

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

Sunday, August 31, 2025

The Church

With a Heart



Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

August 31—September 6, 2025

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	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...

Proverbs 30:8-9 —“Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, ‘Who is the Lord?’ Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.”

Managing well the material things which God provides takes maturity. Our goal should be to maintain balance between too little and too much. Maintaining balance frees us to grow in our giving, and giving helps maintain balance.

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Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

Opening: Glory To His Name Medley
Sweet, Sweet Spirit Hymn 243

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

It Is Well With My Soul Hymn 410

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 55:16

I Surrender All Hymn 275

TIME OF GIVING

Offering*

Healing Rain

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: Daniel 3:16

Daniel 3:14-21

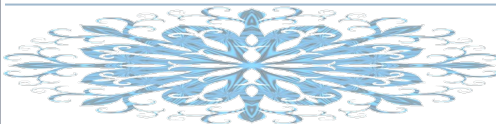
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CLOSING PRAYER

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

August-September Birthday

Austin Gonzales	8/31
Marisela Lopez	9/28
Brenda Maroney	9/11
Gracie Ramirez	9/06



Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 636.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 307.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 943.00
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 63.60
Needed This Week for Budget	\$ 1,779.53

Gates of Paradise

John 10:9, “I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.”

Italian artist Lorenzo Ghiberti (1378–1455) spent years skillfully crafting images of Jesus’ life into the bronze doors of Italy’s Florence Baptistery. These bronze reliefs were so moving that Michelangelo called them the Gates of Paradise.

As an artistic treasure, the doors greet visitors with echoes of the gospel story. It was Jesus who said, “I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved” (John 10:9). On the night before His crucifixion, He told His disciples, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (14:6). Within a few hours Jesus would say to one of the criminals being crucified at His side, “Today you will be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43).

The apostle Peter a few weeks later boldly proclaimed to those who had called for Jesus’ death that “there is no other name under heaven . . . by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). Years later, the apostle Paul wrote that there is only one mediator between God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus (1 Tim. 2:5).

The gates of paradise are found in the Savior who offers everlasting life to all who believe and come to Him. Enter into the joy of His salvation.

**Jesus died in our place
to give us His peace!**

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 11.

•Music & Message in Maypearl

Next Sunday, September 7th, after our regular morning Bible studies, Worship and Church Council, we will eat and travel to Maypearl to help their church celebrate their pastor's anniversary. The travel time is about 45 minutes, and the service will begin at 2:00 pm. We can car-pool together to Maypearl, and we pray that everyone in our church can make the trip.

• I am TEXAS Missions

The Mary Hill Davis State Missions Emphasis and the Week of Prayer for State Missions will begin next month. This offering is a vital fund-raising initiative that supports missions in Texas. It was established to empower state missions efforts and ensure that 100% of the funds collected go directly to missionaries and supporting various missions initiatives across our state.

•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 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 the mail or 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 Becky at 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 electrical, janitorial, loan, and dumpster bills. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful.

of Texas recommended a resolution that the Week of Prayer for State Missions Offering be named the "Mary Hill Davis Offering". The resolution was unanimously adopted and the offering was thus named for the woman who had led Baptist women of Texas to pray for and give to missions efforts in Texas. Today, your gifts to the Mary Hill Davis Offering continue to empower state missions efforts for Texas Baptists.

Understanding that 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, the 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.

While the state missions emphasis will begin on the 1st of September, we will celebrate the week of prayer will run from September 7—14, 2025.

Another Quote from Mrs. Davis:

"If all Texas Baptist women were earnestly a part of the work (missions), the whole earth would feel the impact of their queenly power." - Mary Hill Davis, 1908

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.



Today's Scripture

Psalm 55:16—"As for me, I call to God, and the LORD saves me."

• I am TEXAS Missions

MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING®

WMU of Texas

What Is the Mary Hill Davis Offering®?

In 1935, the Executive Board of the Woman's Missionary Union

Daniel 3:16*Daniel 3:14-:21***They Believed in God's Purpose**

- S _____, M _____ and A _____ knew what they were doing and what they had to do.
- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were _____ of what they were being accused.
- Jesus knew that He would not convince Pilate or the leaders of His _____.
- When Martin Luther took a stand against the Catholic Church and was given a chance to change his mind, he stated "Here I _____; I can do no other. _____ help _____."

They Believed in God's Protection

- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego's _____ in their action was grounded in the fact that they _____ in God's protection.
- God will _____ and keep us.
- We need to be able to say, "The God whom we serve is able to _____ us."

They Believed in God's Plan

- God will _____ us, but if He does not then we must _____ Him.
- God protects His people, but sometimes that does not save us _____.
- There have been more _____ in the last hundred years than there were in the _____ hundred years before.
- We must _____ knows exactly what He is doing.

Conclusion

- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego's belief was _____.
- A blazing _____ was not going to stand in God's way.
- Whether we burn in the trials or whether we do not burn in the trials, God's promise is that _____ for us.
- We know that whatever God chooses to do will be _____.



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 Carmon from her fall & hip surgery; for Alice to continue healing; for health issues for Bill and for his concern for Alice; for healing for Laura Thompson vision loss; for continued healing for Tony; 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 and Stacey's poor health, and for Sharon as she cares for them; 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; for Oscar A; for Robert and Annie, Nora and Doyle; for John's head and memory; for Donna's vein procedures to heal; for Laura's vision and memory issues; and for Susen's eyes, stomach and feet.

†Miscellaneous praises and prayer needs—Please pray for a spirit of love and peace in Cora's family; for an unspoken request for Becky; for Jesse H. as he finds himself, his peace and forgiveness; 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 and their needs for God's guidance; 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 Ryan and his unspoken needs; for Genna, Nick and RJ's needs; and for Shannon and Allison's relationship.

†Pray for the Children—



Please pray for the children and youth in our church and who came to our VBS; and for teachers and staff who are leading them this year.

†Pray for our church—for our pastors and their families; for REVIVAL among our members; for Bro. Victor and Liz Cope as they prepare to lead us in revival; 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 in Myanmar.

†Pray for wisdom, peace and protection in our nation—for state and North American mis-

sionaries; for Texans on Mission and Samaritan's Purse and their work; 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 a 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 the Middle East, Taiwan, N. Korea, India, Africa, Viet Nam, China, Russia, Turkey, etc.



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.