

# Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart 

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

February 2—8, 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

### Saturday

Galantines Luncheon	12:00 pm
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## Worship Service

### TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

### TIME TO GATHER

Heaven Came Down Hymn 438

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Hail King Jesus/ He Is Exalted

### SCRIPTURE: Mark 13:35

When the Morning Comes Hymn 522

### TIME OF GIVING

Offering\*

We Shall Behold Him Hymn 196

### TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: God's Measure Of Our

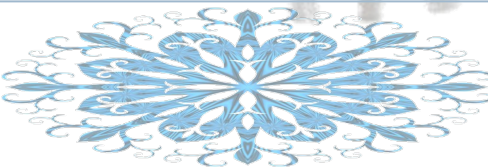
Watchfulness Luke 21:34-36,  
Mark 13:35-37, 2 Timothy 4:8 Bro. Oscar

### CLOSING PRAYER

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

## February Birthday

Edward Esquivel	2/12
Jacob Godwin	2/01
RoseE Hutchison	2/04
Rachel Newman	2/28



## Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 1,853.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 1,835.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 3,688.00
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 185.30
Needed This Week for Budget	\$1,037.68

## Calling Out to God

Psalm 25:16, "Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted."

In his book *Adopted for Life*, Dr. Russell Moore describes his family's trip to an orphanage to adopt a child. As they entered the nursery, the silence was startling. The babies in the cribs never cried, and it wasn't because they never needed anything but because they'd learned that no one cared enough to answer.

My heart ached as I read those words. I remember countless nights when our children were small. My wife and I would be sound asleep only to be startled awake by their cries: "Daddy, I'm sick!" or "Mommy, I'm scared!" One of us would spring into action and make our way to their bedroom to do our best to comfort and care for them. Our love for our children gave them reason to call for our help.

An overwhelming number of the psalms are cries, or laments, to God. Israel brought their laments to Him on the basis of His personal relationship with them. These were a people God had called His "firstborn" (Exodus 4:22) and they were asking their Father to act accordingly. Such honest trust is seen in Psalm 25: "Turn to me and be gracious to me, . . . free me from my anguish" (vv. 16–17). Children who are confident of the love of a caregiver do cry. As believers in Jesus—children of God—He's given us reason to call on Him. He hears and cares because of His great love.

## Stewardship Thought...

**Ephesians 4:7-8**—"But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: 'When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men.'"

**When we make requests of God in prayer, we are more conscious of God's giving and our dependence upon Him. Our faithful giving shows gratitude to God and verifies the sincerity of our prayer requests.**

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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'll begin in 1 Chronicles 11.

•**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 our 2025 VBS, Operation Christmas Child (OCC), Children/Preschool fund, Youth fund, Sharing the Load, new A/C fund, Together We Build, Benevolent Ministries, Music Ministry, North American and IMB/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 Zelle (ask

Becky how to do it). 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, ability to leave prayer requests and much 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 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 AT&T, gas, pest control, and ADT bills.

How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful.

Already! Yes, it is time for us to begin donating to our Operation Christmas Child Fund.

Anyone can pack shoeboxes; anyone can fill empty shoeboxes with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys.

## What is Operation Christmas Child?

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a project of Samaritan's Purse.

⊕ Samaritan's Purse is an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. Samaritan's Purse currently works in more than 100 countries to provide aid to victims of war, disease, disaster, poverty and famine. Since 1993, more than 220 million OCC gift filled shoeboxes have been distributed to children in more than 170 countries and territories.



⊕ Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled OCC shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This Samaritan's Purse project collects shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in tangible ways. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

After OCC shoeboxes are packed by individuals, families, Sunday School classes, churches, civic organizations, etc., they are taken to drop-off sites. The gift-filled shoeboxes are taken to over 4,700 drop-off locations in all 50 states and Puerto Rico during the National Collection Week (Nov. 17-24, 2025). From there they are transported to processing centers.

## Today's Scripture

**Mark 13:35** — "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn."



**God's Measure Of Our Watchfulness**

*Luke 21:34-36, Mark 13:35-37, 2 Timothy 4:8, Revelation 3:10, Revelation 22, 2 Peter 3:3-4, 1 John 2:28, Matthew 24:33*

**Watch And Pray**

- There are two groups of Christians; those who are \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ's \_\_\_\_\_, and those who are not.
- Jesus is looking for how \_\_\_\_\_ we are in watching for His return.
- Those who love His appearing and are \_\_\_\_\_ for His return will be \_\_\_\_\_ with the crown of righteousness.
- The crown of righteousness is so valuable that Jesus said to \_\_\_\_\_ to it.
- Jesus said His return will happen when the world \_\_\_\_\_ it.

**Be Prepared By Watching**

- We must \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ so we will not be ashamed and embarrassed in that moment when we stand before our Savior.
- God's call on our life in these \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ is to watch and pray.
- It is vital that we watch and pray because we are the first generation to experience all the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus listed for the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Jesus said we should not be caught \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We cannot stop what's coming, but we can \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Signs of the Times**

- For what should we be \_\_\_\_\_, and about what should we be \_\_\_\_\_?
- Israel is \_\_\_\_\_ timepiece of the ages.
- All end time prophecies, including the return of Jesus Christ, could not happen until Israel had \_\_\_\_\_ to their \_\_\_\_\_.
- The moment Israel became a nation, God turned over His hourglass and started His countdown for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The sign of convergence is when numerous signs all happen at \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ to happen so frequently they



cannot be numbered.

- We are the first generation to experience all of the \_\_\_\_\_ of convergence at the same time.

### Watch For Certain Signs And Events

- Another sign for which we should clearly watch is the sign of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus warned that the final generation would be flooded with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- One of the great deceptions of the end times is the \_\_\_\_\_ in the church.
- Destructive themes that reject the truth and teaching of God's Word are being taught in the \_\_\_\_\_.

These destructive themes include:

- ⇒ Everyone will go to \_\_\_\_\_, including \_\_\_\_\_ who hate God and curse Him.
- ⇒ The church has \_\_\_\_\_ Israel and God has \_\_\_\_\_ Israel.
- ⇒ We call what God says is sin and evil as be-

ing \_\_\_\_\_, and what God calls good as being \_\_\_\_\_.

### Conclusion

- The closer we come to Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_, the more we are to \_\_\_\_\_ and live a life of prayer.
- The only way we can escape all the terrible and evil things that are about to happen on the earth is by a pre-tribulation \_\_\_\_\_ of the church.
- We are to watch for the signs of His return and pray He will \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ us from the evil that is coming upon the whole world.
- We must watch and pray for Christ's return is as \_\_\_\_\_ as the rising sun.

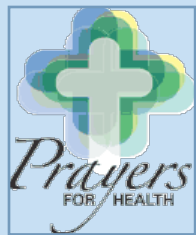


# Remember in Prayer . . .



†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 continued strength and healing for serious health issues for Tony;



continued healing from surgery for Gracie, Helen, Dale R., Susen and Donna; for Frank's hip to heal; for Manuel's niece's healing from cancer; for Kevin to heal from pancreatitis; for health issues for Bill and Alice; for healing for Herbert, Barbara and Kitty; for healing for a growth on Ashlyn's brain; for Armida's heart and lungs and for her loneliness to heal; for healing for Virgie as well as Rose E; healing for Carmon; for Oscar A's health; for Robert and Annie, Nora and Doyle; for John's head and memory; for Donna's vein health; for Laura's vision & brain; for Paige and Kristie's health issues; for Amy's mother-in-law's upcoming transplant.

†Pray for the Children— Continue praying for the children, youth and teachers throughout the year.

†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.

†Miscellaneous praises and prayer needs—Prayers for an unspoken need for Tiffany; for an unspoken request for Becky; for David's unspoken requests; for an unspoken need for Nick; for an unspoken prayer for Donna; for Jim and his business; for family challenges for Daisy; for needs of the Polk/Flores family, their needs for God's guidance, and for Andrew's daughter; for Paige and Brian as they learn how 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 his unspoken needs; for Ryan and his unspoken needs; for Genna, Nick and RJ's family needs; praises and prayers for Paige, Jacob and Stetson's bonding as a family of three;



adjust to being a family of three; for Tremincia in the death of her mother.

†Pray for our church—for our pastors and their families; for REVIVAL among our members; for our ministries, financial needs, and for a miracle involving the demolition of the south building.

†Pray for peace and protection in our nation—for North American missionaries; for Texans on

Mission and their ministries around the state, nation and world; for first responders and those who have suffered loss from various disasters; for a miracle to stop the fires in California and for the thousands who are losing their homes; for the homeless, refugees and those suffering from hunger in our nations; for large and small 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 International missionaries; for the peace agreement between the Israelites and Hamas to work; for the situation in Ukraine to be resolved; for Burmese Christians and missionaries who remain in Myanmar; and for other Christians, missionaries and refugees who are suffering from persecution in Taiwan, N. Korea, India, Africa, Viet Nam, China, Russia, Turkey and other countries.

## Prayer Works!

### Prayer Requests & Announcements

You may email new prayer needs, announcements, edits and deletions to [gfbcfw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gfbcfw@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.