

# Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

May 11—17, 2025

Sunday School 9:45 am

Worship Service 11:00 am

Int. Harvest Church 1:30 pm

### Mid-Week

FB/YouTube Bible Study

### Wednesday

Bible Study 6:00 pm

Praise Team 7:00 pm



## Stewardship Thought...

**Acts 9:36**—"In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which, when translated, is Dorcas), who was always doing good and helping the poor."

**Tabitha (Dorcas) is kindred to all mothers; she distinguished herself by her giving. She made coats and garments for widows in her village. As we give today, let us remember Christian mothers everywhere who reveal Christ through their giving.**

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## Worship Service

### TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

### TIME TO GATHER

You Raised Me Up Solo by Bro. Bill

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Magnify Jesus Praise Team

**SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 12:10**

Grace Greater Than Our Sin Hymn 329

### TIME OF GIVING

Offering\*  
My Faith Looks Up to Thee Hymn 416

### TIME IN GOD'S WORD

**Message: Mother's Day Flour**

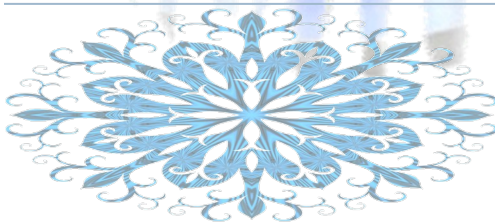
1 Kings 17:8-24 Bro. Oscar

### CLOSING PRAYER

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

## May Birthday

Annie Hayes	5/10
Zara Leonard	5/23
Oscar K. Pruitt	5/22
Frank Rike	5/19



## Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 1,110.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 291.50
<b>TOTAL OFFERINGS</b>	<b>\$ 1,401.50</b>
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 111.00
<b>Needed This Week for Budget</b>	<b>\$1,104.27</b>

## Going with God

Ruth 1:16, "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay."

In *The Courier*, a film inspired by true events, the main character, Greville, is confronted with a difficult decision. He learns that a close friend is going to be arrested and will likely face a grueling imprisonment. Greville can save himself from the same fate if he flees the country immediately and denies association with his friend. Moved with compassion, Greville loyally refuses to leave and is imprisoned, suffering the same agony as his friend. Neither man betrays the other. In the end, Greville is released a broken, but true and faithful companion.

Naomi needed a friend like that. When her husband and sons died, Naomi faced destitution and a long journey to her homeland. Naomi told her widowed daughter-in-law Ruth to remain in Moab and find a new life for herself (Ruth 1:8-9). Ruth responded, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go" (v. 16). Ruth loyally accompanied Naomi to a foreign land and helped provide for their family. Ruth's faithfulness transformed their broken family into an incredible legacy. Much later, her great-grandson David would become king of Israel and was called a man after God's own heart.

Facing suffering with others is daunting. But if we surrender our own will and seek God's strength, He enables us to love people in extraordinary ways. In His power, we can choose to say, "Where you go, I will go."

## 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 23.

### •Happy Mother's Day!

Because it is Mother's Day we will not have Praise Team or Evangelism this evening. Please enjoy time with your families.



•**VBS Will Be Here Soon!**—This year's VBS will run from June 23 to 27, and VBS Sunday will be on June 29. There will be two extremely important training dates—after church. The Power Session will take place on May 25th, and the Safety Meeting will take place on June 8th.

•**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 IMB/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](mailto: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](https://www.instagram.com/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 ADT, AT&T, gas, pest control, backflow prevention, and copier bills. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful.



Dear Grace Fellowship Baptist Church,

Thank you for your contribution on May 6, 2025 to our ministries. Because of your faithful support, the sun never sets on Texans on Mission (TBM) ministry. Lives are radically changed as you deliver help, hope and healing in the name of Christ.

This year alone, hundreds of people are coming to know Christ as their savior as you minister through Texans on Mission (TBM) in practical ways. Your gifts empower individuals to overcome overwhelming circumstances through the hope of Christ.

Thank you for your support as well as your prayers.

Briana Granstaff  
Donor Relations Coordinator



### Operation Christmas Child

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

Please pray about giving to this year's OCC.



**Today's Scripture**  
**2 Corinthians 12:10**—  
"That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

**Mother's Day Flour**

1 Kings 17:8-24

**Walking in Faith**

- Sometimes God is \_\_\_\_\_ because we are like Jonah and will refuse to walk in \_\_\_\_\_ if we know what is coming.
- Elijah had to walk in faith alone with \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ details.
- God supplies the details as we walk in \_\_\_\_\_.
- When Elijah arrived at the gate, the \_\_\_\_\_ who God told him to meet was there.
- All we know about the widow is that she is a single mother who is just trying to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hospitality**

- In the ancient middle east \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ was very important.
- The widow may be at the \_\_\_\_\_ of her rope, but she still had her dignity and performed the act of \_\_\_\_\_ by giving Elijah some water.
- Because of the custom of hospitality, she was

\_\_\_\_\_ by Elijah when he added a second request.

- If God operates this way in the lives of those found in holy Scripture, why would you expect God to act \_\_\_\_\_ in your life?
- The weakness of this widow makes her \_\_\_\_\_.

**Acting In Faith**

- We can see that in the beginning the widow had a tiny, twinkle of \_\_\_\_\_ when she \_\_\_\_\_ that there is a God.
- She went from a teeny \_\_\_\_\_ faith to enormously \_\_\_\_\_ faith when Elijah asked for the impossible.
- The widow could not divide what is left to make sure she and her son had some; if she baked a loaf of bread for Elijah - she must \_\_\_\_\_ what she \_\_\_\_\_ first.
- We see our faith as holding on, when God sees our faith as \_\_\_\_\_.
- God blessed her with the \_\_\_\_\_ to take the step, and she responded.





### Growing In Faith

- It is one thing to \_\_\_\_\_ you believe, and it is another thing to take \_\_\_\_\_ on that belief.
- Faith is not about huge projects; it is about \_\_\_\_\_.
- The widow had to \_\_\_\_\_ before she took the \_\_\_\_\_ of making the loaf, or she would not have made the bread.
- The widow \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ came raining down.
- It is clear that the widow believed to \_\_\_\_\_ degree, but she still did not have a convicted \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Fiery Trial

- The widow saw a daily \_\_\_\_\_, but the death of her son was \_\_\_\_\_ to endure.
- Elijah could not take the boy without his mother \_\_\_\_\_.
- The widow found herself in weakness; she did not hold on, she \_\_\_\_\_.



- God \_\_\_\_\_ Elijah's cry and \_\_\_\_\_ his prayer; the son lived... what a **Mother's Day present!**

### Conclusion

- The resurrection of the widow's son cemented her faith; she now knew that the Word of God was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- This mother started as a woman who had a \_\_\_\_\_ sparkle of faith, but it was \_\_\_\_\_ for God to change her world in a split second.
- To be truly used by God we must stop waiting for the \_\_\_\_\_; we must stop \_\_\_\_\_ to the thing we have been holding on to and **just let go.**





# 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 continued healing from back surgery; for Mark H. from cancer; for wisdom for Amy and healing from breast cancer; for Manuel's niece's healing from cancer; for health issues for Bill and Alice; for Tinny Sue who was in the hospital; for healing for Tonya from neurological issues and loss of mobility; for Frank's hip to heal; 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 our Nation

†Pray for peace and protection in our na-

tion—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 na-

tions—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 [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.