

# Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

Sunday, March 1, 2026

The Church  
With a Heart 

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

March 1—7, 2026

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship	11:00 am
Church Council	12:00 pm
Int. Harvest Church	1:30 pm
Praise Team	4:30 pm
Evangelism	6:00 pm

### Mid-Week

FB/YouTube Bible Study

### Wednesday

Bible Study	6:00 pm
Praise Team	7:00 pm

## Stewardship Thought...

**2 Samuel 8:9-11**—“When Tou, king of Hamath heard that David had defeated the entire army of Hadadezer, he sent his son Joram to King David to greet him and congratulate him for his victory in battle over Hadadezer, who had been at war with Tou. Joram brought with him articles of silver and gold and bronze. King David dedicated these articles to the Lord, as he had done with the silver and gold from all the nations he had subdued.”

**David was a careful manager of the things he received. He dedicated the spoils of battle to God. Let us dedicate to God all things He lets us acquire. Our gifts, which support the ministries of our church, can represent our dedication of all things to God.**

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## Worship Service

### TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

### TIME TO GATHER

Opening: Great and Mighty

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sanctuary

**SCRIPTURE: John 3:19**

Lamb of God

### TIME OF GIVING

Offering\*

Heaven Came Down Hymn 438

### TIME IN GOD'S WORD

**Message: The Soil Of The Heart**

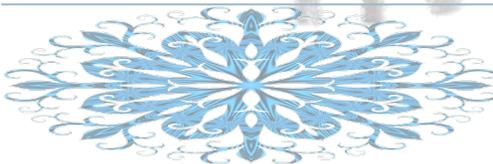
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Bro. Oscar

### CLOSING PRAYER

\*Please place offerings in the wooden box in back of the church.

## March Birthdays

JerriAnn Fernandez	3/13
Jim Morton	3/19
Carla Pohl	3/15
AnnaJo Spotted Bear	3/19
Kristie Teneyuque	3/29
Josie Zuniga	3/10



## Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 1,544.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 327.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERINGS</b>	<b>\$ 1,871.00</b>
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 154.40
<b>Needed This Week for Budget</b>	<b>\$ 675.76</b>

## Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

### Focus on God

Haggai 2:5, “My Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.”

At least he passed, Jess thought, holding the test paper. He'd been helping his son with math, but with house chores and extra work from his boss lately, studying together had been tough. Discouraged, Jess thought of his wife, who'd passed away: Lisa, you'd know what to do. I'm not as good a keeper of the home as you were.

On a bigger scale, such discouragement may well have been what Zerubbabel felt. The governor of Judah had been called by God to lead the Israelites in rebuilding the temple after captivity in Babylon. When they'd laid the foundation, “many . . . who had seen the former temple, wept aloud” (Ezra 3:12). The memory of Solomon's glorious temple lingered again now, as construction of a smaller structure resumed. Ours isn't as good, everyone, including Zerubbabel, must've thought.

“But now be strong, Zerubbabel,” God said, as He did to all involved: “I am with you . . . my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear” (Haggai 2:4-5). Zerubbabel could take heart in God's guiding presence, bound by His covenant with them (v. 5). Also, “The glory of this present house will be greater,” God said (v. 9), pointing to when Jesus Himself would visit the temple (John 2:13-25).

We may feel discouraged in a task God calls us to do, comparing our results with those of another season. Let's focus on His plan for this season, because the work and its purpose are His, not our own.

# Announcements...!

•**Mid-Week Bible Study**—EVERYONE is invited to join Bro. Frank for mid-week Bible study on YouTube any time and at the church on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. This week, the study begins in 2 Chronicles 33.

•**VBS—Coming this Summer**

Theme: Rainforest Falls

Dates: June 22-26

Times: 6:30-8:30

We still need helpers—take a look at the sign-up sheet to find out what spots are still open.

•**Preschool Leaders Needed**—We need members who are willing to watch little ones during our worship service. We also need a leader and assistant to teach preschoolers during Sunday School whenever new families begin coming.

•**Donations Toward Our Church and Various Ministries**—Please consider donating toward our CHURCH BUDGET, WHICH IS OUR MOST CRUCIAL NEED. Some of our ministry needs are Sharing the Load, 2026 VBS, 2nd Floor A/C fund, Together We Build, Children/Preschool fund, Youth fund, Benevolent Ministries, Music Ministry, North American and International missionaries,

J & T, Texans on Mission, Samaritan's Purse, etc. You may place your donations in an offering envelope and write the name of the ministry/organization on a "Special Offering" line (the amount goes on the right). Remember to place your regular tithe on the short line after the words, "Budget Offering." Then place all donations in the offering box in back of the church. Or—you may also send your donations through the mail or Zelle. The church's Zelle address is [gfbcfw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gfbcfw@sbcglobal.net).

•**Church Website**—If you have internet you can go to our website—<https://www.gfbcfw.org>—to find lots of information such as sermon notes, pastor's weekly YouTube messages, Bro. Frank's YouTube Bible studies, giving opportunities, the ability to leave prayer requests and more.

•**Instagram**—Also, please remember to follow our church on Instagram at [@gfbcfw](https://www.instagram.com/gfbcfw) where you can receive inspiration and information!

•**Toiletry Items for the Homeless**—Since the homeless are always in need, please continue to collect travel-size toiletry items, and bring them to Becky at the church.

•**Budget Needs**—Please, prayerfully consider your part in support of our church missions, ministries, utilities, and upkeep. This week we need to pay our SBA loan and janitorial bill. How can you help? Please just pray, trust God and be faithful. God bless you!



## What is the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering?

Even though offerings can be given throughout the year, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) is the primary manner that Southern Baptists fund missions in North America.

## Purpose and Impact

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is the way Southern Baptists fund missions in the United States, Canada, and U.S. territories. 100% of gifts given to AAEO go directly to the field to support more than 3,000 missionary families. These missionaries serve throughout North America, helping with church planting, compassion ministries, evangelism resources, and disciple-making efforts. Contributions have historically transformed lives, healed hurts, and expanded the reach of the gospel.

## Week of Prayer

The official Week of Prayer for North American Missions in 2026 is March 29—April 4, and the offering runs throughout the month of April. During this time, we are encouraged to pray for missionaries, their ministries, and their families, and to give generously to the offering.

## Today's Scripture

**John 3:19**—"This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil."

### The Soil Of The Heart

*Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

#### The Hard Soil

- The hard soil is the picture of a heart where the message of salvation \_\_\_\_\_ take root.
- The cross is nothing but \_\_\_\_\_ to those with a closed heart.
- \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge without \_\_\_\_\_ transformation is worthless.
- \_\_\_\_\_ soil can also be found within our hearts.
- No heart is beyond \_\_\_\_\_.

#### The Rocky Soil

- The rocky soil warns us of a \_\_\_\_\_ heart, alive for a moment but **withering** in the \_\_\_\_\_ of trials.
- \_\_\_\_\_ faith proves itself over time.
- We are not only to \_\_\_\_\_ the seed, but to \_\_\_\_\_ it, too.

•To live lives worthy of the Gospel, our **obedience** must sink deeper than \_\_\_\_\_.

#### The Thorny Soil

- Some hearts fail because they are crowded with the thorns of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Many will \_\_\_\_\_ the offer of salvation, yet **reject** it because it is **choked out** by the \_\_\_\_\_ of this world and the \_\_\_\_\_ of wealth.
- When people **see Jesus** alive in us, they see a **testimony** far more \_\_\_\_\_ than words alone.
- \_\_\_\_\_ and misplaced \_\_\_\_\_ **suffocate** our **hunger** and **thirst** for God.

#### The Good Soil

•When the seed falls on **good soil**; the harvest is \_\_\_\_\_ than we can ever imagine.x



- As we sow the Good News in this fallen world, it can **feel** \_\_\_\_\_.
- “Always give yourself fully to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord, because you know that your **labor** in the **Lord** is not in \_\_\_\_\_.”  
1 Corinthians 15:58
- Our calling is not to **make** the **seed grow**, but to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ faithfully.

### Conclusion

- Have the **worries** of this life, the **deceitfulness** of wealth, or the **pursuit** of comfort choked out \_\_\_\_\_ in you?
- God can \_\_\_\_\_ the hard ground, \_\_\_\_\_ the rocks, and \_\_\_\_\_ the thorns to make our hearts **soft**, **deep**, and **fruitful** for His **kingdom**.
- \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ to God, and \_\_\_\_\_ will make your life into **good soil** that **bears** much **fruit** for His glory.



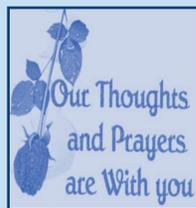
# Remember in Prayer . . .



†Each week, please read through and update our prayer requests. Let us know if we need to keep praying for something or if the prayer has been answered.

## †Please pray for strength and total healing

for 5-yr-old Lexus who is in ICU for kidney and other complications; Kylie from cancer; for health issues for Bill; for Alice to continue healing; for JerriAnn and Carlos who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 cancer; continued healing for Tony from cancer & broken ribs; for Lori-just diagnosed with stage 4 cancer; for healing



for Ben's mother and strength for Ben as he cares for her; healing for Victor from cancer and for Liz's many issues; for Mark H. from cancer; for Lisa from breast cancer as she goes through chemo and for her husband to find a new job; healing for Tonya from traumatic brain injury and surgery; Laura Thompson's vision loss; Frank's hip and back to heal; for Carmon from her fall & hip surgery; for Gwen from pancreatic cancer and for Dale as he

cares for her; for Cliff and Stacey's poor health, and for Sharon as she cares for them; for Kevin to heal from pancreatitis; healing for Herbert, Barbara and Kitty; healing for a growth on Ashlyn's brain; for Paige and Kristie's health issues; healing for Virgie and Rose E; for Oscar A and Robert and Annie, Nora and Doyle; for John's head and memory; for Laura's vision and memory issues; and for Susen's eyes, stomach and feet.

## †Miscellaneous praises and prayer needs—

Please pray for an unspoken request for Becky; for an unspoken prayer for a young couple working through problems; praises and prayers for Paige, Jacob and Stetson; for an unspoken need for Nick; for an unspoken prayer for Donna; for an unspoken need for Tiffany; for an unspoken need for Richard; for Jim and his need; for

family challenges for Daisy; for needs of the Polk/Flores family and their needs for God's guidance; for Paige and Brian, Carla and Tony as they continue to care for Dakota's type 1 diabetes; for Jourdeah's best interest in her family and for unity in the Maroney family; for Chris and his little girl—Amiyah, and for their unspoken needs; for Ryan and his unspoken needs; for Genna, Nick and RJ's needs; and for Shannon and Allison's relationship.

## †Pray for the Children—

Please pray for the children and youth in our church and for those who will come to our VBS; and for teachers and staff who are leading them in all areas of their lives.

†Pray for our church—for our pastors and their families; for REVIVAL among our members; for a preschool teacher to come

# Prayer Works!

## Prayer Requests & Announcements

You may email new prayer needs, announcements, edits and deletions to [gfbcfw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gfbcfw@sbcglobal.net) or enter them on the website by Tuesday at noon, 12:00 pm. You may also text your prayer requests to 817-937-5974.

# Remember in Prayer . . .



forward; and for a miracle involving the demolition of the south building.

## †**International Harvest Church and Ministries**—

Please continue to pray for the International Harvest Church and Ministries as they worship and praise God in the GFBC facilities. Pray for the missionaries they are supporting in Myanmar.

## †**Pray for wisdom, peace and protection in our nation**—

for state and North American missionaries; for Texans on Mission and Samaritan's Purse and their work; for first responders and those who have suffered loss from various disasters; for the homeless,

refugees and those suffering from hunger in our nation; for churches that are struggling; for wisdom for our political leaders, including our president, VP, governors, senators and congressmen.

## †**Pray for the Nations**—

for Samaritan's Purse as they minister to hurting people around the world; for our International missionaries; for J and T as they minister to Afghan refugees; for a peace agreement in Israel; for the situation in Ukraine to be resolved; for Burmese Christians in Myanmar; and for other Christians, missionaries and refugees who are suffering

from persecution in the Middle East, Taiwan, N. Korea, India, Africa, Viet Nam, China, Russia, Turkey, etc. Pray for the OCC shoeboxes and for the children who received them.

