

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

April 27—May 3, 2025

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	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

Thursday

National Day of Prayer

Friday

Norvel Slater Hymn Sing	1:30 pm
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Stewardship Thought...

Romans 13:6-7—“*This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.*”

Our stewardship is revealed in all areas of our lives. Commitment to Christ leads us to pay our taxes and to support the ministries of our church.

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Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

How Majestic Is Your Name

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jesus, Lord To Me

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 7:25

Spirit Song

TIME OF GIVING

Offering*

Think About His Love

TIME IN GOD’S WORD

Message: A Sacrificial Savior

Leviticus 1:1-7;38, Hebrews 10:1-14

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CLOSING PRAYER

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

April Birthday

Paige Godwin	4/23
Jose’ Lopez	4/19
Lisa Maroney	4/18
Becky Pruitt	4/30
Aaliyah Smith	4/06
Cora Wells	4/26

Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 577.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 149.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 726.00
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 57.70

Needed This Week for Budget \$ 1,126.35

Forgetting Our Sins

Isaiah 43:25, “I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake.”

Julie and her husband felt sadness and regret when they learned that their daughter had been shoplifting. But with God’s help, when she came to them weighed down with sorrow, they forgave her—and they helped her make restitution and receive counseling. Some months after the revelation, when their daughter made an offhand comment about how they might not trust her anymore, Julie wondered, What does she mean? She didn’t immediately think about her daughter’s offense because God had removed the sting of it from her mind. She had decided not to dwell in the past but had asked God to help her forgive.

In that moment, God gave Julie a taste of His goodness and grace as she experienced the love He extends to His people. God told His people not to “dwell on the past” because He was “doing a new thing” (Isaiah 43:18-19). He also made the beautiful declaration, “I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more” (v. 25). God could choose to hold our sins against us, but because of His love and mercy, He doesn’t. When we repent, He wipes our record clean.

Although our forgiven wrongdoing may have a negative impact on our lives and that of others, God will never hold that offense against us. He will enfold us in His mercy and grace.

Announcements...

•**Mid-Week Activities—Bible Study**—EVERYONE is invited to join us for mid-week Bible studies on YouTube prior to Wednesday and at church on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. This week our study will begin in 1 Chronicles 21.

•**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) for North American Missions**—The AAEO mission emphasis ends today. Remember when we contribute to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO), we become part of their greater story—new churches are established, tangible needs are met. North American missionaries need us to step into their stories through our prayers and generous giving. Every cent given to the AAEO goes to the more than 3,000 missionaries and their North American Mission Board (NAMB) ministries. So far, our members have given \$1,946.00!

•**National Day of Prayer**—This Thursday, May 1st, is designated as the National Day of Prayer. Of course we should be in prayer for our nation every day of the year, but this Thursday, please spend extra time in prayer.

•**35th Annual Norvell Slater Hymn Sing**—The Hymn Sing will begin at 1:30 pm at Dallas Baptist University this Friday, May 2. We need to meet at the church at 12:00pm in order to car pool/caravan to the university.

•**Be the Match – Swab Drive This Saturday!**—Anyone in good health and between the ages of 18-55 can sign up as a potential swab donor. No needles, no cost, and no commitment—just a few minutes of your time that could lead to a second chance at life for someone in need.

On May 3rd from 10am to 4pm, you may stop by the Swab Drive table in University Baptist Church to take a quick, painless cheek swab and join the bone marrow registry. The Swab Drive is hosted by University Baptist in partnership with Earl Young's Team, a DKMS partner, to raise awareness and register donors. University Baptist is located at 2720 Wabash Avenue, 76109.

•**VBS Will Be Here Soon!**—Please mark the dates on your calendars: June 23-27, and VBS Sunday will be on June 29. Training dates will be shared soon.

•**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 our 2025 VBS, Operation Christmas Child (OCC), Children/Preschool fund, Youth fund, Sharing the Load, new A/C fund, Together We Build, Benevolent Ministries, Music Ministry, North American and IM-B/International missionaries, 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 Zelle. The

church's Zelle address is gfbcfw@sbcglobal.net. Please do not make donations through PayPal.

•**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, ability to leave prayer requests and much more.

•**Instagram**—Also, please remember to follow our church on Instagram at @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 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 electric, dumpster and janitorial bills. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

Grace Fellowship needs your help to collect enough funds to pack and send boxes for 100 needy children in another country.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham, son of renowned evangelist, Billy Graham.

Please pray about giving to this year's OCC.



Today's Scripture

Hebrews 7:25—

"Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them."

A Sacrificial Savior*Leviticus 1:1-7:38, Hebrews 10:1-14***The Problem**

- Our sin separates us from God.
- God established the sacrificial system that confronted Israel and us with the weight of sin.
- If sinful people are to approach a holy God, someone must bear that cost.
- The sacrificial system of the Old Testament was not just a religious tradition; it was a divine declaration that sin demands payment.
- God's holiness requires atonement.
- Sin is not a small mistake or a bad habit; it is rebellion against the very nature and character of God.

The Cost of Sin

- Sin results in death.
- The first physical death recorded in Scripture was an innocent animal, slain by God to cover Adam and Eve's shame.
- Leviticus begins with the burnt offering, the foundational sacrifice that set the tone for the entire system.
- The worshiper would lay his hands on the head of his offering which symbolized the transfer of guilt.

- When the animal was slaughtered, the worshiper had to watch as the cost of sin was paid in blood.

- The cost of sin was acknowledged, but the debt was never fully paid.

The Limits of the Law

- Though the sacrificial system emphasized the seriousness of sin, it was never intended to be the final solution for sin.
- The repetition of sacrifices proved their insufficiency.
- Even the priests had to offer sacrifices for their own sins before they could intercede for the people.
- The sacrificial system was never meant to be the end.
- The Old Testament sacrifices were a shadow of what was to come, a temporary covering that anticipated the full and final atonement.

The Picture of Redemption

- Every sacrifice in Leviticus pointed forward to Jesus.
 - ⇒ The Burnt Offering represented complete devotion to God.
 - ⇒ The Grain Offering symbolized a life fully



given to God.

- ⇒ The Peace Offering was about reconciliation with God.
- ⇒ The Sin Offering reminds us that sin is not just about what we knowingly do wrong.
- ⇒ The Guilt Offering was about restitution, about making things right.
- All of these sacrifices were foreshadowing the one perfect sacrifice that was to come.

The Purpose Behind the Law

- The entire sacrificial system was designed to prepare the people for the coming of Christ.
- Everything about the tabernacle, the priesthood, and the sacrifices all pointed to Jesus.
- Unlike the sacrifices that had to be offered year after year, Jesus' sacrifice was once for all—a final, perfect atonement.
- The sacrificial system was never about the animals; it was about pointing people to their need for a greater sacrifice.

The Sacrificial Savior

- Jesus did not come to continue the old system; nor did He come to abolish it; He came to fulfill it.
- The cross was not a temporary fix; it was the

final solution.

- We do not have to add to what Jesus has already done; His sacrifice is complete.
- Jesus' sacrifice was different from all the others because He was not only the offering, He was also the High Priest who made the offering.
- Under the old system, priests would take the blood of an animal and present it before God, but Jesus, our great High Priest, brought His own blood.
- Christ is our Sacrificial Savior!

Conclusion

- The resurrection is the proof that Jesus' sacrifice was accepted.
- Jesus' work on the cross was once for all, and His ministry as our High Priest continues forever.
- We no longer have to rely on temporary solutions as the price of sin has been paid in full.
- Has Jesus' sacrifice been applied to your life?



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 continued strength and healing for Tony and healing from his surgery; for health issues for Bill and Alice; for Frank's hip to heal; for Manuel's niece's healing from cancer; for Cliff



Denney's health; for Kevin to heal from pancreatitis; for healing for Herbert, Barbara and Kitty; for healing for a growth on Ashlyn's brain; for Paige and Kristie's health issues; for healing for Virgie as well as Rose E; healing for Carmon; for Oscar A; for Robert and Annie, Nora and Doyle; for John's head and memory; for Donna's vein procedures to heal quickly; for Laura's vision and memory issues; for Susen's eyes & feet; and for Susen's niece, Stacey.

†Pray for the Children— Continue praying for children, youth and teachers throughout the year.

†Miscellaneous praises and prayer needs—Please pray for an unspoken request for Becky; for David's unspoken requests; 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, their needs for God's guidance, and for Andrew's daughter; for Paige and Brian, Carla and Tony as they continue to learn how 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 family needs; and for Shannon and Allison's relationship.

†Pray for our church—for our pastors and their families; for REVIVAL among our members; for our ministries, financial needs, 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.

†Pray for peace and protection in our nation—for North American



missionaries; for Texans on Mission and their

ministries, especially in Texas, Oklahoma, Southeast Missouri and Pittsburgh; for first responders and those who have suffered loss from various disasters; for the thousands who have lost their homes; 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; for our government officials to pass wise laws.

†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 the peace



agreement in Israel; for the situation in Ukraine to be resolved; for Burmese Christians who have been affected by the earthquake in Myanmar; and for other Christians, missionaries and refugees who are suffering from persecution in Taiwan, N. Korea, India, Africa, Viet Nam, China, Russia, Turkey and others.

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.

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SWAB DRIVE

Saturday, May 3
10:00am – 4:00pm

University Baptist Church
2720 Wabash Avenue
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George is a vibrant 8-year-old who loves to read, play outside with his friends, and have movie nights with his family. After being sick and making multiple trips to the doctor with no improvement, George's parents took him to the ER where he was diagnosed with aml: acute myeloid leukemia, an aggressive form of leukemia. Since his diagnosis, George has been in the hospital undergoing chemotherapy. Like others battling blood cancer, George's treatment will likely include a blood stem cell transplant so he can get back to 'being a regular kid'.

Please join us to get swabbed to be a potential blood stem cell donor for George and others battling blood cancer. YOU might be the ONE person who can save a life!



EARL YOUNG'S TEAM
Defeating Blood Cancer Thru Donor Awareness

For more information, visit
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