

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

Sunday, February 15, 2026

The Church

With a Heart



THIS WEEK AT GRACE

February 15—21, 2026

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship	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

Stewardship Thought...

Matthew 5:23-24—

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift."

Giving to God is to be approached with such reverential awe that we dare not mar the experience with unforgiven sin. Let us examine ourselves, ask for forgiveness for our sins, and then present our gifts to God.

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Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

Opening: Day By Day Hymn 66

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the Cross Hymn 139

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 2:12

Baptized In Water Hymn 362

TIME OF GIVING

Offering*

Freely, Freely Hymn 273

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: The Promise of Baptism

Colossians 2:12-17

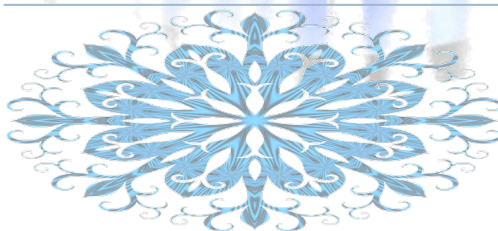
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CLOSING PRAYER

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

February Birthdays

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



Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$2,049.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 20.50
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$2,069.50
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 204.90
Needed This Week for Budget	\$ 685.21

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

Faith and False Accusation

Nehemiah 6:9—"I prayed, 'Now strengthen my hands.'"

Driven by powerful winds, the fire raged for days. The historian Tacitus describes a chaotic scene filled with screams and citizens running for their lives. In the end, nearly two-thirds of Rome had been destroyed. The Roman emperor Nero falsely accused believers in Jesus of starting the fire. He hated Christians and selected them to be the scapegoat for the disaster—one that was rumored to have been ordered by Nero himself!

Nehemiah also faced the blistering heat of false accusation. He'd been a servant to the king of Persia but had been allowed to return to Jerusalem with other Israelites to repair its walls (Nehemiah 2:1-10). When the wall was repaired, however, enemies accused the Jews of "planning to rebel" and making Nehemiah "their king" (6:6 NLT). How did they respond to false accusations? By declaring and living out their innocence (v. 8), courageously standing in God's power (v. 11), and praying fervently to Him (v. 14). Their enemies were ultimately "frightened and humiliated" as they "realized [the wall reconstruction] had been done with the help of . . . God" (v. 16 NLT).

At times, we'll be falsely accused by others. But as God provides the strength we need, we can forgive our accusers and "live such good lives" that, though "they accuse [us] of doing wrong, they may see [our] good deeds and glorify God" (1 Peter 2:12).

Announcements...

•Mid-Week Bible Study—

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 begins in 2 Chronicles 33.

•VBS—Coming this Summer

Theme: Rainforest Falls

Dates: June 22-26

Times: 6:30-8:30

Thank you to everyone who signed up at our kick off event to volunteer for VBS! We still need helpers—take a look at the sign-up sheet to find out what spots are still open.

•Preschool Leaders Needed—

We need members who are willing to watch little ones during our worship service. We also need a leader and assistant to teach preschoolers during Sunday School whenever new families begin coming.

•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 ADT and copier bills.



**INTERNATIONAL
MISSION BOARD**

READY TO RESPOND AND RE-BUILD WHEN DISASTER HITS HOME.

Without fail, disasters will come. Hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, and floods strike U.S. communities every year. Samaritan's Purse U.S. Disaster Relief teams have been ready to respond at a moment's no-



tice in Jesus' Name since 1998. We thank God for our local church partners and our volunteers who have made this work in North America possible for more than two decades.

"SAMARITAN'S PURSE IS HERE TO HELP AND WE'RE DOING IT ALL IN JESUS' NAME. WE WANT EVERY HOMEOWNER TO KNOW THAT GOD LOVES THEM AND HASN'T FORGOTTEN THEM."

—Franklin Graham,
President, Samaritan's Purse



Volunteers are the key to our relief and rebuild work in North America. The orange shirts of our volunteers are a welcome sight in areas devastated by violent storms and other natural disasters. Hurting people need men and women like you who are eager to help them and bring the comfort only God can offer.

Help in Jesus' Name

Today's Scripture

Colossians 2:12—"Having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through your faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead."

The Promise of Baptism

Colossians 2:12-17

Baptism Is Symbolic of Burial

- **Before** we accepted the grace and forgiveness of Jesus, we were spiritually _____.
- The Scriptures link our relationship with Christ to a _____.
- Another part of baptism is the symbolism of Christians putting their _____ to **death**.
- If we are to mature and grow in our Christian faith, we need to _____ to our _____.

A Burial

- Baptism is not a _____ but a burial.
- Baptism by _____ is the most powerful **illustration** of being buried.
- Baptism is not an _____; it is a _____.

• Baptism is not just about remembering the death of Christ, it is remembering His _____.

• Baptism is not the _____ step; it is the _____ step.

Baptism Is About Jesus

- Baptism is not about _____; it is about **Jesus**.
- Baptism is about the _____ that we have with Jesus.
- Salvation is not a _____ for the good things we have done; it is _____ that we have **disappointed** God by our **sinful behavior**.

Baptism Is Not Private, It Is Public

- The entire premise and purpose of baptism is that it is a **public** _____.



- There is no **saving power** in baptism, but it is a **declaration**, and because of that it is to be done in _____.
- Baptism is the **outward sign** of an _____ **decision**.
- Being baptized does not **make you** a Christian; it tells the _____ that you **are** a Christian.

Conclusion

- In the early church, getting baptized meant putting a _____ on your back.
- Your baptism might be the _____ - **someone else needs** to take their own step of faith.
- If you have already been baptized **do not go back to living** like you are still in the _____.
- Baptism is **not** about **being perfect**; it is about being _____.



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 5-yr-old Lexus who is in ICU for kidney and other complications; Kylie from cancer; for health issues for Bill; for Alice to continue healing; continued healing for Tony from cancer & broken ribs; for Lori-just diagnosed with stage 4 cancer; 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 as she goes through chemo and for her husband to find a new job; healing for Tonya from traumatic brain injury and surgery; Laura Thompson's vision loss; 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 an unspoken request for Becky; for an unspoken prayer for a young couple working through problems; 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 for those who will come to our VBS; and for teachers and staff who are leading them in all areas of their lives.

†**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.

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.

Remember in Prayer . . .



†**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 the homeless, refugees and those suffering from hunger in our nation; for churches that are struggling; for wisdom for our political leaders, including our presi-

dent, VP, governors, senators and congressmen.

†**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 and for the children who received them.

