

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

November 9—15, 2025

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Int. Harvest Church	1:30 pm
Praise Team	4:30 pm
Fall Festival	5:30 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 Hymn: Come, All Christians, Be Committed

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Now I Belong to Jesus Hymn 345

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:2

We Are an Offering

TIME OF GIVING

Offering*

This Is Your House

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: There Will Be Glory After This

Haggai 2:1-5

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	\$ 1,040.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 516.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 1,556.00
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 104.00
Needed This Week for Budget	\$ 731.33

Jesus' Work

Ephesians 4:1, "I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received."

In 1997, Iowa State University named its football stadium after the school's first black athlete: Jack Trice. Tragically, Trice had never even played in Ames, Iowa—he died from internal injuries sustained during a play in his second college game, played in Minneapolis, Minnesota on October 6, 1923.

Trice wrote a note to himself the night before the game, bearing witness to his determination: "The honor of my race, family, and self are at stake. Everyone is expecting me to do big things. I will! My whole body and soul are to be thrown recklessly about on the field tomorrow. Every time the ball is snapped, I will be trying to do more than my part." Trice profoundly understood that what he did flowed from the honor and dignity of who he was, infusing his character with courage.

The apostle Paul says something similar in his letter to the Ephesians, challenging believers to let who they were in Christ influence every decision: "As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received" (Ephesians 4:1). Paul challenges us to embrace a way of living shaped by Jesus' work for us, in us, and through us, which yields humility, gentleness, patience, unity, love, and peace (vv. 2-3) as we use our God-given gifts to serve one another (vv. 15-16).

Stewardship Thought...

Colossians 4:2—"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

We need to be faithful in prayer, alert and grateful as we communicate with God. Approaching God in this spirit, we are more likely to be sensitive to our need and opportunity to give to help others.

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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 23.

•**Preschool Leaders Needed**—We have a real need for a preschool leader and an assistant leader. Preschoolers include littles, ages 6 months-4 years.

•**Upcoming Activities**—

***Thanksgiving Turkey Sign-Up**—Now!

***Fall Festival**—This evening, starting at 5:30 pm

***Praise Team Retreat**—This Saturday, 11/15, 9:00am-12:00pm

***OCC Packing Party**—11/19, 6:00 pm

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

***Thanksgiving**—11/27

•**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 Min-

istry, 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 gas, AT&T, pest control, and building security bills. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful.



It's All About Bringing Children to Jesus

We should finish sorting all the OCC gift supplies that have been purchased so we can stuff them in our shoeboxes on Wednesday, November 19th. Besides packing and shipping the boxes, the most important job we can do is to pray (1 Thessalonians 5:17) that each box will contain the exact best items for the child who receives it.

Once the boxes are packed, they will be taken to a drop off location the next day. From there, the boxes will go to the processing facility located near Dallas. From there the boxes will be taken by truck, air, ship or a combination to various countries around the world.



By coming to the church on Wednesday, the 19th, and filling ordinary shoeboxes full of various gifts, you will be part of giving boys and girls what may be their first gift ever! But that's just the beginning. You will have a part in boys and girls hearing the good news about Jesus Christ for the first time. Each child who receives a box will be invited to participate in a 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program called The Greatest Journey. In many cases, other family members of the children become believers, too.



Today's Scripture

Romans 12:2—"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

There Will Be Glory After This

Haggai 2:1-5, Acts 17:24-28, Romans 10:17,
1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Discouragement

- There was a high level of _____ among the people.
- Many people could remember the former _____ and temple worship with all its beautiful form, rituals, and glory.
- The temple that they were building was only a _____ of its former self.
- God sent word that they must renew their _____.

What You See Makes the Difference

- The most important influence on our lives is our _____.
- The older people were overcome with _____ and discouragement.
- God does not use worldly standards to measure the _____ of His people.
- A renewed mind _____ differently; a re-

newed heart _____ differently.

What You Believe Determines Your Actions

- We must trust in God's _____ and in His _____ to provide every need.
- What we _____ inspires us to take courage, to keep on working and move forward without fear.
- God is everywhere, but He does not always manifest His _____.
- What we believe determines our _____.

We Will Experience The Manifest Glory of God

- If God is with us, _____ is with us, _____ is with us, and nothing can stop us but **ourselves**.
- God fulfilled His promise by sending His _____, Jesus, the real _____ of God.
- We must renew our _____ and _____, for we are a part of God's glorious Church.



•We are not perfect, but we are being _____.

Conclusion

•Though the earthly temple was important, it pointed to something more important, _____.

•We are called to continue to _____, to take _____ and be _____.

•God will send renewal to our minds and hearts as we embrace His _____.

•Our story ends in _____!



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 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 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.