

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

November 15—21, 2026

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship	11:00 am
Int. Harvest Church	1:30 pm
Fall Festival	6:30 pm

Mid-Week

FB/YouTube Bible Study

Wednesday

Bible Study	6:00 pm
OCC Packing Party	7:00 pm
Praise Team	7:15 pm

Saturday

Hanging of the Greens	11:00 am

Stewardship Thought…

Luke 6:38—"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Jesus emphasized the giving nature of Christians. Of the many characteristics which distinguish the new life in Christ, giving is very visible. Giving is a testimony.

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Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

Opening: Oh, The Glory of Your Presence

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

There Is A Savior — Hymn 536

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:31

Purer In Heart, O God — Hymn 492

TIME OF GIVING

Stewardship Thought & Offering*

Grace Greater Than Our Sin — Hymn 329

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: Blinded By Bitterness

Ephesians 4:31 — **Bro. Oscar**

Closing Prayer

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

November Birthdays

Carson Fraire	11/29
Danielle McCarville	11/09
Shane McCarville	11/11
Jered Newman	11/18
Nic Ramirez	11/19
Shanterral Venious	11/12

Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	$ 960.00
Designated Offerings	$ 727.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	$ 1,687.00
10% Taken out for Missions	$ 96.00

Needed This Week for Budget $ 683.24

Devotional Thought From the Pastor…

Praying for Answers

2 Corinthians 12:8, *"Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me."*

When Monica's son Augustine wanted to leave home for a city known for its immorality, she pleaded with God not to let him go. But he went anyway, which greatly grieved his mother, yet it was there that God transformed his life. In his Confessions, Augustine later prayed, "Yet in your deep counsel you heard the central point of her longing . . . [so] that you would make me what she continually prayed for." Augustine not only became a believer in Jesus, but he also became one of the most influential Christian thinkers in history.

Sometimes God doesn't give us what we ask for—giving us instead something of greater worth. Like Monica, the apostle Paul asked God for something he didn't receive. We don't know what Paul's "thorn" in his flesh was, but we know it tormented him, and "three times" he "pleaded with the Lord to take it" from him (2 Corinthians 12:7-8). Yet God responded, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (v. 9). In the end, Paul concluded that he would "boast all the more gladly" about his weaknesses so that he might know more of "Christ's power" (v. 9).

Paul's response shows us the way forward when we're waiting for God's answers, or when they aren't what we expect. Jesus is our hope in all things, and in His strength we have more than we need.

Announcements...

- **Annual Fall Festival**—Join us this evening for food, fun, and fellowship! The festivities will begin at 6:30pm, and the food will be provided. We will have one of the biggest silent auctions ever! You won't want to miss this one.
- **Mid-Week Bible Studies**—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 Nehamiah 10.
- **Operation Christmas Child Packing Party**—At 7:00 pm, this coming Wednesday, November 18 we will meet at the church to pack the shoe boxes. [SEE RELATED ARTICLE IN THE RIGHT COLUMN].
- **Hanging of the Greens**—We have set aside time this Saturday at 11:00 am to decorate the church for Christmas, and we need your help. In return, deliciious snacks will be provided. If everyone comes, the church will look awesome in a short time.
- **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 gfbc-fw@sbcglobal.net.

- **Church Website**—If you have internet you can go to our website—https://www.gfbc-fw.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 building security and copier bills and continue giving toward the remaining $2,999.50 for the upstairs A/C. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful. May God bless you!

Today's Scripture

Ephesians 4:31—"Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice."



OCC Packing Party This Wednesday 7:00 pm

Boxes are here. Gifts are here, And we're preparing for our annual packing party. EVERYONE is invited and encouraged to help pack a box.

By filling ordinary shoeboxes full of toys and other fun items, you can be part of giving boys and girls what may be their first gift ever! Local churches in more than 100 nations hand out these OCC shoebox gifts at festive outreach events where the Gospel is presented in a child-friendly way.

Each box bursting with items such as a soccer ball, stuffed animal, craft supplies, etc. becomes a tangible expression



of God's love to the child, their family, and their community. And many shoebox recipients participate in a 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program, *The Greatest Journey*.

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Blinded By Bitterness

Jonah 3:5-4:11

Why Jonah Was Bitter

- _____ was a nation that showed no mercy to those they attacked.
- _____ Nineveh attacked a city in Israel and butchered people that _____ knew.
- The deadliest of sins known to man is _____.
- Bitterness is deadly because it causes t_____ and d_____ many.

Bitterness

- Bitterness is essentially a "_____" disease.
- Those who are bitter are convinced that they are _____.
- Bitterness is a "religious" disease because those who allow it to take root in their souls take _____'s throne for their _____.
- Bitter people spend their time thinking about what others have _____ to _____.

Consequences of Bitterness

- Being bitter d_____ us and r_____ us of **God's grace**.
- Bitterness and resentment prove we do not _____ _____.
- We should flee from bitterness because we _____ Jesus Christ.
- Jonah failed to represent the _____ he _____.

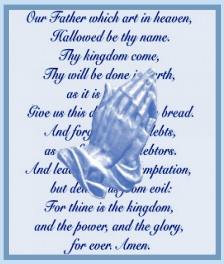
Conclusion

- Matthew 25:40, *"…Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as _____ _____ _____ to one of the least of these My brethren, _____ did it to _____."*

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 and Alice from health issues; for healing for Lisa from surgery and for possible additional surgeries; 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 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, back amd tooth 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; healing and blessings for RoseE; 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 and her children; 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**— 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 gfbc-fw@sbcglobal.net or enter them on the website by Tuesday at noon, 12:00 pm. You may also text your prayer

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 that 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 churches; for Taylor as she works alongside Jonny and cares for S & H; 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, new governors, new senators and congressmen, new judges. Especially be in prayer for our leaders to make wise decisions when it comes to other nations such as Canada,



Russia, China, North and South Korea, etc.; pray for wisdom for Americans in choosing the right leaders to continue leading our nation.

†**Pray for Peace Among the Nations**—for our International (IMB) 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.

"A man who has read a thousand books is armed for life; a man who has read none is easy prey. The man who has read a thousand books has lived a thousand lives. He has seen cities he has never visited, spoken to men who died centuries ago, and walked in worlds that no longer exist. Reading does not merely inform him; it enlarges him. It stretches the boundaries of his own experience until he becomes something more than himself." - **G. K. Chesterton**

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.

