

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart 

Sunday, May 17, 2026



Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

May 17—23, 2026

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship	11:00 am
VBS Power Session	12:00 pm
Int. Harvest Church	1:30 pm
Praise Team	4:30 pm
Evangelism	6:00 pm

National Day of Prayer for VBS

Mid-Week

FB/YouTube Bible Study

Wednesday

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

Stewardship Thought...

Proverbs 30:8-9—“Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, ‘Who is the Lord?’ Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.”

A lifestyle, characterized by good management, is balanced lifestyle. As Christians, we manage what God provides for us and seek to balance the amount of things accumulated and consumed with the amount we give to God and to others.

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Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

Come, Thou Almighty King Hymn 247

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

People Need the Lord Hymn 557

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:2-3

Into My Heart

TIME OF GIVING

Stewardship Thought
Offering*

Better Is One Day

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

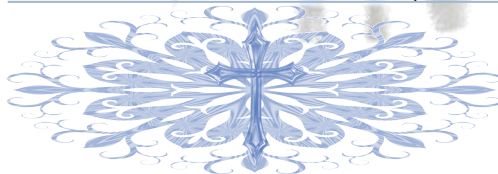
Message: The Power of Unity In the Holy Spirit Acts 1:4-9 **Bro. Oscar**

CLOSING PRAYER

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

May Birthdays

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



Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 545.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 401.50
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 946.50
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 54.50
Needed This Week for Budget	\$ 601.10

In God's Line of Sight

Psalm 121:8, *"The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore."*

Trina received a free ticket to a sold-out event and tucked it into her Bible. Later, her son saw her frantically searching through the pantry. When she explained that she'd lost her Bible, he asked why she was looking in the food cupboard. "Because I've looked everywhere else, and the event starts in thirty minutes," she said. "I don't want to miss one moment." Her son chuckled. "Breathe, Mom," he said. "I think you're suffering from FOMO, the fear of missing out." She laughed. As her son joined the search, Trina's husband entered. "You left this in the car," he said, holding up the Bible.

While it's not wrong to enjoy unexpected blessings, big breaks, or once-in-a-lifetime opportunities, a desire for enjoyment can easily turn into a fear of missing out. We can even be tempted to think God holds out on us or loses sight of us. However, the "Maker of heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:2) is our ever-watchful and never-sleeping provider and protector (vv. 3-7). So we don't have to fret over detours, delays, or even missed opportunities. God will watch over our "coming and going both now and forevermore" (v. 8).

During times of affliction, seasons of abundance, and in every mundane moment God plans for us in-between, we're always in His line of sight. We won't miss out on anything God has planned for us to experience.

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 4:13.

•**VBS Power Session**—Please join us today after church for lunch and a chance to get powered up for **V*B*S*!**

•**Graduation Reception for Analyza Ramirez**—We would like to honor Analyza with a reception in the fellowship room after church on Sunday, May 31st. Please plan to stay a few minutes and help celebrate with us. Analyza will actually graduate from Polytechnic this Tuesday.

•**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 27th



•**Ladies Brunch**—Ladies, if you would still like to meet for brunch at Belenty's, a vegan Mexican food restaurant, 10:00 am on Saturday, May 30th.

•**Upcoming Important Dates:**

VBS Safety Meeting - June 14th

Father's Day - June 21st

VBS—see above

250 Birthday of U.S.A.—July 4th

Our U.S.A. Celebration —July 5th

Today's Scripture

Ephesians 4:2-3—“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

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

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

²⁷ He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’^[a]; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’^[b]”

²⁸ “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii^[c] and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

³⁶ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said “Go and do likewise.” That is the mission of Samaritan's Purse.



The Power of Unity in the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:4-9, John 16:6-7, Ephesians 3:16-17, Ephesians 4:2-3, Colossians 3:12-14

The Holy Spirit

- Jesus promised the **Apostles** the _____ of the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit lives _____ each one of us, and the Holy Spirit comes with _____.
- Because the Holy Spirit lives in us, we have the ability to a_____, t_____, s_____, and r_____ in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- We cannot live the Christian life without the power of the _____.

Unity in the Church

- The Christian church as a whole, and our church, Grace Fellowship, was formed _____ the _____ - _____.
- The Holy Spirit has a vested interest in keeping us _____.
- It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that we are able to remain _____, and our unity is critically important.
- A unified church is a threat to _____'s d_____ and power.

Fruit of the Spirit

- The fruit of the Spirit is love, j_____, p_____, f_____, kindness, g_____, faithfulness, g_____ and self-control.
- Our ability to live this way and treat other believers in this way, comes from the _____ of the Holy Spirit.
- These "fruit" are the natural outgrowth of our _____ with God.
- We are to simply _____ God and do what He calls us to do, and the _____ will supply the power.

Forbearance

- Forgiveness is what is needed when someone sins _____ you.
- Forbearance is what you need when someone is merely _____ - _____ to you.
- Each of us has opinions, habits, or ways of speaking or acting, that some people find _____ - or offensive.
- We are to _____ with each other, with the power of the Holy Spirit, because God _____ with us.



What Forgiveness Is Not

- To be in fellowship with other human beings is to be _____ against.
- Five things that forgiveness is not:
 - ◊ Forgiveness does not mean the hurt _____.
 - ◊ Forgiveness does not mean that what _____ was okay.
 - ◊ Forgiveness does not mean that they _____ to be forgiven.
 - ◊ Forgiveness does not mean that _____ must immediately and fully _____ people who have sinned against us.
 - ◊ Forgiveness does not mean that we _____ abuse.

What Forgiveness Is

- There are bad actors out there who will use our desire for Christian _____ against us.
- Five things that forgiveness is:
 - ◊ Forgiving someone means we do not hold a _____.
 - ◊ Forgiving someone means we do not treat them with _____, or contempt.
 - ◊ Forgiving someone means we do not _____ them or _____ them _____ of our lives.
 - ◊ Forgiving someone means we do not try to _____ at them.
 - ◊ Forgiving someone means we do not at-

tempt to _____ them.

Christ's Forgiveness

- Christ's forgiveness of us is the _____, and the reason, for us to forgive one another.
- When we consider that God has forgiven all _____, then we have no reason to refuse to forgive the sins that others may commit against us.
- Forgiving as Christ forgave us means that we forgive in the same way that He forgave us, _____ and completely.
- Forgiveness is _____ to who we are as followers of Christ.

Conclusion

- _____ is the glue that binds together the fruit of the Spirit.
- If we love one another, as we are loved by God, then we will _____ one another.
- Our relationships with one another will be characterized by j____, p_____ and h_____, as we serve Jesus and worship Him together.

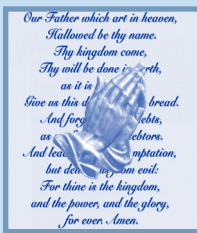


Remember in Prayer . . .



†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 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 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



*Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done in earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever. Amen.*

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; blessings for Gennacie, Nick, RJ and Celeste; 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; 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 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.

"When you walk with Christ, every step has purpose."

—Unknown author

"God loves you not because of who you are, but because of who He is."

—Billy Graham

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.

