

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church
With a Heart 

Sunday, April 26, 2026

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

April 26—May 2, 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...

Genesis 2:8-9—“Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. And the Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”

The earth was designed by God to give us food, water, and air to breathe—all of our necessities. He created us to hear, to taste, to feel, to smell. In gratitude, let us worship God with our giving.

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Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

He Is Exalted

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Greatest Thing

SCRIPTURE: Joel 2:18

In His Time

Hymn 53

TIME OF GIVING

Stewardship thought, AAEO Movie & Offering*

Lord, I'm Coming Home

Hymn 309

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

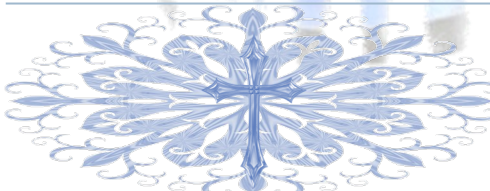
Message: The Blessings of Restoration Joel 2:18-27 Bro. Oscar

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	\$1,537.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 926.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$2,463.00
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 153.70
Needed This Week for Budget	\$ 965.56

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

Defined by Christ

Luke 12:15, “Life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

Some years ago, artist Michael Landy counted up everything he owned, making a list of 7,227 possessions. What he did next was eye-opening. Setting up a factory in London’s busiest shopping district, Landy publicly destroyed it all. Clothes, artwork, love letters, even his car, were broken down, placed on a conveyor belt, and fed into grinders. As consumers darted in and out of department stores nearby, Landy’s performance art asked, “Who are we *without* our possessions?”

It’s an important question because most of us buy things to define ourselves or secure our futures. Jesus told a parable about a man who hoarded his wealth and embraced a consumerist lifestyle. “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years,” the man tells himself. “Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry” (Luke 12:19). But what was left when his life was “demanded” from him that night? Only God’s rebuke at having missed what’s most important (vv. 20-21).

It isn’t a sin to own things. Michael Landy still needed clothes. But when we’re tempted to find life and identity in what we own, Jesus reminds us that “life does not consist in an abundance of possessions” (v. 15). Who would you be without all your goods? Still a dearly loved child of God (Psalm 103:17; Ephesians 5:1). Out of this secure identity, we can be rich toward God and others.

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 1 Thessalonians 2.

•**Upcoming Important Dates:**

Mother's Day - May 10th!

VBS Power Session - May 17th

Graduation Reception - May 24th

VBS Safety Meeting - June 14th

Father's Day - June 21

•**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.

* VBS Family Day - June 27

**** •**Grace Fellowship T-Shirts**—The "BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH" T-shirts should be shipped out on May 1st. Your \$8, \$12, or \$13 payments may be placed 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.

•**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.

•**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 SBA loan, janitorial and dumpster bills. 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 until this Thursday. Please pray for all of our 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 2026 season is now \$1,180.00.



Texans on Mission may not be North American Missions, but they are Texans who reach out and minister in similar ways.

When a hurricane, tornado or other disaster strikes, our natural instinct is to reach out and help those who have been affected. Through Texans on Mission Disaster Relief, now you can. Volunteer and deliver help, hope and healing.

Whether it's serving meals, cutting down limbs or cleaning out a home, helping after a disaster starts here.

Texans on Mission mobilizes Christ followers to live on mission with Christ by meeting crucial needs after a disaster, providing clean drinking water for people around the globe, undertaking construction projects and sharing God's love to hurting people in Texas, across the United States and around the globe.

Today's Scripture

Joel 2:18—"Then the Lord was jealous for His land and took pity on His people."

The Blessings of Restoration

Joel 2:18-27

The Blessings of Restoration

•Instead of telling the people what to do, Joel tells the people what _____ did.

•Joel mentions **four specific blessings** of God's _____:

⇒The Lord will answer their _____.

⇒The Lord will satisfy their _____.

⇒The Lord will _____ their reproach.

⇒The Lord will _____ their enemies.

The Recipients of Restoration

•The **recipients of restoration** include the _____, _____, and _____ of God.

•The _____ was the **first to suffer** when the locusts attacked.

•The _____ were severely affected by the locust plague.

•The **children of God**, will be restored _____ by _____.

The Climax of Restoration

•God **loves** to _____ what has been **lost**.

•Living with regret means that you **refuse to believe** the glorious truth that God restores the years that the _____ has eaten.

•You will come to cherish the blessings of God in the supply of your _____.

•When you **know God's restoration** in your life, you will know Him _____.



•Once you have returned to the Lord in **wholehearted** _____ - _____, you never again have to be **ashamed**.

Conclusion

•Repentance is God's way of _____ - _____.

•**Spiritually lethargic** people **do not** believe in _____, read God's _____ and seldom _____.

•Returning to the Lord in **humility** is the way to receive all _____ _____.

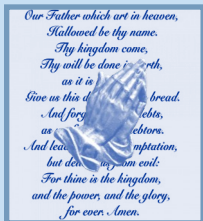


Remember in Prayer . . .



†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 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 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 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.

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

"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.

