

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

Sunday, October 4, 2026

The Church
With a Heart

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

October 4—10, 2026

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship	11:00 am
Church Council	12:10 pm
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

Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

Opening: Let's Just Praise the Lord

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Have Come Into His House
Hymn 361

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 122:1

I Will Serve Thee

TIME OF GIVING

Stewardship Thought & Offering

With All My Heart

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: I Love Sundays

Genesis 2:1, Mark 2:27, Psalm 122

Bro. Oscar

Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

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

October Birthdays

Mason Fraire	10/08
Zayne Fraire	10/24
Frankie Rike	10/17
Max Rivera	10/29



Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 720.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 648.50
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 1,368.50
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 72.00
Needed This Week for Budget	\$ 842.10

Stewardship Thought...

Matthew 6:19—"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

Material things claim much of our attention and drain much of our emotional energy. Jesus' parables and other teachings help us know how to live and give to ministries in God's world.

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Be Patient

Ephesians 4:2, "*Be patient, bearing with one another in love.*"

Shiro Oguni once visited a group home for adults with dementia. Heartbroken at their isolation from the hum of society, he felt there ought to be a better way. Oguni's creative genius led to what is known as the Restaurant of Mistaken Orders, an actual restaurant with this added twist—all the wait staff struggle with memory loss. Yes, you read that correctly. Every person in that pivotal role, which requires a strong memory, suffers in that exact area. Now, from the usual business perspective, the results were poor—thirty-seven percent of the time, the guests did not receive what they ordered. But those guests also expect such problems, so they understand. After these "surprises," apologies and hearty laughter ensue, and customers leave happy.

Paul writes, "Be patient" (Ephesians 4:2)—and we all know that's so much easier said than done because it involves bearing with each other, a word that can mean everything from "carrying" to "enduring" to "supporting." In other words, effort is involved. Yet if the effort has its source in God's love as opposed to our own strength, the burden is lightened and leads to a light-hearted way of living, full of surprises and apologies and even laughter. It's a way of living where you may not get what you asked for, but you end up getting what we all really want—"a life worthy of the calling you have received" (v. 1).

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 Nehemiah 4.

★ **Mary Hill Davis Mission Offering for Texas Missions**—We were able to give \$925 toward the MHD Texas Missions during this year's emphasis. Remember, if you are so led, you may continue to give to the MHD Mission Offering throughout the year.

•**Revival Prayer Warriors Needed**—Revival days are coming quickly—We're less than two weeks away. We need PRAYER WARRIORS to undergird our revival days as well as Packing Day for our Operation Shoe Boxes, and we'll soon have a prayer list to guide you.

•**Revival Pot Lunch**—On Saturday, 10/17, we will enjoy lunch at the church with Jonny and Taylor and their family. We have a sign-up sheet in back for everyone to bring something.

•**Bible Verses for Boxes**—We also need 50 simple notes with Bible written verses to go into the shoe boxes. We will provide the paper.

•**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, 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 pay our water and dumpster bills and continue collecting the remaining \$3,349.50 to go toward the upstairs A/C. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful. God bless you!



How does our church tithe?

Often in the stewardship part of our service, Bro. Oscar encourages us to give or tithe. From time to time, you hear him explain that "even our church tithes." He has even mentioned that we give to the Cooperative Program.

The Cooperative Program (CP) is the Southern Baptist Convention's (SBC) primary missions-funding mechanism, enabling local churches to pool resources to support state, national, and international ministries. It allows churches to voluntarily contribute a portion of their budget to support a wide array of ministries, including theological education, church planting, evangelism, and humanitarian efforts.

How Does This Work?

- ♦ Individual members of local churches give their tithes or offerings to their church, often around 10% of their income.
- ♦ Each church prayerfully decides what percentage of its undesignated funds will go to the CP. This is typically between 5–10%, though some churches give more.
- ♦ State convention contributions are sent to the affiliated state Baptist convention, which determines how much stays in the state for local missions and how much is forwarded to the SBC for national and international missions.
- ♦ The SBC Executive Committee distributes the funds to various entities, including the International Mission Board, North American Mission Board, six seminaries, the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, and other ministries.
- ♦ Our church gives to the Cooperative Program, Tarrant Baptist Association and Rosemont Benevolence Ministry. We also give to Texans on Mission, Lottie Moon Ministry, Annie Armstrong Ministry, Mary Hill Davis Ministry and to Jonny & Taylor (through the International Mission Board).

Today's Scripture

Psalms 122:1—"I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

I Love Sundays

Genesis 2:1, Mark 2:27, Psalm 122

Importance of Sunday

- Sunday used to be a day of rest and worship.
- Rest and worship are part of God's recipe for success.
- Sunday is God's prescription for surviving a busy and hectic world.
- God created us to require one day in seven to recharge our batteries and recenter our lives.

The Presence of Family

- There is a dynamic that happens when we gather together for corporate worship.
- We, as believers, need one another.
- Corporate worship is important.
- Being a Christian is more than reading your Bible and praying.

The Praise and Precepts of God

- The reason we come to church is to worship God.

- There is a difference between individual worship and corporate worship.
- It is important that we gather together like a family.
- God knows we need each other.

The Prominence of God

- Going to church allows us to use the gifts we have been given.
- David prayed that all nations would be blessed through his family.
- When God wanted to communicate His love and plan of salvation to the world, He did it through a person.
- David sought the peace and prosperity of Jerusalem because he understood it was a witness to the love and mercy of God.

Conclusion

- Corporate worship is important because it is a witness and has an impact on the community.
- The church is God's primary vehicle for the proclamation of the



Gospel.

- Satisfied church members have six things in common:
 - ⇒ They attend regularly.
 - ⇒ They develop friendships
 - ⇒ They have a place they serve.
 - ⇒ They call the church “my church.”
 - ⇒ They give consistently.
 - ⇒ They invite others to their church.



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 Bro. Bill from surgery this past Wednesday; for health issues for Alice; for quick healing for Lisa from surgery and for additional surgeries she will need; for Bro. Dale; for Kylie from cancer; for continued healing for Tony from cancer & broken ribs; for 5-yr-old Lexus for kidney and other complications; for Lori who was diagnosed

*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.*

with stage 4 cancer; healing for Dale from cancer; healing for Victor from cancer and for Liz's many issues; for Mark H. from cancer; healing for Tonya from traumatic brain injury and surgery; Laura Thompson's vision loss; for Frank's hip and back to heal; for Carmon from her illnesses; 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 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 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, Amyah, 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

—Please pray for our ministers and their families, for REVIVAL among our members, for a preschool leader, 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, governors, 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 International 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.

"When we live a life of multiplicity, we both desire intimacy with God and flee from it. We long to be generous, but we also hoard and covet. We sometimes attempt to be servants and sometimes are driven by arrogance and self-serving. Even the apostle Paul faced this struggle: 'I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.'" - **John Orberg**, *The Life You've Always Wanted*

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.

