

# Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart 

Sunday, March 22, 2026



Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

March 22-28, 2026

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship	11:00 am
Int. Harvest Church	1:30 pm
Praise Team Practice	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

Ladies Luncheon	12:00 pm
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## Worship Service

### TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

### TIME TO GATHER

Opening: Lamb of God

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sanctuary

**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 9:37**

Great and Mighty

### TIME OF GIVING

Offering\*

Heaven Came Down      Hymn 438

### TIME IN GOD'S WORD

**Message: The Harvest**

Matthew 9:35-38

**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	\$ 1,195.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 1,371.15
<b>TOTAL OFFERINGS</b>	<b>\$ 2,566.15</b>
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 119.50
<b>Needed This Week for Budget</b>	<b>\$ 870.00</b>

## When Love Shows Up

Deuteronomy 15:10, "Give generously to [the needy] . . . and do so without a grudging heart."

"Why are you crying?" The question was asked by a volunteer for a Christian relief ministry helping those whose homes had been destroyed by Hurricane Helene. The woman (who had burst into tears in the previous moment) replied, "I'm not crying because I lost everything. I'm crying because love just showed up."

God's heart shows itself in His desire that we help those in need. When Moses gave the people of Israel God's instructions before they entered the land He'd promised them, he told them, "Do not be hardhearted or tightfisted" toward the poor. "Rather, be openhanded and freely lend them whatever they need" (Deuteronomy 15:7-8). Their hearts toward the poor were to reflect God's own: "Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart" (15:10).

Whether in disastrous situations or everyday life, when we give to those in need out of the blessings God has kindly given us, we make evident the love of His Son, who came "to proclaim good news to the poor" (Luke 4:18). In fact, God promises He "will bless" those who share His unselfishness with others (Deuteronomy 15:10), both in this life and the next (see Luke 14:14). We can't see God yet, but others may catch a glimpse of Him when we emulate His compassion for them. May His love show up as kindness through us today.

## Stewardship Thought...

**Matthew 14:35-36**—"And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all their sick to him and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed."

**We do not have the power which Jesus had. We do have powers, however, to use as responsible stewards. For example, we have the power of presence and action. Being here today and giving to God are both powerful witnesses.**

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## 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 this 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, Children/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](mailto: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 janitorial bill. 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).



### Controversies and conflicts

Annie retired from WMU in 1906. It was through the steely determination of Annie and many other like-minded Southern Baptist women that WMU had been forged against often fierce opposition from the male SBC leadership. The mid to late 1800s were times when public female leadership was virtually unknown. Throughout Annie's career she successfully gained a growing SBC support due to her Christ-like passion and record for achieving results. Yet, controversy remained as her leadership, intentions and decisions were at times questioned, misunderstood and publicly aired in various Baptist state newspapers.

In the early 1900s as WMU was continuing to evolve as an organization, there were conflicts over the path forward. To Annie, it seemed her days in leadership were now over precipitating her abrupt decision to step down. She remained very active in her local congregation and in extensive missions work in the city of Baltimore for the remainder of her life.

In 1934, WMU recognized Annie's lifetime of work by naming the annual Easter offering for home missions in her honor. Thus, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering was born with every dollar going to support missionaries and their work throughout the U.S. and Canada. Annie Armstrong died on December 20, 1938, in Baltimore, the year the WMU celebrated its fiftieth anniversary.

### Today's Scripture

**Matthew 9:37**—"Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."

**The Harvest**

*Matthew 9:35-38*

**The Fruit Inside Us**

- The **Holy Spirit** actively produces a harvest of \_\_\_\_\_ in the life of every believer.
- In Christ**, we have been set free from the desires of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- We are now invited to **walk by the Spirit**, where fruit is not \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ grows out of a relationship with God.
- Through the **Holy Spirit's power**, we are able to throw off the sin that once \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ us.

**We Reap What We Sow**

- The Christian life is not **passive**; it is a \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ **partnership** of planting seeds that lead to an **eternal** harvest.
- Those who **walk by the Spirit** have em-

braced God's control to live \_\_\_\_\_ and do \_\_\_\_\_ that please the Father.

- Good deeds do not \_\_\_\_\_ salvation, but **bear witness** to it, producing fruit that is not temporary but \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **faithfully**, knowing the harvest is in \_\_\_\_\_ hands.

**Examining the Fruit of Our Life**

- If we **reap what we sow**, then it is essential that we pause and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.
- There is **darkness** that hides in the corners of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The sins we **hate most in others** may be the ones we have secretly \_\_\_\_\_ in ourselves.
- To \_\_\_\_\_ the heart is to invite the removal of the most **deeply cherished** \_\_\_\_\_.
- We must **invite the Gardener** to plant in us a **desire** for \_\_\_\_\_.



### Working Out One's Salvation

- We are called to live out our salvation with deep **reverence** and **dependence** on God's **enabling** \_\_\_\_\_.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_, because it was **bought at a price**.
- Receiving a new identity and a new heart** at conversion, does not mean our \_\_\_\_\_ are always **aligned with God's will**.
- The Christian life is a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_, but we do not fight unarmed.

### The Harvest

- If we **resist** the Gardener's pruning, we may remain in the field, but we will never \_\_\_\_\_.
- Since \_\_\_\_\_ has become relative, it is increasingly rare to find someone who holds \_\_\_\_\_ to anything.

- Before we can **reach** the \_\_\_\_\_, we must start with \_\_\_\_\_.
- To **sow the seed** of God's Word, we must first live \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ lives.

### Conclusion

- What kind of \_\_\_\_\_ are you?
- The harvest does not just happen; it is the result of s\_\_\_\_\_, g\_\_\_\_\_, p\_\_\_\_\_, and w\_\_\_\_\_.
- Before we can **reach** the \_\_\_\_\_, God must first **reach** deeper \_\_\_\_\_.
- We must not be \_\_\_\_\_ spectators, but **faithful** \_\_\_\_\_ in God's harvest field.
- We should **not** be \_\_\_\_\_ only of the Word, but also **laborers** in the field, \_\_\_\_\_ that lasts.



# 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](mailto: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.

