

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

November 2—8, 2025

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Church Council	12:15 pm
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...

Nehemiah 12:43-44—“And on that day they offered great sacrifices, rejoicing because God had given them great joy. The women and children also rejoiced. The sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away. At that time men were appointed to be in charge of the storerooms for the contributions, firstfruits and tithes. From the fields around the towns they were to bring into the storerooms the portions required by Law for the priests and the Levites, for Judah was pleased with the ministering priests and Levites.”

Nehemiah led the people to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem. The people responded to God's blessings and protection with worship. Among other things, they brought contributions, first fruits, and tithes to express their worship.

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Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trusting Jesus Hymn 47

SCRIPTURE: Psalms 37:9-10

Something Beautiful

TIME OF GIVING

Offering*

Not For a Moment Praise Team

Soloist: Kistie Teneyuque

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: Consider Your Ways

Haggai 1:1-15

Bro. Oscar

CLOSING PRAYER

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

November Birthday

Carson Fraire	11/29
Danielle Hughes	11/09
Shane McCarville	11/11
Nick Ramirez	11/12

Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 785.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 308.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 1,093.00
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 78.50
Needed This Week for Budget	\$1,377.16

What God Will Do

John 16:33, “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

During the Blitz on London on December 29, 1940, a bomb destroyed a warehouse near St. Paul's Cathedral. When Biddy Chambers received the news that all 40,000 copies of Oswald Chambers' books stored there were lost—which she had compiled and edited but not insured—she set down her teacup and remarked to her daughter, “Well, God has used the books for His glory, but now that is over. We'll wait and see what God will do now.”

Perhaps Biddy was remembering what her late husband, Oswald, had written at the start of the First World War. He noted how Jesus had spoken to His disciples about “the inevitability of peril” so that when horrible things happened, they would “not be scared” because He was with them.

Jesus told His friends, “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). He wanted them to remain strong in their faith in His Father so they could withstand the trials and challenges they would endure.

Biddy's quiet confidence in God carried her through, and eventually the books were reprinted and became classics for generations. We too can find encouragement and hope in Jesus' promises that He has overcome the world. We know that He won't leave us (14:18) and will give us peace (v. 27), no matter what we face.

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 we will study in 2 Chronicles 22.

•**Immediate Need For Teacher**—We have a real need for a preschool teacher and a helper. Preschoolers include littles, ages 6 months-4 years.

•**Upcoming Activities—**

***Thanksgiving Turkey Sign-Up**—Now!

***Fall Festival**—11/9, 5:30 pm

***OCC Packing Party**—11/16, 6:00 pm

***Hanging of the Green**—11/22, 10 am

•**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 Sharing the Load, 2026 VBS, 2nd Floor A/C fund, Together We Build, Children/Preschool fund, Youth fund, Benevolent Ministries, Music Ministry, North American and International missionaries, J & T, Texans on Mission, Sa-

maritan'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 SBA loan, electric, water, and dumpster bills. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful.



It's All About Jesus And Bringing Children to Jesus

We are busy sorting a myriad of school/craft supplies, fun toys, and personal care items to stuff in our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes on November 16th. The boxes will be taken to the drop off location the next day. From there, the boxes will go to the processing location and then to hopeful children in foreign countries.

By filling ordinary shoeboxes full of various gifts, you can be part of giving boys and girls



what may be their first gift ever! But that's just the beginning.

Each box will be bursting with items such as balls, markers, glue, spinners, scrunchies, combs, brushes, socks, stuffed animals, that will become a tangible expression of God's love to the child, their family, and their community.

Many, if not most shoebox recipients also participate in a 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program called The Greatest Journey. In many cases, other family members become believers, too.

But the most important ingredient needed for each and every box is your prayers without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17) for the child who will receive each shoebox gift that you pack.



the power of a simple gift

Today's Scripture

Psalms 37:9-10—"Fear the Lord, you his holy people, for those who fear Him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing."

Consider Your Ways

Haggai 1:1-15, Luke 10:41-42, Matthew 6:33-34

Priorities

- The book of Haggai deals with _____.
- The house of the Lord still lay in ruins because of misplaced _____ in their choices.
- The Israelites dishonored God when they put their _____ ahead of the Lord.
- Many people today, in the kingdom of God, are in danger of having God's blessings _____.

Self-Deception

- The people deceived themselves into thinking that serving God and completing the House of the Lord could _____.
- The time is always right to do the _____.
- When we focus so much on what is immediately before us, we can fail to see the _____.

- When **deception** and **misdirection** take root in the *mind* and *heart* it does not take long for selfishness to move in and take over the _____ of our lives.

Selfishness

- The people became _____, convincing themselves that they needed to pursue their own **personal goals** first.
- The people were actually _____ to meet their **own** selfish goals.
- When we dishonor God we lose His _____ and His _____.
- God has the ability to withhold His blessings to the disobedient, but He will always send us _____ to get us to examine our situation.

Turnaround Needed

- When the Spirit stirred up the misguided Israelites, it revealed their _____ in life, causing them to become obedient.



- The stirring of the Spirit helped the Israelites to _____ their lives.
- The nation not only neglected God's _____, but they also neglected their _____ with God.
- The more they had, the more _____- _____ they became because the **one thing** _____ was the **one thing** they _____.

Conclusion

- It is time to rebuild our _____- _____ with God.
- When we _____ working **for** God, His blessings will come again on our efforts, and things will begin to work out.
- God is a God who _____ our _____ with good things.
- Consider **your** _____.



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 Alice to continue healing; for health issues for Bill and for his concern for Alice; for healing for Ben's mother and strength for Ben as he cares for her; healing for Tonya from surgery; Laura Thompson's vision loss; healing for Victor from cancer and for Liz's many issues; continued healing for Tony; for Mark H. from cancer; for Amy to have a good reconstruction surgery and easy recovery; healing for Tonya from neurological issues and loss of mobility; Frank's hip and back to heal; for Carmon from her fall & hip surgery; for Cliff Denney's health 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 and 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 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 a preschool teacher to come forward; 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 missionaries; 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. Pray for the OCC shoeboxes we are getting ready to pack and send and more importantly for the children who will receive them.



PRAY
FOR
PEACE

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.