

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

November 23—29, 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

Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

Opening: Doxology Hymn 253

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Medley of Praise

SCRIPTURE: James 1:17

I Will Bless the Lord

TIME OF GIVING

Offering*

We Gather Together Hymn 636

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving

Leviticus 7:11-15

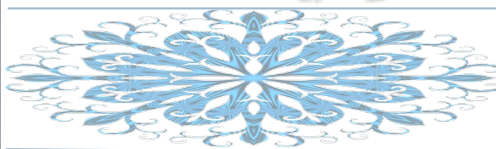
Bro. Oscar

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	\$ 1,580.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 965.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 2,545.00
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 158.00
Needed This Week for Budget	\$ 570.00

Pardoned by God

Micah 7:18, "Who is a God like you, who pardons sin...?"

Around the national Thanksgiving holiday, the US president welcomes two turkeys to the White House before granting them a presidential pardon. Instead of being served as the main dish of the traditional Thanksgiving meal, the turkeys safely live out the rest of their lives on a farm. Although the turkeys can't comprehend the freedom they've been granted, the unusual annual tradition highlights the life-giving power of a pardon.

The prophet Micah understood the significance of a pardon when he wrote a strong warning to the Israelites still in Jerusalem. Similar in form to a legal complaint, Micah recorded God bearing witness against the nation (Micah 1:2) for desiring evil and indulging in greed, dishonesty, and violence (6:10-15).

Despite these rebellious acts, Micah ends with hope rooted in the promise that God doesn't stay angry forever but instead "pardons sin and forgives" (7:18). As the Creator and Judge over all, He can authoritatively declare that He won't hold our actions against us because of His promise to Abraham (v. 20)—ultimately fulfilled in Jesus' death and resurrection.

Being pardoned from all the ways we fail to live up to God's standards is an undeserved gift that brings immense blessings. As we grasp more and more of the benefits of His complete forgiveness, let's respond in praise and gratitude.

Stewardship Thought...

2 Corinthians 9:11—"Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means."

Being thankful to God for all His blessings shapes our lives. Thankful people please God. Giving is the response of a thankful heart, and it produces thanksgiving from people who benefit from our giving.

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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 begin our study in 2 Chronicles 24:1.

•Preschool Leaders Needed

—We need a leader and assistant willing to teach preschoolers during the Sunday School time whenever new families begin coming. We also need people to watch these little ones during our worship service.

•December Activities—

*Youth & Children's Christmas—12/5 at 6pm

*Robertson's Christmas Open House—12/13, from 2-11pm

*Church Christmas at the Pastor's—12/19 at 7pm

*PT Dress Rehearsal—12/20 at 10 am

*Lessons & Carols—12/21 at 11am

•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, 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.

•**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 janitorial bill. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful.

Grocery prices are out of control. One of my staff members made a quick run to the store last week. He bought 13 items. Total bill: \$168.28.

The cost of living is currently being compounded by the recent government shutdown, which impacted more than 130,000 furloughed Texans who went without salaries, and Texans who have experienced disruption in the SNAP benefit.

Church food pantries across the state have witnessed a sudden spike in people looking for help. Some who used to donate to pantries now come looking for assistance. "This is a disaster," one food pantry leader told me. Churches are calling us looking for help meeting extreme needs.

This month, Texans on Mission (TXM) has strived to give 100,000 meals to food pantries across the state. We've deployed trucks and trailers to pick up and deliver food. We've been purchasing food at discounted prices to stock pantries. We're serving seniors on fixed incomes, federal workers who were furloughed and vulnerable children to ensure they have the food.

Together, we can wrap our arms around Texas.

Crisis in Jamaica

Our emergency response team is helping organize and mobilize Jamaican Baptists across the country.

"We experienced a disaster unlike anything we've had before. We are used to hurricanes, but nothing like this."

"I can't of think words to describe what has happened."

The TXM team has purchased chain-saws, food and hygiene items, used to meet immediate needs on an island that remains devastated.

The road ahead is long and difficult. Through TXM, you can help Jamaicans in this recovery process.

Thank you for your support of TXM ministries. When you give, you make it possible to minister when the unexpected arises. Thank you for living on mission with Christ in Texas, Jamaica and everywhere in between.

Mickey Lenamon
Chief Executive Officer
Texans on Mission

Today's Scripture

James 1:17—"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."



Step Up to Meet Urgent Needs

We can get comfortable in our routines. We go to work. We pick up our children from school. We go to church. It's a day-to-day rhythm that is both comforting and reliable.

In a blink of an eye, that comforting, reliable life can change in an instant.

Let me share two very different situations and how you can be the hands and feet of Christ during these difficult moments.

Crisis at home: Provide more than 100,000 crucial meals

The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving

Leviticus 7:11-15

Maintaining Peace with God

- The sacrifice of Thanksgiving has to do with maintaining _____ with God.
- A thankful heart is a heart that recognizes the greatness, mercy and provision of _____ God.
- When we offer up our prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord, we are recognizing His _____ and _____ over us.
- Thanksgiving can only be truly a day of thanks if we believe that Jesus _____ a _____ of peace for us.

The Sacrifice

- Our sacrifices of Thanksgiving must only be offered through _____, Who is represented in the unleavened _____.
- _____ represents the anointing of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.
- We cannot be completely thankful until we have been through the _____.

- When we understand the wonderful _____ and _____ of God we become the most thankful to Him.

Leavened Bread

- In the offering of leavened bread, we recognize that we, as living sacrifices, must be _____ and _____ to God.
- We are made holy through the blood of Jesus, but we are still bound in earthly tabernacles of _____ that are subject to _____.
- We are also required to offer _____ as sacrifices in service if we are to have peace with God.

Heave Offering

- A "heave offering" in Scripture refers to the portion of a sacrifice or offering _____ or "heaved" before the LORD as an act of _____.
- We are to "_____ ourselves toward Heaven, fully and completely, giving our all as a _____ of thanksgiving unto the Lord.



•When we _____ wholly to God we are finally in the place where God can commune with us.

Meat Offering

•The sacrifice of _____ was the only sacrifice that was offered in the temple where _____ was to eat a part of the sacrifice.

•When we have offered a _____ of thanksgiving, then everyone is blessed by it at the same time.

•The sacrifice of thanksgiving was to be totally consumed on the _____ that it was offered.

•Though we were thankful yesterday, we must continue to be thankful _____ new _____.

Being Thankful

•It is a _____ thing to be thankful unto the Lord; I cannot offer yours, and you cannot do it for me.

•You can offer up thanksgiving to God at _____.

•We no longer offer up _____ sacrifices of animals to be cooked and burned, but we do offer up _____ equivalences.

•When we truly have a thankful heart that _____ the Lord and _____ Him with a sacrifice of thanksgiving, then the peace of God will keep us close to Him.

Conclusion

•There will come a day when all of God's **people**, will stand around God's **throne** and, in one voice, offer up a sacrifice of _____ together.

•When you sit down for your celebration dinner, do not forget to offer up your _____ of thanksgiving.

•Give yourself wholly unto the Lord and allow the _____ of _____d to reign in your life.



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 Kylie from cancer; for health issues for Bill; Alice to continue healing; continued healing for Tony from cancer & broken ribs; for healing for Ben's mother and strength for Ben as he cares for her; healing for Victor from cancer and for Liz's many issues; for Mark H. from cancer; for Lisa from breast cancer; healing for Tonya from surgery; Laura Thompson's vision loss; for Amy from surgery; for Crystal's dad from fluid on his heart and lungs; 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.