

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

Sunday, August 30, 2026

The Church
With a Heart

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

August 30—September 6, 2026

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship—Hymn Sunday	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...

Matthew 10:7-8—"As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."

God calls us to be His messengers; preachers, teachers, missionaries and other kinds of servants. In Jesus' teachings, ministry is never separated from financial support. Giving to our church supports the ministries and other missions of our church.

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Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

Prelude: Amazing Grace Hymn 350

TIME TO GATHER

Opening Hymn: I'll Fly Away
Shall We Gather By the River Hymn 518

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Eastern Gate

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 2:21
In the Sweet By and By

TIME OF GIVING

Stewardship Thought & Offering
Because He Lives Hymn 407

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: Causes of Spiritual Apathy
Haggai 1:2-11 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	\$ 380.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 9.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 389.00
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 38.00
Needed This Week for Budget	\$ 702.26

Faithfully Serving Others

2 Timothy 4:5, "*Discharge all the duties of your ministry.*"

On a Thursday, in the church's fellowship hall, sandwiches and watermelon slices were set out, waiting to be consumed by mourners sitting on metal folding chairs placed on stained carpet. It was a perfectly normal funeral, except for the preacher. He was a well-known speaker who has preached to stadiums full of thousands. Now he was speaking just as enthusiastically to this weekday gathering.

Paul told his protégé Timothy, "Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season . . . discharge all the duties of your ministry" (2 Timothy 4:2-5). *All the duties.* Not only the big ones performed on large stages with bright lights. Also ordinary, weekday duties. The speeches that won't be recorded and broadcast for generations to come. The tasks that few will see. Do those well too.

Because someone *is* watching. Paul told Timothy he was serving "in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead" (v. 1). Your platform may be small, but your audience could not be more important. Jesus waits expectantly for your service. Do it for Him, relying on the power of His Spirit. He will be honored as you humbly, faithfully minister to others.

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 Ezra 6:13.

★**Mary Hill Davis Mission Offering for Texas Missions**

The state mission emphasis begins next Sunday and will continue throughout the month. The Week of Prayer will be September 13-20th. For your convenience, we will provide offering envelopes and prayer guides.

•**Sam's Club Membership**—It's the time of year to renew our membership with Sam's Club. The cost is \$55, and each person gets to add one household member. If you would like to be included, please notify Susen by September 6th.

•**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 Benevolent 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 make our dumpster payment and set aside remaining funds for the A/C. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful. God bless you!



Thank you for recognizing and celebrating TXM Day last Sunday.

Texans on Mission disaster relief teams serve after events that make the news, like the Texas Hill Country floods and Hurricane Helene. But we also respond to events most people never hear about—flooding in Waco, a tornado in East Texas, or a storm that devastates a community without making the evening news. About a week ago we deployed Chainsaw, Feeding, Shower/laundry, Chaplain teams and more to serve in Illinois and Indiana.

Whether an event makes headlines or not, people in that community call it a disaster. Most people I know didn't even realize there had been tornadoes in Illinois, but the people living there know. And they're hurting.

That's where we all come in together—not just to meet physical needs, but to bring the hope of Christ to people in some of their hardest moments. Through the work of our teams and the support of people like you, we can clear debris, provide meals, offer practical help, sit with people, pray with them and share the Gospel.

Your gifts and prayers help us send volunteers and resources where they're needed and gives us the opportunity to share the hope of Christ with people in some of their hardest moments.

Thank you for helping us be there.

Mickey Lenamon
Executive Director/CEO



Today's Scripture
Philippians 2:21—"For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ."

The Causes of Spiritual Apathy*Haggai 1:2-11***Self-Centeredness**

- God's people were overcome with a spirit of _____-_____.
- They had little concern for the house of God, because they were too concerned about _____ houses.
- The people put themselves first and God second spawning a spirit of _____ toward God's work.
- Self-centeredness is one of the chief causes of spiritual _____ within the Church today.

Worldly-Mindedness

- _____ paneling was a sign of luxury.

- Cedar wood paneling was evidence of their materialistic, _____-_____ outlook on life.
- The people were so concerned about _____ things that they became increasingly indifferent to _____ things.
- God condemned the people's sinful m_____, w_____, m_____ and self-centered attitude.

Ungratefulness

- The people were _____.
- With the passage of time, the people's sense of g_____ had diminished which was reflected in their lack of c_____-_____ to the work of God.



- The people's sense of g_____ - _____ to God for all that He had done became dull with the passing of the years.
- They became like the Church at _____ of whom it was said '*you have left your first love.*'

Conclusion

- Has our sense of g_____ - _____ to God for what He has done diminished?
- We need to focus on the One who was w_____ for our transgressions and p_____ - _____ for our iniquities.
- _____ gave His all for us.
- We need to focus on this truth until our s_____ a_____ is replaced by a renewed spiritual fervor.



Remember in Prayer . . .

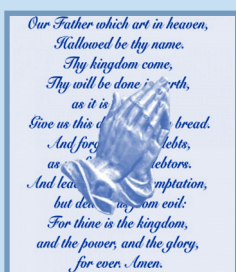


†Each week, please read through and update our prayer requests. Let Susen know if we need to keep praying for something or if the prayer has been answered.

†Please pray for strength and total healing

for Kylie from cancer; for health issues for Bill and Alice; for Lisa's upcoming surgery and for additional surgeries she will need; for continued healing for 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 an unspoken request for Becky; for an unspoken need for Nic and for care and protection for his family; protection for Teresa while she is at sea; praises and prayers for Paige, Jacob and Stetson; blessings for Gennacie, Nick, RJ and healing for Celeste; for an unspoken prayer for Donna; for an unspoken need for Tiffany; for an unspoken need for Richard; for Jim and his



*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.*

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,

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 unity in the Maroney family and for Jourdeah's best interest; 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 to grow.

†Pray for the Children—

Please pray for the children and youth in our church; and for parents, 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 leader 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 (NAMB) missionaries; for Texans on Mission and their works; for Jonny as he speaks with students and prepares messages for revival and other churches; for Taylor who just lost her grandmother and uncle soon after second baby, a boy, was born; for first responders and those who have suffered loss from

various disasters; 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, gover-



nors, senators and congressmen. Especially be in prayer for our president to make wise decisions when it comes to other nations such as Canada; pray for wisdom for us this fall in choosing the right leaders.

†Pray for Peace Among the Nations—for our In-

ternational missionaries; for a peace agreement in Israel and the Middle East; for the situation in Ukraine to be resolved; for Burmese Christians in Myanmar; for the situation between North and South Korea; for Samaritan's Purse as they minister to hurting people in the U.S. and around the world; 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.

There is nothing done in anger that can't be done better without it. When you are angry, ask: What am I afraid of?

—anonymous

"God's grace is the wind beneath our wings."

—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 past year's VBS last them a lifetime.

