

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

Sunday, February 22, 2026

The Church
With a Heart 

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

February 22—28, 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 5:42—“Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.”

We should be willing to help all people who ask us. We learn this lesson in giving from God. He loved us and gave His Son for our sins. Our giving is motivated by love for God and love for other people.

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Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

Opening: Create In Me

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Just to Know You More

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 2:13

When I Look Into Your Holiness

TIME OF GIVING

Offering*

The Potter's Hand

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: To Be or Not to Be

Colossians 2:13-13

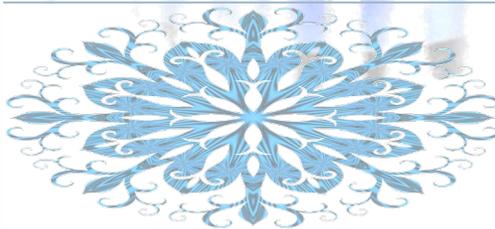
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CLOSING PRAYER

*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	\$ 880.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 55.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 935.00
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 88.00

Needed This Week for Budget \$1,170.00

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

Our Birthright in Christ

Acts 11:26, “The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.”

The owner of the NBA's Dallas Mavericks offered a Chicago sports-talk host \$100,000 to legally change his name to "Dallas Maverick." In addition, he said he would donate \$100,000 to the man's favorite charity. After some soul-searching, the radio host held firm and told the owner no. He explained, "I'd be saying I'd do anything for money, and that bothers me. My name is my birthright. I'd like to preserve my integrity and credibility."

Just as the radio host's name is his birthright, early believers in Jesus took on the name "Christian" as their spiritual birthright. Barnabas and Saul ministered a year in Antioch, and through the preaching of the good news, the church grew. The early believers in Antioch lived so much like Christ that people who didn't believe in Jesus—called them "Christians" (Acts 11:26). So "Christians" were those who belonged to Christ. Bearing that name ultimately became a source of persecution. But Peter encouraged believers to "not be ashamed" of their birthright and of suffering for bearing that name (1 Peter 4:16).

For those who believe in Jesus, "Christian" is our birthright, and no amount of money, suffering, or abuse should cause us to compromise that name. We have a responsibility, as God provides what we need, to live every day to bring honor to the name of Christ.

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 mis-

sionaries, 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@sbcglobe.com.

•**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](https://www.instagram.com/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 SBA loan and janitorial bill. How can you help? Please just pray, trust God and be faithful. God bless you!



Thanking God for Healing Hearts

We thank God that over the past 28 years He has used Samaritan's Purse to provide critically needed surgeries for nearly 1,700 children through our Children's Heart Project. These boys and girls have come from more than a dozen nations where cardiac operations are not readily available—which means being diagnosed with a heart defect can be a death sentence.

Anujin, 7, and Khuslen, 10, are two of the 65 children who underwent surgeries arranged by Children's Heart Project in 2025. Both girls are from Mongolia and became fast friends shortly after arriving in South Korea for their operations. Before their surgeries, Anujin and Khuslen both tired easily. Just walking a short distance left them fatigued. Now, they are healthy and strong. God healed their hearts—both now and for eternity.

Will you prayerfully consider partnering with us so we can continue to provide these life-saving surgeries to many more children? Your support also helps us share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with these precious boys and girls and their families.

Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name. Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, just as we hope in You.

Psalm 33:20-22

Today's Scripture

Colossians 2:13—"When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins."

To Be or Not to Be

Colossians 2:13-23

Death

- The dictionary defines death as "The _____ of the life of a person or animal."
- We all know we are going to _____.
- "Dying is something we human beings _____ continuously."
- The words, 'd_____, d_____ and d_____ ' are mentioned 1683 times in the Bible.

Lack of Appetite

- Before we were _____ in a relationship with Jesus, we were dead spiritually.
- When a man is dead, _____ no longer holds any interest for him.
- One of the symptoms of the spiritually dead is a lack of _____ - _____ for God.

- No hunger for God indicates a lack of spiritual _____, which is usually indicative of spiritual _____.

No Activity

- A physically dead person is no longer _____.
- A spiritually dead person is without _____ activity.
- To a spiritually dead person, God's work comes after f_____, f_____, _____, etc.

No Direction

- If you are dead, you have no _____.
- Dead people do not have to know what direction to go because they are not _____.
- If we are seeking to follow God, we need to know _____ _____.



•If you want to know where God wants you to go, you must _____.

No Love

•If you are dead, you have no _____.

•Dead _____ cannot express their love and neither do dead _____.

•Spiritual **appetites**, spiritual **activities** and spiritual **direction** ultimately produce _____.

•We need to _____ our _____ now because there will come a time when we are unable to express it.

Conclusion

- Are you _____ or _____?
- It is hopeless to be a good example to a _____ person.
- You can never encourage a dead man to be anymore than _____.

•If a person is dead, their most pressing need is _____.

•Life can only be given by the _____ _____, and that person is Christ.

•Sin is **death**; God is **life**; the choice is _____.



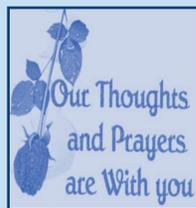
Remember in Prayer . . .



†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; for JerriAnn and Carlos who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 cancer; 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

Prayer Works!

Prayer Requests & Announcements

You may email new prayer needs, announcements, edits and deletions to 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.

Remember in Prayer . . .



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 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.

†**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, Vietnam, China, Russia, Turkey, etc. Pray for the OCC shoeboxes and for the children who received them.

