

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart

Sunday, July 6, 2025

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

July 6—12, 2025

Sunday School 9:45 am

Worship Service 11:00 am

Int. Harvest Church 1:30 pm

Evangelism 6:00 pm

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

Let Freedom Ring

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymn 59

SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 2:1

Hymn 139

TIME OF GIVING

Offering*

Magnify Jesus

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: Learning to Finish Well

2 Timothy 2:1-7

Bro. Oscar

CLOSING PRAYER

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

From Glory to Glory

2 Corinthians 3:18, "We . . . are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory."

Living in a coastal town, Valerie loved warm weather, wildlife photography, and being in the water. Above all, she loved watching the sunrise over the ocean. Every morning, she woke up before dawn to catch a view of the water. Val estimated that despite cloudy weather or travel, she still managed to see more than three hundred waterfront sunrises each year. She never tired of watching them. In her eyes, the sunrise held a glory she didn't want to miss.

In Exodus 34, we read about Moses' radiant face literally reflecting his glorious encounter with "the Lord" (vv. 29-35). Paul said that since Jesus came, there's an even more glorious ministry than what Moses experienced (2 Corinthians 3:7-8). It's the ministry of the Spirit, which brings righteousness (vv. 8-9). God's plan of salvation has permanent glory, surpassing anything that came before (v. 10), and we get to participate in it. The apostle said, "We all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory" (v. 18). That ever-increasing glory is not dependent on how well we perform but on the Holy Spirit. We, like the clouds at sunrise, just reflect a little more and a little better each day the glorious work that He's doing.

Stewardship Thought...

Galatians 5:1—"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

The Declaration of Independence asserted our national freedom. Freedom from the temptation to be selfish is won by choosing to be generous in giving.

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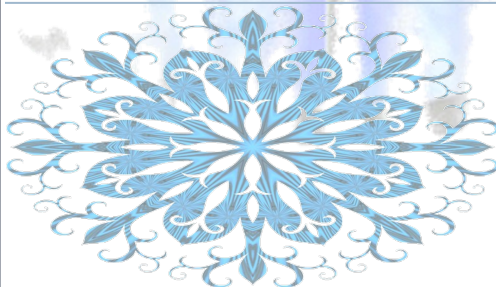
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July Birthday

David White

7/12



Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget \$ 670.00

Designated Offerings \$ 405.87

TOTAL OFFERINGS \$ 1,075.87

10% Taken out for Missions \$ 67.00

Needed This Week for Budget \$1,182.80

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 2 Chronicles 3.

•**VBS Follow-up**—Attention VBS Leaders: We will drop off goody bags to each one of our VBS attendees on Sunday, July 13th right after the worship service. After that all of our volunteers will be treated to a delicious lunch to say “thank you” for all you did.

•**Discipleship Class**—for everyone who made a decision for Christ. This will be a 4-week class to learn what their decision means and what they need to do next. The class will begin on Saturday, July 19th at 4:00pm.

•**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 Operation Christmas Child (OCC), Children/Preschool fund, Youth fund, Sharing the Load, our 2026 VBS, 2nd Floor 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. 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, 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!

•**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 water, pest control, and SBA loan bills. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful.

Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham. Samaritan's Purse currently works in more than 100 countries to provide aid to victims of war, disease, disaster, poverty and famine.

The Samaritan's Purse project, OCC, collects shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

Since 1993, OCC, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 232 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

Delivered into the hands of children through local churches in their area, every shoebox gift is an opportunity to share about Jesus Christ and God's love. Since 2009 over 46 million shoebox recipients have participated in their 12-lesson discipleship course, The Greatest Journey. More than 23 million boys and girls have made decisions for Christ.

Today's Scripture

2 Timothy 2:1—“You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”



Remember, Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by

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.



Learning to Finish Well

2 Timothy 2:1-7, Philippians 3:3-4,
Philippians 3:5-10

Be Rooted In Christ's Grace

- Paul knows Timothy is facing plenty of challenging circumstances and people.
- You do not have to find your security and strength in proving anything.
- When we wake up each day and try to prove our own merit, we will be depending on something that we can never fulfill.
- God has already provided, so if we choose to find our confidence in the grace of Christ then we have a source of strength that no person or circumstance can take away.

Invest In Others

- At the end of our earthly lives, it will not be our possessions that matter; it will be the difference we made in other people's lives.
- Paul understood that lives are natural networks with families and friends.
- Paul understood the exponential power of one.
- Paul urges us to pass on what we learn in any way we might share it.
- The average person influences 10,000 people throughout their lifetime.

Accept What Is Required To Fulfill What Matters Most

- Paul doesn't want Timothy to suffer but be accepting of what is required to fulfill what matters most.
- We should embrace that which we are now part of, an eternal kingdom.
- It is worth embracing the rules so that what we achieve is legitimate.
- God calls us to work the field of our own lives.

Conclusion

- Paul says, "I am now chained like a criminal, but God's Word is not chained."
- They may chain the messenger or even kill the messenger, but they cannot stop the Gospel message.
- Paul was killed within weeks, silenced, by the empire to end all empires, and here we are 2,000 years later gathering around the Gospel he shared.
- God is unstoppable!



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 healing** for Carmon from her fall & hip surgery; for Alice to heal from hip surgery; for health issues for Bill and for his concern for Alice; for continued healing for Frankie; for continued healing for Tony from cancer & surgery; for Mark H. from cancer; healing for Amy from breast cancer surgery; 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 unspo-

ken 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, 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**—Please pray for the children and youth who came to our VBS; for our upcoming discipleship class; and for teachers and staff who are preparing for the 2025/26 school 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, Oklahoma, 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.



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.