

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart 

Sunday, May 31, 2026

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

May 31—June 6, 2026

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship	11:00 am
Graduation Reception	12:30 pm
Int. Harvest Church	1:30 pm
Int. Harvest Celebration	4:30—7:00

Mid-Week

FB/YouTube Bible Study

Wednesday

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

Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

To God Be the Glory Hymn 4

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spirit of the Living God Hymn 244

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 4:12

Word of God Across the Ages Hymn 262

TIME OF GIVING

Stewardship Thought

Offering*

Wonderful Words of Life Hymn 261

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: The Power of the Word

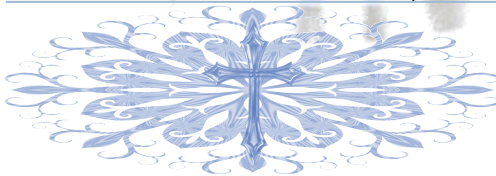
2 Corinthians 3:18 Bro. Oscar

CLOSING PRAYER

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

May Birthdays

Annie Hayes	5/10
Zara Leonard	5/23
Oscar Pruitt	5/22
Frank Rike	5/19



Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 542.67
Designated Offerings	\$ 3.50
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 546.17
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 54.27
Needed This Week for Budget	\$ 736.87

Follow God's Way

Haggai 1:5, "The Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways."

Ken avoided the migrant workers in his building. Their habits and way of life, so different from his, annoyed him. One day, however, while Ken was praying, a thought pierced him: *They've been your neighbors for years, yet not once have you shared the gospel with them. Think carefully about your attitude towards them.*

Scripture tells us of when God confronted the Israelites with a similar warning: "Give careful thought to your ways" (Haggai 1:7). After their captivity in Babylon, His people returned to Jerusalem, tasked to rebuild the temple. God had "moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia" (Ezra 1:1) to order the construction and provide funds (vv. 2-4). But after the people laid the foundation, opposition grew (4:1-5), so they neglected the project for fourteen years.

Through the prophet Haggai, God told them, "Give careful thought to your ways. . . . My house . . . remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house" (Haggai 1:7, 9). God was saying, "Think carefully about how you're living. Are you doing what I want you to do?"

God disciplined His people (vv. 5-11), but when they resumed construction, He encouraged them, "I am with you Do not fear" (2:4-5). And the temple was completed in less than five years.

In what area of life do we need to "give careful thought to [our] ways"? Let's ask God to show us and help us follow His correction.

Stewardship Thought...

1 Corinthians 12:26-27—"If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

Paul speaks of the contribution needed from each member of the church. As a member grows, other members are encouraged to grow. The same is true with giving: one member who grows in giving is an example for others.

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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 will begin in 1 Thessalonians 5:1.

•**Graduation Reception for Analyssa Ramirez**—Today, we will honor Analyssa with a reception in the fellowship room right after church. Please plan to stay a few minutes and help celebrate with us. Analyssa graduated this past Tuesday from Polytechnic.

•**VBS—Coming Soon**—

Theme: Rainforest Falls

Dates: June 22-26

Times: 6:30-8:30

We still need helpers—take a look at the **highlighted yellow areas** on the sign-up sheets to find out what spots are open.

* VBS Family Day - June 27th



•**Other Upcoming Important Dates:**

VBS Safety Meeting - June 14th

Father's Day - June 21st

250 Birthday of U.S.A.— July 4th

Our U.S.A. Celebration—July 5th

•**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 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 dumpster and backflow inspection bills. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful. God bless you!



After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said "Go and do likewise." That is the mission of Samaritan's Purse—to follow the example of Christ by helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the Gospel.

Dear Friend,

As Ebola spreads in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Samaritan's Purse is airlifting vital-ly needed personal protective equipment and a specialized treatment center to the central African nation. The treatment center is an Emergency Field Hospital uniquely adapted to care for the needs of Ebola patients and protect those treating them.



In addition to supplying equipment and materials, we have a team of doctors, nurses, and medical personnel to help prevent infection and spread of the deadly Ebola virus. The current response will be similar to our 2018 deployment to the same nation in which we treated more than 600 patients.

This recent outbreak in the war-torn northeastern section of the DRC threatens hundreds, even thousands, of lives if not checked. Please pray for our teams as they arrive, and for local missionary doctors and others who are already treating many very sick people.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham
President, Samaritan's Purse

Today's Scripture

Hebrews 4:12—*"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."*

The Power of the Word

*2 Corinthians 3:18, Hebrews 4:12-13
Isaiah 55:10-11, Psalms 119:9-11
Psalms 1:1-3*

God's Word Shapes Us

- God's intention is to _____ us spiritually into the image of Christ.
- The most important way that God is reshaping us is through His _____.
- The Word of God is a _____ and a _____.
- God's Word is carrying out _____ purposes, not _____.
- When we read the Bible, we must be willing to allow God to do what He desires _____.
- We need the _____ to understand and interpret our experiences from God's perspective.

God's Word Is Alive

- _____ is hidden before God, and before His Word.
- God's Word _____ and removes everything in us that is unlike Christ.
- Our tendency is to _____ the Word's action in our lives.
- No matter how deeply embedded _____ may be in our hearts, the

Word of God will find it and cut it out.

- The Word of God is _____, living and active.

God's Word Is Powerful

- The Word of God _____ and _____ us.
- A person who regularly fills their mind and heart with the Scriptures will enjoy _____ health and _____.
- God's Word has the power to open a person's eyes to the _____ of the _____.
- _____ has the power to give themselves sight, or to bring themselves from death to life, that power is contained in His _____.

Conclusion

- Bible reading plan:
 - ♦ Step one: Is it _____?
 - ♦ Step two: _____ the Bible!
- How much should I read? -- As _____ as you have time for.
- What part of the Bible should I read? -- Any _____ you like.
- _____ the _____ and read - Today!



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 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 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 healing from surgery for Lisa and for additional surgeries she will need; 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; blessings for Gennacie, Nick, RJ and Celeste; 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; 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 VBS, the leaders and children; 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 gfbf-fw@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. Bless them as they continue for many years. 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 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 in the U.S. and 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.

"If Jesus Christ didn't abandon you in His darkness, the ultimate darkness, why would He abandon you now, in yours?"

— Tim Keller

"Faith grows strongest when it leans on God's promises."

—Anonymous

Please Pray for VBS

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.

