

# Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

June 8—14, 2025

Sunday School 9:45 am

Worship Service 11:00 am

VBS Safety Meeting 12:15 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

Coming Very Soon:



Online registration is OPEN—NOW!

## Stewardship Thought...

**Genesis 14:17-20**—“Abram returned from defeating Kedor-laoomer and the kings allied with him,...Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, and he blessed Abram,...Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.”

When we experience victory in our lives, the natural response is gratitude to God. Just as Abraham gave tithes to the priest, Melchizedek, out of gratitude for victory in battle, we give in gratitude to God.

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## Worship Service

### TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

### TIME TO GATHER

Praise Him! Praise Him! Hymn 227

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me Hymn 342

**SCRIPTURE: James 1:13**

Freely, Freely Hymn 273

### TIME OF GIVING

Offering\*

Lord, Here Am I Hymn 486

My God Is Powerful VBS Song

### TIME IN GOD'S WORD

**Message: God Never Tempts**

James 1:12-18

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### CLOSING PRAYER

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

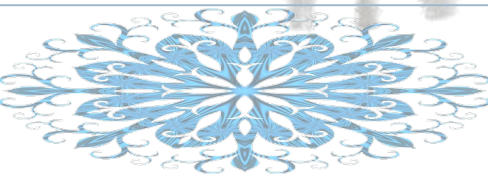
## June Birthdays

Herbert Jackson 6/15

Tina Koellmann 6/05

Analysa Ramirez 6/19

Dale Robertson 6/05



## Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget \$ 1,297.00

Designated Offerings \$ 1,010.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS \$ 2,307.00

10% Taken out for Missions \$ 129.70

**Needed This Week for Budget \$ 589.65**

## Go and Tell

2 Timothy 1:8, “Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord . . . Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel.”

Elliot is passionate about telling others about Jesus. During a week spent teaching from 2 Timothy for church leaders in a South Asian country, he reminded them of Paul's farewell to Timothy. He urged them not to be ashamed of the good news but instead to embrace suffering and persecution for the gospel's sake as did Paul (1:8-9). A few days later, Elliot learned that evangelism and Christian conversion had been banned in that country. With deep concern for their welfare, he prayed for these leaders to persevere and to boldly and with urgency continue to proclaim the gospel.

Paul understood the danger inherent in proclaiming the good news. He spent time in prison (vv. 8, 16) and had suffered in many other ways because of his teaching (vv. 11-12)—including being beaten, whipped, and stoned (see 2 Corinthians 11:23-29). But nothing kept Paul from telling others about Jesus. His philosophy? “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain” (Philippians 1:21). He lived to tell others about Christ, but he knew that if he died, he would be with Jesus. Paul reminded Timothy that the Holy Spirit would empower him (2 Timothy 1:7).

God calls all of us who believe, wherever we are—at home or abroad—to tell others about Jesus.

# Announcements...

## •Mid-Week Activities—Bible

**Study**—EVERYONE is invited to join us for mid-week Bible studies on YouTube prior to Wednesday and at church on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. This week our study will begin in 1 Chronicles 2 .

## •VBS Will Be Here Soon!—YAY!



VBS is hopping nearer! Today, Becky will lead the Safety Meeting in the fellowship room. Remember, lunch is included. Our actual VBS dates are June 23 through 27. Our Family Activities Day will be Saturday, the 28th and VBS Sunday will be on the 29th. Registration is open on the website, and remember our **VBS is FREE!**

## •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 our 2025 VBS, Operation Christmas Child (OCC), Children/Preschool fund, Youth fund, Sharing the Load, new A/C fund, Together We Build, Benevolent Ministries, Music Ministry, North American and IM-B/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 Zelle. The church's Zelle address is [gfbcfw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gfbcfw@sbcglobal.net). Please do not make donations through PayPal.

•**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, VBS registration, 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 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 AT&T, gas, and pest control bills. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful.

Whether serving locally or on the other side of the world, there's an opportunity for you to share God's love. Is He calling you to work on a Feeding Team or on a Builders Project or on one of the following opportunities?

## UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

### Water Impact: Peru—

June 25-Aug. 1



Be part of a six-person team to drill a well in the Andes Mountains and share the Gospel with children. You'll provide clean water while sharing about the Living Water that is Christ.

### Water Impact: Ugan-

da—Aug. 11-21



Experience Texans on Mission's life-changing water impact ministry in Uganda, including well drilling, youth outreach and hygiene training. You'll never forget how God is transforming Uganda.

### Israel: Feeding Training

Ongoing throughout 2025



Serve where Jesus walked. Become part of the Texans on Mission feeding team in Israel. Learn how to feed Kosher, experience the culture and see some of the sites in Israel.

To be Continued



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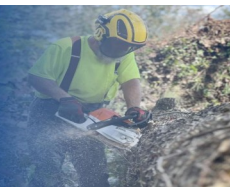
As you learned last week through Texans on Mission (TXM), we have opportunities for you to live on mission with Christ in 2025. You can serve God by:

- Meeting needs in His name
- Sharing the Gospel
- Building up the body of Christ

## Today's Scripture

**James 1:13**—"When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone."

LIVE ON  
MISSION  
WITH  
CHRIST  
in 2025



## Operation Christmas Child

Grace Fellowship still needs your help to collect enough funds to pack and send boxes for 100 children.

Please pray about giving to this year's OCC.



**God Never Tempts***James 1:12-18***Temptation**

- Temptation does not come from God.
- Failure is not an option in God's kingdom.
- We are all tempted.
- Sin leads to death.
- The death James is talking about refers to being separated from God.

**Combat Temptation**

- We must guard what we allow to flow into our hearts and minds.
- We must know God's Word.
- We must put on God's armor as we get dressed every day.
- No one is immune to temptation.
- God is faithful and He will not let us be tempted beyond our ability to withstand temptation.

**God's Gift**

- Sin will deceive you, but God never will.
- Satan wants to give us a cheap substitute so we will miss out on God's blessings.
- God is ALWAYS giving, ALWAYS truthful, and ALWAYS All-powerful.
- When God blesses you there are no strings attached.
- God has made us new and has offered us only the best of the best.

**Conclusion**

- Through God's Word we find life renewal, new birth, and a new hope.
- Through God's love for us we have become the first fruits of all creation.
- God has made us new and offered us the best of the best—Jesus Christ.





# 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 continued strength and healing for Alice from hip replacement surgery; for health issues for Bill and for his concern for Alice; for continued healing for Tony from cancer & surgery; for Mark H. from cancer; for wisdom for Amy and healing from breast cancer; for healing for Tonya from neurological issues and loss of mobility; for Frank's hip to heal; for Cliff Denney's health; for Kevin to heal from pancreatitis; for healing for Herbert, Barbara and Kitty; for healing for a growth on Ashlyn's brain; for Paige and Kristie's health issues; for healing for Virgie as well as Rose E; healing for Carmon; for Oscar A; for Robert and Annie, Nora and Doyle; for John's head and memory; for Donna's vein procedures to heal quickly; for Laura's vision and memory issues; for Susen's eyes & feet; and for Susen's niece, Stacey.

†Miscellaneous praises and prayer needs—Please pray for an unspoken request for Becky; for David's unspoken requests; praises and prayers for Paige, Jacob and Stetson; for an unspoken need for Nick; for an un-

spoken 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, their needs for God's guidance, and for Andrew's daughter; for Paige and Brian, Carla and Tony as they continue to learn how 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 family needs; and for Shannon and Allison's relationship.

†Pray for the Children— Continue praying for children, youth and teachers now and throughout next year.

†Pray for our church—for our pastors and their families; for REVIVAL among our members; for our ministries, financial needs, 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.

†Pray for wisdom, peace and protection in our nation—for North American missionaries; for Texans on Mission and their ministries, especially in Texas, Okla-

homa, Missouri and Pittsburgh; for first responders and those who have suffered loss from

various disasters; for thousands who have lost homes; 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; for our government officials to pass wise laws.

†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 the peace agreement in Israel; for the situation in Ukraine to be resolved; for Burmese Christians who have been affected by the earthquake in Myanmar; and for other Christians, missionaries and refugees who are suffering from persecution in Taiwan, N. Korea, India, Africa, Viet Nam, China, Russia, Turkey and others.



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## Prayer Works!

### Prayer Requests & Announcements

You may email new prayer needs, announcements, edits and deletions to [gfbf-fw@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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.

Pray  
for  
Health