

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

Sunday, July 12, 2026

The Church
With a Heart

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

July 12—18, 2026

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship	11:00 am
VBS Follow-up	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

Stewardship Thought...

Acts 4:34-35—"There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need."

Giving was a vital part of the early Christian's life. It is reported in Acts 2 & 4 that some gave all they possessed. Giving must be important to believers today. Is giving important to you? Are you giving what God wants you to give?

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Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

Opening Hymn: Create In Me

Bro. Bill & Praise Team

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Whiter Than Snow

Hymn 325

SCRIPTURE: Hosea 12:6

Change My Heart, O God

TIME OF GIVING

Stewardship Thought & Offering

When I Look Into Your Holiness

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: I Will Buy Thee Back

Hosea 12:6

Bro. Oscar

CLOSING PRAYER

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

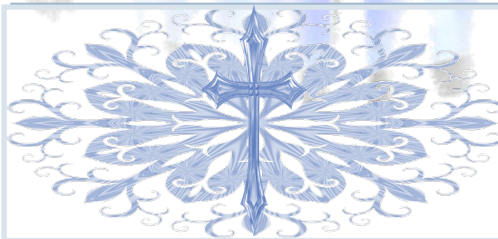
July Birthdays

Craig Ezell

7/22

Eddie Venious

7/26



Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget \$1,265.00

Designated Offerings \$ 520.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS \$1,785.00

10% Taken out for Missions \$ 126.50

Needed This Week for Budget \$ 970.79

Thriving in God's Presence

2 Samuel 6:14, "David was dancing before the Lord with all his might."

Zoologists describe what they call "turtle dancing"—the charming behavior of loggerhead turtles when they are in the presence of food. The turtles tilt their bodies vertically, open their mouths, clap their front flippers, and spin around in the water. But research has shown that radio-wave interference can disrupt the turtle's internal "GPS." It confuses their navigation, distracts them from their food source, and, sadly, stops their dancing.

The Bible tells of a time when David danced. The ark of the covenant conveyed the very presence of God. At a certain time, the ark was brought to Jerusalem and "David was dancing before the Lord with all his might" (2 Samuel 6:14). But years later, the king became distracted. He sinned with Bathsheba, sending her husband to death in war (11:4, 14-15). Now the child he'd borne with her was dying. In remorse and anguish, David "fasted and spent the nights lying in sackcloth on the ground" (12:16).

Like David, we thrive in the presence of God, but our sin distracts us from Him, and we stop "dancing." How can we find our joy again? By turning from the sin that confuses our connection to God. When we repent, we find hope in Him. David himself writes of God's mercy: "You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy" (Psalm 30:11). God, after all, is the true Lord of the dance.

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 2 Thesalonians 3:5.

•**VBS Follow-up**—Following today's service, we will visit children who attended VBS. We are planning to take gift bags to each child and then meet for lunch to debrief and talk about the VBS theme for 2027.



•**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 a lot 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 building security, pest control, gas, AT&T, copier and LifeWay bills. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful. God bless you!



This morning, Texans on Mission (TXM) volunteers deployed to Louisiana to help with recovery after Tropical Storm Arthur blasted torrential rain that caused flooding and devastation throughout the state. These faithful volunteers heard the call to serve and will be ministering to hundreds of families who desperately need help.

Today, the following teams joined units that deployed at the end of June to help with the initial relief efforts:

- Flood Recovery
- Shower/Laundry
- Volunteer Feeding
- Incident Management
- Electrical
- Electronics
- Asset Protection
- Chaplains

Volunteers will be serving in St. Landry Parish, where the need is great. There are hundreds of homes and families in this area that need assistance.

We expect to be present in Louisiana for several weeks. As always, we will stay until the work is complete however long it takes.

Wherever there is a Texans on Mission volunteer ministering, you are there too. Thank you for living on mission with Christ to bring help, hope and healing.

Every week, our director of disaster relief posts a Bible verse. This verse acts as a reminder of hope or prayer for the week. This week's verse is Isaiah 6:8: "And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'"

Mickey Lenamon
Chief Executive Director



Today's Scripture

Hosea 12:6—"But you must return to your God; maintain love and justice, and wait for your God always."

I Will Buy Thee Back *Hosea 3:1-5***Hosea's Marriage and Family**

- Hosea obeyed God and married Gomer, a woman of _____ - _____ character and loose _____ morals.
- Hosea's first child, a son, was named Jezreel, symbolizing _____ on Israel.
- Hosea's second child, a daughter, was named Lo-Ruhamah which means "_____."
- Hosea's third child, a son, was named Lo-Ammi which means "_____ my _____."

Betrayal

- God asked His prophets to do many _____ in the Old Testament.
- The message that Hosea had to give to the people of God had to do with _____ and _____.
- The entire Book of Hosea is flavored with the language of _____.

_____, _____ - _____, _____ and _____ because God was telling the people they had betrayed Him.

- In the passages in Hosea we find a great sense of _____.

God's Relationship with His People

- Hosea's job as a prophet was to describe the _____ - _____ that Israel had with God.
- The first dispute against the people of God was that there was no _____ to God in the land.
- The second quarrel against the people of God was that there was no steadfast _____ or _____ for God.
- The people loved to do _____ and then ask God for forgiveness and expected Him to _____.

Arrogance

- The people were _____



thinking God would make everything right and they could go about their business.

- The third dispute against the people of God was that there was no _____ of _____ in their land.
- The people of God were not acting like the _____ of _____ in their personal lives.
- God wants consistent _____ - _____ from us.

Conclusion

- Hosea was commanded to buy back his own wife from _____.
- Hosea had to _____ her betrayal and give grace to her _____.
- What happened in the life of Hosea shows us God's _____ and His desire for our _____.
- God has done exactly what Hosea did for Gomer through His _____.



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 Ky-lie 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 Dale; healing for Victor from cancer and



*Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done in earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our bread,
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever. Amen.*

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; for an unspoken need for Nick and for care and protection for his family; praises and prayers for Paige, Jacob and Stetson; blessings for Gennacie, Nick, RJ and Celeste; for an unspoken prayer for Donna; for an unspoken need for

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 came to our VBS; and for teachers and staff who lead 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 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.

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”

—1 Corinthians 12:27

“God doesn't comfort us to make us comfortable, but to make us comforters.”

— paraphrase of 2 Corinthians 1:4

—attributed to Billy Graham

Please Pray for VBS

Jesus, we continue to pray that children in our community will grow in their relationship with You. We pray that You will continue to break down walls that might prevent young hearts from receiving Your love. We ask that the truth of who You will continue to sink deep into their hearts. We pray that they know 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.

