

# Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

Sunday, April 19, 2026

The Church  
With a Heart 

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

April 19—25, 2026

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship	11:00 am
Int. Harvest Church	1:30 pm
Praise Team	4:30 pm
Evangelism	6:30 pm

### Mid-Week

FB/YouTube Bible Study

### Wednesday

Bible Study	6:00 pm
Praise Team	7:00 pm

## Stewardship Thought...

**Exodus 20:3-4**—“You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.”

In almost everything we do there are reference points. The first commandment is important in reference to our giving. Christians are good stewards when they live, give, and care in a way that puts God first; in a way that says, “God is the owner, we are the managers.”

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## Worship Service

### TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

### TIME TO GATHER

He Is Exalted

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Why Do I Sing About Jesus Hymn 541

**SCRIPTURE:** Joel 2:1  
Here Am I, Send Me Hymn 523

### TIME OF GIVING

Stewardship thought, AAEO Movie & Offering\*  
Agnus Dei

### TIME IN GOD'S WORD

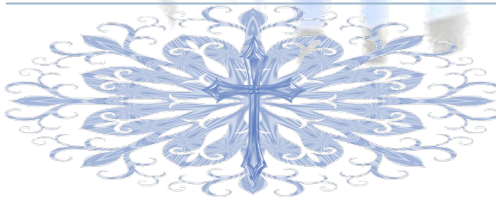
**Message: The Impending Day of the Lord** Joel 2:1-17 Bro. Oscar

### CLOSING PRAYER

\*Please place offerings in the wooden box in

## April Birthdays

Paige Godwin	4/23
Lisa Maroney	4/18
Becky Pruitt	4/30
Aaliyah Smith	4/06



## Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 605.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 477.50
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$1,082.50
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 60.50
<b>Needed This Week for Budget</b>	<b>\$ 601.10</b>

## Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

### Reminder of God's Presence

Joshua 8:1, “Then the Lord said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

With branches of scraggly leaves growing upward like hands raised to the heavens, the unique trees we saw while hiking Joshua Tree National Park in California intrigued us. Many believe the trees were dubbed “Joshua Trees” by pioneers, who were reminded by the trees of an Old Testament story where Joshua lifted high a javelin as a sign of God's presence and help.

After entering Canaan, the Israelites needed God's help in battle. After being defeated at the city of Ai due to their sin (Joshua 7:11-12), the Israelites were likely afraid to fight the city again. But God encouraged Joshua, “Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged” (8:1). Then God told Joshua to “hold out toward Ai the javelin that is in your hand, for into your hand I will deliver the city” (v. 18). Joshua obeyed God and “did not draw back the hand that held out his javelin” until the battle was won (v. 26). It wasn't the javelin in Joshua's outstretched hand that secured the victory. Instead, it was a symbol of God's promise to help them and be with them.

Reminders of God's presence with us can be helpful when we face difficult challenges. A Bible verse displayed in our homes, a stunning picture of God's creation, a cross necklace: These things don't provide assistance, but God can use them to remind us of His promised presence and power.

# 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 will begin in 2 Chronicles 36:11.

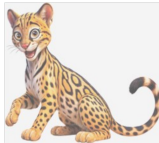
•**Next Important Dates:** Mother's Day, May 10th! Did you know that Mother's Day is always on the second Sunday in May, and did you know that Father's Day is always on the third Sunday in June, i.e., June 21? So, what is the next important June date on the church calendar?

•**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 sheets to find out what spots are open.

•**Grace Fellowship T-Shirts**—The "BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH" T-shirts have been ordered. They should be shipped out on May 1st. You may place your \$8, \$12, or \$13 payments in a blue offering envelope on the offering table. Please write T-shirt on one of the lines and write the amount on a space next to it.

•**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.

## Today's Scripture

**Joel 2:1**—"Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand."

•**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 printer fee. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful. God bless you!



The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® (AAEO) for North American Missions runs throughout the month of April. Please pray for missionaries, their ministries, and their families and give generously to the offering. Remember that 100% of our gifts given to the AAEO go directly to the mission field. Our total gifts given for the season remains at \$630.00.

## Missionaries Of Old

Though we may not have realized it, during Biblical times, there were missionaries whom God called to preach His word to locals, nationals and to other nations. From the Old Testament to the New Testament, we encounter various stories of missionaries who preached by faith.

For decades, they have become an inspiration for people who God has called to be part of the Missions Ministry. Some of the popular missionaries from the Bible to give you encouragement and inspiration are Abraham, Jonah, Philip, the gospel writers, Paul, each of the disciples, to name a few.

They didn't hesitate to leave the comfort of their homes to pursue God's calling for them. By faith, they willingly stepped into the unknown, trusting God's sovereignty. Today's missionaries are willing to the same. Don't they deserve our prayers and financial support?

**The Impending Day of the Lord***Joel 2:1-17***The Alarm Sounds**

- The people of God believed they were special and that nothing bad could happen to them.
- Joel wanted the people of God to be aware that an impending "Day of the Lord" was coming.
- Today, the "Day of the Lord" is near and God's people had better be prepared for His judgment.

**The Army Invades**

- Joel may have been either describing a future military army like the Assyrians or Babylonians or a plague of locusts.
- More importantly than a description of the army is an affirmation of the Lord's control.
- The "Day of the Lord" is under God's sovereign control.

**True Repentance**

- True repentance is a matter of the

heart.

- True repentance is not just saying we are repenting; it involves a genuine change of heart.
- God constantly gives warnings to His people.
- None of Joel's commands to the people dealt with the invading army.
- Joel was commanding the people to cry out to the Lord and seek His forgiveness.

**Conclusion**

- Joel's contemporary "Day of the Lord" was intended to cause the people to examine themselves to see how far they had drifted from their God.
- Joel wanted the people to pay attention to what God was saying to them through the locust invasion.
- We must pay attention to what God is saying through whatever difficulty, trial, or disaster we may be experiencing.



# 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 Gennacie and Celeste who are having birth complications; for Kylie from cancer; for health issues for Bill and Alice; for continued healing for Tony from cancer & broken ribs; for 5-yr-old Lexus for kidney and other complications; for Carlie's surgery to go well and for quick healing; for Amy's cancer surgery and quick healing; 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's upcoming surgery and healing 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 illnesses and hip repair; 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, 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 comfort for JerriAnn in the loss of her husband, Carlos; 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 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**— pray 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 [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.

# 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 Peace Among 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 Israel 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.

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"We need to hear the gospel every day, because we forget it every day."  
— Martin Luther

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"A heart lifted in prayer is never far from heaven."  
—Anonymous

## Please Pray for VBS

Jesus, we pray that through VBS, kids in our community will grow in their relationship with you. We ask that you begin to break down any walls that might be preventing their young hearts from receiving your love. We ask that the truth of who you are sink deep into their hearts. Let them leave knowing who you are and the overwhelming, joyful love you have for each and every one of them. May the impact of VBS last a lifetime.

