Sproule

**PRAYER LIST**



**Terry Young**, is not doing well. His health is declining.

**Mary Frances Reid** is not doing well.

**Arelus Dye**, father of *Tim Dye* will begin treatments at the end of the month for bladder cancer.

**Bobby White** will be going to Vanderbilt soon for more tests and probably surgery.

**Eleta Grimmitt** will have heart test Friday, April 20th.

**Gloria Jones** will have surgery on the upper vertebra in her neck April 17th.

**Judy Mills**, daughter of *J.D. & Sue Stroud* has been diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis.

**Continue to Remember:**

Ricky Adams, William Bailey, David Crossings, Sandra Davis, Preeble Foster, Ray Franks, Violette Glass, Katie Grantham, Phillip Haynes, Shane Hutton, Johnny Lee, Gunner Lindsey, Nancy Petrowski, Mildred Shackelford, Sam Warrington, Bobby White, Tommy Young.

**Shut-Ins:** Teresa Clark, Maurine Drummond, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, J.D. Stroud

**Nursing Home/Assisted Living:**

Grace Anderson, Jean Drummond, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Cornelia Kennedy, Ernestine McKinney, Mary Frances Reid, Price & Claudia Senter, Ione Wall, Terry Young

**Military List:** Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley & Chase Seals



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



April 20. .... Lynn Harrison

April 25. .... Billy Joe Garner

April 25. .... Amanda Martin

April 29. .... Lana Todd

April 30. .... Jamie Crow

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

April 28. .... Larry & Linda Ashmore



**IT'S A BOY!**




Congratulations to *Will* and *Sallye Bowlin* on the birth of their son, *Hayden Vance Bowlin*. *Hayden* was born Tues.

April 10th at 1:04pm, weighing 6lbs 13oz. and was 19 inches. He is being welcomed by big brother *Carson* and proud grandparents *Roger* and *Kathy Clayton*. Mom and baby are doing fine.

**EVENTS**

- The East Main Church of Christ in Tupelo to host a 'Ladies Day' April 21st. Registration begins at 9am. The guest speaker will be *Cindy Colley*.
- Pine Vale Children's Home Annual Benefit Golf Tournament is scheduled for April 21st, at the Shiloh Ridge Golf Club. Check the bulletin board for details.
- Ripley Church of Christ invites you to their 3rd Annual Youth Day, April 28th, beginning at 9:00am. The guest speaker will be *Ty Rhymes* from Pickwick COC.
- Our 5th Sunday services will be held April 29th. We will have a meal following morning services followed by a 1:15pm service lead by our deacons.
- A gathering is planned for 6:00pm April 29th, at *Phil Young's* place. Bring a lawn chair. More details later.

**GOSPEL MEETING!**

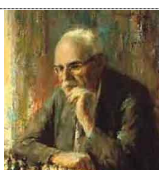
Our Gospel Meeting with *Chad Ramsey* is just a few days away, April 22nd-25th! Make plans to be at every service to learn more of God's Word. 

**What Must I Do To Be Saved?**

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10: 13-17)
2. Believe the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16)
3. Repent of Sins (Acts 3:19)
4. Confess Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37)
5. Be Baptized for the Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38)
6. Be Faithful (Revelation 2:10)

**I've Learned...**

It is better to forgive and forget than to remember and resent.



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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30  
 Morning Worship.....10:30  
 Evening Worship.....6:00  
 Wednesday Bible Study....7:00

## MINISTER

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Richard Jennings .....316-1305  
 Troy Robertson .....316-3163  
 Phil Young.....316-2059

## DEACONS

Greg Clayton .....252-9762  
 Roger Clayton ..... 538-8195  
 Shane Crotts.....316-6364  
 Jason Jennings.....801-3260  
 Randy Wall ..... 316-9255

## TO SERVE

Scripture.....David Clayton  
 A.M. Prayer.....Roger Clayton  
 Closing Prayer. ..Martin Crotts  
 P.M. Prayer.....Greg Harrison  
 Closing .....Greg Clayton  
 Wed. 4/25.....Richard Jennings  
 Wed. 4/25.....Roger Clayton  
 Lock 4/22.....Matt Jennings  
 Usher 4/22.....Shane Crotts

## OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....100  
 Sunday A.M.....126  
 Sunday P.M.....69  
 Wednesday.....71  
 Contribution.....\$3,563.50  
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## PANTRY ITEMS



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## Are You "M.I.A."?

Missing In Action" (M.I.A.). Those are three of the most fearful words that loved ones can hear during war time. "What has happened to him? Is he alright? Has he been captured? Is he injured and alone? Has he been killed? Is it simply an oversight, or a mix-up of some kind?" Fear. Worry. Concern. Panic. Memories. Prayers--constant, crying, pleading prayers!

Perhaps this is how the angels of heaven are affected when you and I are lost, or "missing in action." Since the angels rejoice, and since there is "joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth," is it too much to speculate that there is grave distress among the angelic armies and heavenly hosts when one of us goes astray? We know *"the Holy Spirit of God"* is grieved when we err (Eph. 4:30). Surely, therefore, there is mourning among the holy angels when we wander from our place.

Are you such an one? Have you become a casualty in spiritual warfare? Have you been taken prisoner by the devil to do his will (2 Tim. 2:26)? Have you fallen asleep on duty (Eph. 5:14)? Are you "A.W.O.L." (Absent With Out Leave)? Have you failed to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ (2 Tim. 2:3)? Have you been attracted and distracted by the affairs of this world and neglected your post (2 Tim. 2:4)? If you, as a parent, or as a student, gave as much attention to your roles in those areas as you give to your work in the kingdom of God, what kind of husband or wife or student would you be? Be honest.

We dearly miss those of you who are "M.I.A." We trust that you have not been captured or killed by "your adversary the devil." We hope that you have been away for legitimate and explainable reasons. God knows. However, if you have been idle, if you have been lethargic, indifferent, and apathetic in the vineyard of the Lord, it is past time for you to repent, return, and recover your soul. There is time--indeed, this is that time--for you to reveal yourself when the roll is called. Be no longer among that number that is "missing in action."

~Larry Ray Hafley