

# Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart 

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

May 24—30, 2026

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

### Mid-Week

FB/YouTube Bible Study

### Wednesday

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

### Saturday

Ladies Brunch	10:00 am
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## Worship Service

### TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

### TIME TO GATHER

Opening Solo Bro. Bill

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me  
Hymn 123

### SCRIPTURE: John 14:16-17a

I'll Live For Him Hymn 298

### TIME OF GIVING

Stewardship Thought  
Offering\*  
Amazed Bro. Bill

### TIME IN GOD'S WORD

#### Message: The Spirit of Truth

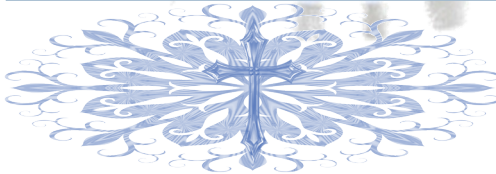
John 14:16-18 Bro. Oscar

### 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	\$ 722.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 50.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 772.00
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 72.20

Needed This Week for Budget \$ 1,260.00

## Prayer in Disguise

Job 19:6, "God has wronged me and drawn his net around me."

After the horrors of Auschwitz, Elie Wiesel lost his faith. "Where were you, God of kindness?" he asked, recalling the evil he and others suffered. "In my childhood I did not expect much from human beings. But I expected everything from you."

And yet, Wiesel realized later that his faith had never really left him. "It is because I believed in God that I was angry at God," he told a journalist, "and still am." You don't get angry at someone you don't believe exists.

We might feel uncomfortable expressing anger at God, but biblical characters did. "You deceived me, Lord," the prophet Jeremiah cried (20:7). "Will you forget me forever?" David wrote (Psalm 13:1). "God has wronged me," Job said (19:6). Unaware of Satan's role in his misfortune, Job accused God of being cruel (10:3) and even subpoenaed Him to court (31:35)! While Job later discovered that his understanding was limited (42:3), it's important to note God never rebukes his feelings.

Despite his questions, Elie Wiesel prayed, "Let us make up. It is unbearable to be divorced from you so long." We too might be angry at God for not limiting the suffering in our world, but our expressing it to Him can become prayer in disguise—keeping us close to the God who wants us to bring not just our praise but our anger to Him too.

## Stewardship Thought...

**Matthew 16:26**—"What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

The answer to the first question in this Scripture is "nothing." The answer to the second question can be that the Christian gives whatever he can back to God because God has given him eternal life. We also give to help share the gospel with others.

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# 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.

•**Ladies Brunch**—Ladies, Susen has made a 10 am reservation for brunch at Belenty's Love on Saturday, May 30th. Belenty's Love is a vegan Mexican food restaurant, located at 3516 Bluebonnet Cir. 76109. Please make sure your name is on the list on the back table as we need an exact count by Wednesday, May 27.

•**Graduation Reception for Analya Ramirez**—Next Sunday, we will honor Analya with a reception in the fellowship room after church next Sunday, May 31st. Please plan to stay a few minutes and help celebrate with us. Analya 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 **highlighted yellow areas** on the sign-up sheets to find out what spots are open.

\* VBS Family Day - June 27<sup>th</sup>

•**Other Upcoming Important Dates:**

VBS Safety Meeting - June 14<sup>th</sup>

Father's Day - June 21<sup>st</sup>

250 Birthday of U.S.A.— July 4<sup>th</sup>

Our U.S.A. Celebration —July 5<sup>th</sup>



•**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](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 janitorial, SBA loan and backflow inspection bill. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful. God bless you!

## How is VBS Like Missions

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is more than a summer kids' ministry — it is a powerful **mission field** for planting seeds of faith, compassion, and service in the next generation.

The mission of Vacation Bible School (VBS) is to provide a safe, engaging, and spiritually enriching environment where children can learn about God, the Bible, and Christian values through fun, interactive activities. It aims to teach biblical truths, foster a love for God and others, and help children grow in their faith.

The vision of VBS is to create a memorable week of learning and fun that leads children to meet Jesus, hear His truth, and experience His love, so they can receive His gift of eternal life. It is not just about summer fun, but about intentional kingdom growth—making a lasting spiritual impact on each child, regardless of whether they join the church.

VBS and missionary work are closely connected because VBS is a prime opportunity to introduce children to **God's heart for the nations** and to equip them to be part of His mission.

In the church context, **Vacation Bible School** is more than a summer children's program — it is a ministry tool with a clear mission and vision aimed at spiritual growth, evangelism, and building the community.

It serves as a key outreach event, inviting children and families from outside the church into the church's spiritual life. The mission also includes **evangelism, discipleship, and relationship-building** with children, parents, and church members. By combining Bible teaching with activities like songs, crafts, games, and service projects, VBS aims to make the message of Christ memorable and relatable.

To sum it up, VBS can serve as a tool for churches to reach children and potentially parents who may not attend church. It provides a comfortable, welcoming environment to aid the church in fulfilling evangelical goal of the great commission as Jesus directed.

## Today's Scripture

**John 14:16-17a**—*"And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth."*

**The Spirit of Truth**

*John 14:16-18, 1 Corinthians 2:14, 1 Corinthians 2:9-12, Ephesians 3:16-19, Colossians 1:9, Romans 15:13*

**The Power of the Holy Spirit**

- The power of the Holy Spirit is simply the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit acting in power, in and through us.
- Three ways in which the Holy Spirit empowers us to know God:
  - ◆ He is a part of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ◆ He leads us into the \_\_\_\_\_ and protects us against \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ◆ He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of truth for us, revealing the truth about Jesus.
- When we act in **obedience** to God, we are expressing "\_\_\_\_\_" is \_\_\_\_\_ us.

**Understanding the Truth**

- The obstacle to understanding the truth about God is not intellectual, but \_\_\_\_\_.
- A person's lack of comprehension is not a head issue, but an issue of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.

- Since the *truth* of the Bible *conflicts* with what people, in their natural state, desire to do they are \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Because **conversion** is a work of the \_\_\_\_\_, we cannot argue someone into the kingdom.

**The Spirit Knows the Mind of God**

- The Holy Spirit gives us the ability to fully \_\_\_\_\_ what it \_\_\_\_\_ to be a *child of God*.
- The *hope* which the Spirit gives us concerning eternal life enables us to \_\_\_\_\_ with *peace* and *confidence*.
- God has prepared for us wonderful gifts, for this life and the next.
- The Holy Spirit *opens* our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to understand and to receive, all of God's gifts.

**Understanding God's Love**

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit helps us to understand *God's love* for us.
- The Holy Spirit gives us the ability to see how God's \_\_\_\_\_ to our lives.



- Understanding God's love for us can only be understood by \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Holy Spirit enables us to interpret our life experiences with the eyes of \_\_\_\_\_, guided by the truth of the \_\_\_\_\_.

### **The Holy Spirit Gives Us Wisdom**

- The Holy Spirit empowers us to live lives that are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to God by giving us wisdom.
- The wisdom of the world only takes into account what we can comprehend with our \_\_\_\_\_.
- Spiritual things can only be understood by Holy \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom.
- Without God's Spirit, it is \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ to understand *who* we are and *for what* we were made.

### **Conclusion**

- The world can offer only \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_, and superficial versions of *peace* and *joy*.
- For the world, *hope* is nothing more than a \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_.
- For a Christian, *hope* is a sure and certain *reliance* on the

- \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and those promises never fail.
- We are different from those \_\_\_\_\_ Christ, because we have the power of the Holy Spirit.



# 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

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 VBS, the leaders and children; 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](mailto: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.

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"Sometimes, when you're in a dark place, you think you have been buried. But actually, you have been planted."  
- Unknown

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"People suffer more in their imagination than in reality."  
— Seneca

## 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.

