

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

Sunday, August 9, 2026

The Church
With a Heart

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

August 9—15, 2026

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship	11:00 am
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...

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12—
“Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.”

From the beginning, a part of people's stewardship—management of God's world—has involved work. The New Testament champions honest work. From our work we have financial resources to give through our church to support God's work.

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Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

Opening Hymn: Great and Mighty

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mighty Is Our God

SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 6:16b

Hymn 59

TIME OF GIVING

Stewardship Thought & Offering

How Great Is Our God Special

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: Goodness Gracious Great
Chariots of Fire Habakkuk 3:1-19, 2 Kings
6:14-17 **Bro. Oscar**

Closing Prayer

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

August Birthdays

Austin Gonzales	8/31
Robert Hayes	8/11
Noelia Mendoza	8/23
Laura Michelle	8/02
Oscar Pruitt	8/16
Susen Pruitt	8/27

Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 996.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 914.55
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 1,910.55
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 99.60
Needed This Week for Budget	\$ 703.30

Acting on God's Promises

Genesis 50:25, “Joseph... said, “God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place.”

Pieter kisses a framed picture of his elderly parents every night. It's been many years since he was last with them. As a young adult, when he became a follower of Jesus, his family and community pressured him to give up his newfound belief. When he didn't, his parents disowned him. “In the Bible, God promised He'd help His children in difficult times, and I believed Him,” Pieter said. “Choosing to follow Him brought suffering, but He has helped me endure.”

Pieter has the assurance from God that He keeps His word, so Pieter is able to trustingly act on God's promises. We read in Genesis that Joseph, at the end of his life, was also confident in the promises of God. He told his brothers, “I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob” (Genesis 50:24). Joseph was sure that God would keep His promise to take His people to Canaan. So he instructed the Israelites, “You must carry my bones up from [Egypt]” (v. 25).

Four hundred years later, during the exodus from Egypt, “Moses took the bones of Joseph with him” (Exodus 13:19). Eventually, “Joseph's bones, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were buried at Shechem [in Canaan]” (Joshua 24:32).

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 be in Ezra 3.

★**Coming Soon: the Mary Hill Davis Mission Offering for Texas Missions**—For those new to the state missions focus, this annual offering supports over 70 ministries across Texas. 100% of your gifts go directly to supporting Texas Baptists' ministries and missionaries and sustaining the ministry efforts of WMU of Texas. Learn more at iamtexasmissions.org/allocations.

•**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, 2nd Floor A/C fund, VBS, Together We Build, Youth fund, Children/Preschool fund, Music Ministry, J & T, Texans on Mission, North American and International missionaries, and Samaritan's Purse, and Benevo-

lent Ministries. 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 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 bills. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful. God bless you!



Mary Hill Davis Offering® for Texas Missions And the Week of Prayer for Texas Missions

God is moving in powerful ways across Texas, and we are incredibly grateful. This year, the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions calls us to a singular mission: Speak Jesus! Inspired by Christ's words in John 14:6, congregations across Texas will join together during the Week of Prayer for Texas Missions, September 13-20, 2026, to boldly declare the hope of the Gospel.

Missions is what believers do to reach beyond the needs of their congregations to witness and minister for the purpose of fulfilling the Great Commission. WMU of Texas designed the Mary Hill Davis Offering to advance Texas Baptists missions in leading people to know Christ and developing a missional lifestyle.

On September 13-20, 2026, churches and individuals are encouraged to pray, promote and support Texas Baptists ministries and missionaries serving and sharing the Gospel around the state and world. Your gifts to the Mary Hill Davis Offering® equip Texas Baptists to send out both ministries and missionaries, providing opportunities for more people to hear the Gospel and find hope in Christ.

Today's Scripture

2 Kings 6: 16b—"Do not be afraid, for those who are with you are more than those who are with them."

Goodness Gracious Great Chariots of Fire

Habakkuk 3:1-19, 2 Kings 6:14-17

Background of Habakkuk 3

- Habakkuk 3 is a _____ played on stringed instruments with wild passion and rapid changes in rhythm.
- Habakkuk envisions God riding in on a _____ of _____ - _____ conquering and crushing all enemies.
- When chariots occur in connection with God's appearing, we should envision God waging _____ against _____.

God's Presence Is Power

- Habakkuk is singing "_____ - _____ great chariots of fire!"
- Where God shows up in His blaz-

ing chariot it means that God's _____ is power!

- Habakkuk sings that nothing can stand before God because nothing and no one is _____ than _____.
- The blazing chariot is a symbol that God is absolute _____ and there is nothing _____ than Him either visible or invisible.

God's Presence Is Boundless

- David reflects in Psalm 68:17 that God's power and might are _____.
- The chariots of God signal that God is _____ His people and that He brings His _____ - _____ with Him.
- When God's countless, boundless and innumerable _____ show up, they signal the _____ -



_____ of God and His holiness.

- The chariots of God are a symbol of God's absolute _____.

God's Presence Judges

- Isaiah sees God coming in fire and with chariots, bringing His _____ on _____ with Him.
- Two things happen with fire:
 - ⇒ Fire _____
 - ⇒ Fire _____
- God always does _____ in His judgment.
- It is a fearful thing to _____ the judgment of God.

Conclusion

- Elisha _____ and believed what Habakkuk sang about.
- What Elisha believed about God

changed his _____, improved His outlook, formed his _____ and gave him new vision.

- God rides into our lives with His flaming chariot of salvation _____- _____ wherever He goes.
- *"Do not be afraid, for those who are with _____ are more than those who are with _____."*



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 Lisa; 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 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.



*Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on 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.*

†Miscellaneous praises and prayer needs—

Please pray 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 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; for comfort for JerriAnn in the loss of her husband, Carlos; 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 ministers 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.

“Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.”

—Psalm 30:5 and widely attributed to Billy Graham

“The Holy Ghost was not sent to explain suffering. He was sent to carry it with us.”
—anonymous

Please Pray for the Children

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 pray that they will know Who You are as well as the overwhelming love You have for each and every one of them. May the impact of this year's VBS last them a lifetime.

