

# Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart

Sunday, July 20, 2025

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

July 20—26, 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

### Saturday

Discipleship for New Christians	4:00 pm
A 4-week class	

## Worship Service

### TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

### TIME TO GATHER

Opening Hymn: Because We Believe

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymn 213

**SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 3:16**

Hymn 260

### TIME OF GIVING

Offering\*

Move Me Again

### TIME IN GOD'S WORD

**Message: How to Align Our Life**

2 Timothy 3:1-4 and 10-17 Bro. Oscar

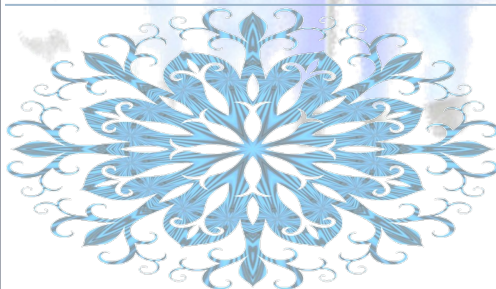
### CLOSING PRAYER

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

## July Birthday

David White

7/12



## Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 1,680.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 336.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 2,016.00
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 168.00
Needed This Week for Budget	\$ 320.00

## Prayer of Desperation

John 11:23, "Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

In 2011, Karey Packard and her daughter were packing boxes for a move to a new home. Suddenly, Karey collapsed, and her heart stopped. Doctors revived Karey, but her condition worsened through the night. Her husband, Craig, was told to call family to say final goodbyes. They prayed what Craig called "a prayer of desperation."

How often have we prayed a prayer of desperation in a crisis? Mary and Martha did. They sent a desperate message to Jesus: their brother Lazarus, "the one you love," was gravely ill (John 11:3). When Christ finally arrived, Lazarus had been dead for four days. Martha, in anguish, said to Jesus: "If you had been here, my brother would not have died" (v. 21). She knew Christ could heal sick people but could not imagine His power to overcome death. Jesus, of course, raised Lazarus, a foreshadowing of His own resurrection weeks later.

Karey had officially flatlined, yet miraculously God brought her back to life. In the stories of both Karey and Lazarus, it's easy to miss the point: God has purposes that we don't know. He neither heals everyone nor brings all dead people back to life. But He gives us a transcending assurance: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die" (v. 25). As believers, whatever happens, we know we'll be with Jesus. Maybe that makes our desperate prayers a little less desperate.

## Stewardship Thought...

**Malachi 3:8**—"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me." "But you ask, 'how do we rob you?'" "In tithes and offerings."

**When God's people sin, giving is often reduced or eliminated. When we deliberately sin, we miss many of God's blessings. Robbing God of tithes and offerings is a sin.**

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# 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.

## •Attention Praise Team Retreats—

We will meet at the Church this coming Saturday, July 26th, to practice fall music.

## •Discipleship Class—

This class is for everyone who has made a decision for Christ. It will be a 4-week class to learn what their decision means and what they need to do next. The class began yesterday and will continue each Saturday at 4:00pm until August 9th.

## •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 IMB/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, 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. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful.

Then we take them to a local drop-off site where they are inspected and trucked to another location before shipping to other countries.

We ask for monetary donations so we can purchase items in bulk quantities. What we purchase is tax exempt, because the church is a 501c3 tax exempt organization.

This year, we are aiming to pack and send 100 boxes to Samaritan's Purse. Susen Pruitt has already purchased several items as our Operation Christmas Child (OCC) funds have permitted. Susen looks for items over the internet, Amazon, Oriental Trading Company, Guildcraft, and even some local places. We appreciate any amount of funds you can donate for the OCC project.

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.

Besides the items we purchase, we need to set aside \$10 per box, i.e., \$1000 for shipping and handling. Why so much? We will discuss that in a future article.

## Today's Scripture

**2 Timothy 3:16**—"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."



If you have been at Grace Fellowship long, you probably know how we purchase gifts each year to pack in shoeboxes to send to children in third world countries.

## 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.



**How to Align Our Life***2 Timothy 3:1-4 and 10-17***How To Align Our Life**

- Each of us has a \_\_\_\_\_ to make.
- We must follow those we know who reflect \_\_\_\_\_.
- Paul's only purpose was to make \_\_\_\_\_ known.
- We live in an age of pseudo \_\_\_\_\_.
- What's true and good is not found by looking only at experts but by those who have \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_, sharing what they know.
- We have lost a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ since we rely on whatever the current culture decides.

**The Scriptures**

- The Scriptures bear \_\_\_\_\_ authority and are the \_\_\_\_\_ from which we should be guided.

- God is able to communicate to finite and flawed humans through the limits of c\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, u\_\_\_\_\_, and l\_\_\_\_\_.
- To trust in the Bible, is to **believe** and **trust** in \_\_\_\_\_ to accommodate human understanding.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ have the power to align our lives to the way they were meant to be.

**Conclusion**

- Of all things on earth, God's \_\_\_\_\_ will last forever.
- Nothing else on earth is able to give us the \_\_\_\_\_ that the **Word of God** can give.
- We should desire and choose to actually do \_\_\_\_\_.
- Regardless, if the world is in a disoriented, devolving state, there is a \_\_\_\_\_, and you can follow it.





# 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 completely 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; 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 Stacey's poor health, and for Sharon as she cares for Cliff and Stacey; 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; and for Susen's eyes and feet.

†Miscellaneous praises and prayer needs—Please pray for Texans on Mission who have been dispatched to the Texas Hill Country; 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 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 minis-



tries, 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 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](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.

