

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart 

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

April 12—18, 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	6:30 pm

Mid-Week

FB/YouTube Bible Study

Wednesday

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

Stewardship Thought...

Acts 3:2,6—“Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts..... Then Peter said, ‘Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.’”

Imagine having the ability to help someone so dramatically. In reality we do have such ability. When we share the gospel of Christ and give so that others can devote more time to witnessing, people receive the new life which replaces spiritual death.

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Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

When I Look Into Your Holiness

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speak to My Heart

SCRIPTURE: Joel 1:15

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
Hymn 279

TIME OF GIVING

Stewardship thought, AAEO Movie & Offering*

Revive Us Again Hymn 469

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: The Contemporary Day of the Lord Joel 1:1-20 Bro. Oscar

CLOSING PRAYER

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

April Birthdays

Paige Godwin	4/23
Lisa Maroney	4/18
Becky Pruitt	4/30
Aaliyah Smith	4/06

Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 2,215.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 821.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 3,036.00
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 221.50
Needed This Week for Budget	\$ 1,459.17

Faithful Stewards

1 Corinthians 4:2, “It is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.”

In March 2024, a US aerospace corporation failed a safety audit conducted by the Federal Aviation Administration. The audit came on the heels of multiple safety incidents, including a flight that had experienced a dangerous drop in cabin pressure when a door-plug panel on the jet had torn away. A spokesman for the company acknowledged that the failures were due to instructions for employees being difficult to understand and altered too often, resulting in them not faithfully adhering to approved procedures.

Paul told the church at Corinth that they should view him and other leaders as faithful and approved “servants of Christ” and declared that he’d been “entrusted” with being a steward for God (1 Corinthians 4:1-2). Stewards in Paul’s day were entrusted with overseeing the management and distribution of household resources. Above everything else, a fundamental requirement for those given these responsibilities was faithfulness. Paul labeled himself as a steward who “[worked] hard with [his] own hands” to live out his responsibilities (v. 12)—carefully using what God had given him, especially the wisdom He’d been given and the mysteries of the gospel (vv. 1-2).

As Jesus provides, let’s strive to be faithful stewards, adhering to His approved and flawless standard in our spiritual practices, work duties, and personal relationships.

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 is in 2 Chronicles 35:26-36:10.

•**T-Shirt Deadline—Today!**

•**Next Important Dates:** Mother's Day, May 10th! Did you know that Mother's Day is always on the second Sunday in May, and did you know that Father's Day is always on the third Sunday in June, i.e., June 21? So, what is the next important June date on the church calendar?

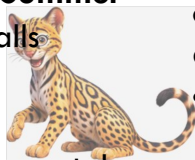
•**VBS—Coming this Summer**

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 open.



•**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.

•**Donations Toward Our Church and Various Ministries**—Please consider donating toward some of our ministry needs such as Sharing the Load, 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, and Samaritan's Purse. And please remember our CHURCH BUDGET, WHICH IS OUR MOST CRUCIAL NEED.

—When you place your donations in the offering envelope, remember to put your regular tithe on the short line after the words, "Budget Offering." Then write the name of each ministry/organization on a "Special Offering" line (the amount goes on the right). Place all donations in the offering box in back of the church. Or—you may send your donations through the mail or Zelle. The church's Zelle address is 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!

•**Budget Needs**—Please, prayerfully consider your part in support of our church missions, ministries, utilities, and upkeep. This week we need to pay our AT&T, Gas, Pest Control, ADT, Copier, and LifeWay bills. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful. God bless you!



The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® (AAEO) for North American Missions runs throughout the month of April. Please pray for missionaries, their ministries, and their families and give generously to the offering. Remember that 100% of our gifts given to the AAEO go directly to the mission field.

Together, we have given \$630.00 so far. Can we double this amount? Can we meet and beat last year's total of \$2,286.00? Wow!

Remember, every penny of this offering helps missionaries to tell people about Jesus in the U.S., its territories, and Canada. This offering supports more than 3,000 missionary families as they minister through church planting, compassion ministries, evangelism resources, and disciple making efforts. Contributions have historically transformed lives, healed hurts, and expanded the reach of the gospel to the masses.



Today's Scripture

Joel 1:15—"Alas for that day! For the day of the Lord is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty."

The Contemporary Day of the Lord *Joel 1:1-20*

The Call to the Prophet

- We **must pay attention** to what God is saying to us through _____ - _____.
- We know nothing about Joel, except what we learn about him in his _____.
- Joel was perhaps the earliest of the Old Testament's _____ prophets.
- Joel probably did not give us many details about himself in order to keep his reader's attention focused on his _____ and _____ on himself.

The Severity of the Devastation

- Joel began his prophesy by addressing the _____ first.
- The elders could affirm that the na-

- tion faced a _____ of monumental proportions.
- Joel described four different kinds of _____.
 - The **devastation** caused by the locusts was extremely _____; everything was _____.

The Sorrow of the Devastation

- Joel did not _____ the severity of the devastation.
- Wanting the people to understand the **full severity** of the devastation, Joel called on various groups in the land to _____.
- The locusts had killed everything that would have enabled the nation to bring their _____ to the Lord.
- Joel wanted the people to understand what God was saying to them through that _____ - _____.



The Call to the Ministers

- Joel focused on reaching the ministers to get them to recognize the **need of the people** to _____.
- The reason for _____ was because the worship of God was **affected by the disaster**.
- Joel issued a call to ministers to **lead in** _____.
- The people in Joel's day experienced a **contemporary** _____ of the _____.
- Joel himself was not outside of the Lord's _____ and _____.

Conclusion

- We must turn to God in total _____ upon **Him**.
- When we _____ **tragedies** like the locust plague, 9/11, an accident, a cancer diagnosis,

- etc., we are **asking** the _____ question.
- We should be asking, "Why have these disasters _____ on **us**?"
- Our problem is that we so easily **forget** how _____ we are.



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 Gennacie and Celeste who are having birth complications; for Kylie from cancer; for health issues for Bill and Alice; for continued healing for Tony from cancer & broken ribs; for 5-yr-old Lexus for kidney and other complications; for Carlie's surgery to go well and for quick healing; for Amy's cancer surgery and quick healing; for Lori who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer; healing for Victor from cancer and for Liz's many issues; for Mark H. from cancer; for Lisa's upcoming surgery and healing 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 illnesses and hip repair; 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, 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 comfort for JerriAnn in the loss of her husband, Carlos; for an unspoken request for Becky; 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 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 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**— pray for our pastors and their families; for REVIVAL among our members; for a preschool teacher to come forward; and for a miracle involving the demolition of the south building.

Prayer Works!

Prayer Requests & Announcements

You may email new prayer needs, announcements, edits and deletions to 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 . . .



†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 works; for first responders and those who have suffered loss from various disasters; for 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. Especially be in prayer for our president to make wise decisions when it comes to other nations; pray for our nation during the mid-term elections and for wisdom for us



this fall in choosing the right leaders.

†Pray for Peace Among 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

are ministering in different areas during their furlough; for a peace agreement in Israel and the Middle East; 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.

"The word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword."
— Hebrews 4:12

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." — St. Augustine, *Confessions*

Jesus, we pray that through VBS, kids in our community will grow in their relationship with you. We ask that you begin to break down any walls that might be preventing their young hearts from receiving your love. We ask that the truth of who you are sink deep into their hearts. Let them leave knowing who you are and the overwhelming, joyful love you have for each and every one of them. May the impact of VBS last a lifetime.

