

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

Sunday, March 15, 2026

The Church
With a Heart 

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

March 15—21, 2026

Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship 11:00 am
Int. Harvest Church 1:30 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 6:3-4—“*But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.*”

Our giving is for God, not for the applause of other people. Motive guides how much we give as surely as it guides how we give. How God feels about our giving should be our primary concern.

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Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

Opening: Great and Mighty

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Heaven Came Down Hymn 438

SCRIPTURE: John 15:2

Lamb of God

TIME OF GIVING

Offering*

Because He Lives Hymn 407

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: Pruned For God's Glory

John 15:1-5

Bro. Oscar

CLOSING PRAYER

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

March Birthdays

JerriAnn Fernandez 3/13
Jim Morton 3/19
Carla Pohl 3/15
AnnaJo Spotted Bear 3/19
Kristie Teneyuque 3/29
Josie Zuniga 3/10



Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget \$1,605.00
Designated Offerings \$ 343.35
TOTAL OFFERINGS \$1,948.35
10% Taken out for Missions \$ 160.50
Needed This Week for Budget \$ 685.21

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

Small Beginnings

Zechariah 4:10, “Who dares despise the day of small things, since [God’s] eyes . . . will rejoice when they see the chosen capstone in the hand of Zerubabel?”

In 1848, engineer Charles Ellet Jr. puzzled over how to begin the process of constructing the first bridge over the Niagara Falls gorge. How would they get a cable across the river? Prompted by a dream, Charles decided to host a kite-flying contest. American teenager Homan Walsh won five dollars when his kite landed on the American side of the river. Homan’s kite string was secured to a tree and used to pull a light cord back across the river, then progressively heavier cords until heavy wire cable was in place. This was the small beginning of the construction of the Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge.

The bridge’s challenges and inauspicious beginnings mirror those faced by those working to rebuild God’s temple after returning from captivity in Babylon. An angel awakened the prophet Zechariah with a message that nothing would thwart God’s work—it would all be accomplished “by [his] Spirit” (Zechariah 4:6). Some of those who’d seen the temple in its previous glory were fearful that the rebuilt version would pale in comparison (Ezra 3:12). The angel encouraged Zechariah that they shouldn’t “despise the day of small things” because God would “rejoice” in seeing the work begun (Zechariah 4:10).

Even though the tasks God has appointed to us may seem insignificant, we can be encouraged knowing He uses small things—like kite strings—to accomplish His great works.

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 34:1-33.

•**Ladies Spring Luncheon**—Ladies, please plan to enjoy our Spring Luncheon at noon on Saturday, March 28th in the Fellowship room. The sign up sheet in the Sanctuary shows opportunities to help decorate, clean up, and bring food choices.

•**VBS—Coming this Summer**

Theme: Rainforest Falls

Dates: June 22-26

Times: 6:30-8:30

We still need helpers—take a look at the sign-up sheet to find out what spots are open.

•**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, VBS, 2nd Floor A/C fund, Together We Build, Chil-

dren/Preschool fund, Youth fund, Benevolent Ministries, Music Ministry, North American and International missionaries, J & T, Texans on Mission, and Samaritan's Purse. 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 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!

•**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 security and our copier bills. How can you help? Please just pray, trust God and be faithful. God bless you!

Annie Armstrong

Part 2

Annie Walker Armstrong (July 11, 1850 – December 20, 1938) was a Southern Baptist denominational lay leader instrumental in the founding of the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU).



Woman's Missionary Union

In 1888, Armstrong ministry led to the creation of the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), helping draft the constitution and serving as its first correspondent secretary (a position that functioned as executive director).

In her role as the head of the organization, Annie Armstrong facilitated communication between denominational leaders, local congregations and missionaries on the field. She was an extensive letter writer, writing by hand and later by typewriter. In one year alone she wrote 18,000 letters.

During her tenure as head of the WMU, Armstrong refused a salary and traveled extensively at her own expense on behalf of the WMU. Annie was a tireless advocate for missionaries rallying the churches to support mission work through prayer and sacrificial giving. She personally visited missionaries serving throughout the U.S. and carried their stories back to the churches and state conventions through her eyewitness accounts and by circulating their letters. It was due to the efforts of Annie and the women of WMU that the annual Easter mission offering was established in Southern Baptist Churches in 1895.

Today's Scripture

John 15:2—"He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful."

Pruned For God's Glory *John 15:1-5*

The Gardener and the Vine

- To allow anyone to speak truth into our lives, we must _____ that person is completely trustworthy.
- Jesus is the Vine through whom all _____.
- While Jesus is the source of spiritual life, _____ role is equally essential.
- God is the _____ who lovingly _____ our **words, thoughts,** and **actions** to make us even more fruitful.

The Pain and the Promise

- Spiritual growth requires the _____ - _____ of God.
- God knows that even though **self-control** is a gift of the _____, we often _____ it in practice.

- God _____ us through **discipline**.
- God does not punish us for _____.
- God disciplines not to _____, but to _____ what glorifies the flesh and _____ to fruitfulness in Him.

The Purpose of Pruning

- To the untrained eye, pruning looks like _____.
- Not everything good is God's _____.
- We must _____ when God _____ our lives, even when it does **not** make **sense**.
- Even when the pruning is **painful** or **confusing**, we must _____ and _____.
- In God's loving hands, there is **deep** _____, **amazing** _____, and an **abundance** of _____ yet to come.



Abiding in the Vine

- While **God's pruning** _____ us for growth, it is our **union with Christ** that _____ to life.
- By Jesus' power, we can **say no** to the _____ and **choose to live** lives marked by _____.
- The key to bearing much fruit is _____ **in us**.
- We must _____ in _____ if we are to **bear fruit**.

Trust the Gardener

- We must learn to **trust** the **Gardener**, whose **wisdom** is _____ and whose **hands** **never** make a _____.
- Who is more qualified to prune the _____ - _____ and _____ parts of our lives than the **One** who **formed us** in the womb.

- We must **trust the Gardener** with the parts of our lives we _____.
- Although God's pruning may be **painful**, it is always an act of _____ and _____.

Conclusion

- We have but _____ to live.
- God calls us to a life _____ in **Christ**, _____ by the **Father**, and _____ with **fruit** that lasts.
- Pruning is painful**, but the _____ is worth it.
- If the Father is pruning you, _____ because **He sees** more in **you** than **you see** in yourself.
- In God's hands, our lives will not only **grow**, they will be _____ for His **glory**, and _____ for our **eternal good**.



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 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, 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.

†Please pray for strength and total healing for Gennacie who is having health complications; for 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 5-yr-old Lexus for kidney and other complications; for Lori who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer; 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;



†Miscellaneous praises and prayer needs—

Please pray for an unspoken request for Becky; 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 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.

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 . . .



†**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 works; for first responders and those who have suffered loss from various disasters; for 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. Especially be in prayer for our president to make wise decisions when it comes to other nations; pray for our nation during the mid-term elections and for wisdom for us this fall in choosing the right leaders.

†**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 are ministering in different areas during their furlough; for a peace agreement in Isra-

el and the Middle East; 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.

