

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

June 1-7, 2025

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Church Council	12:15 pm
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

Coming Soon:



Online registration is OPEN—NOW!

Stewardship Thought...

Romans 12:1—"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship."

God's first goal for giving is that we give ourselves to Him. Reconciliation to God frees us to grow in the grace of giving. The percent of our income that we give may be used as one measure of growth in His grace.

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Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

Special Music

Bro. Bill

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE: James 1:2

Your Grace Still Amazes Me

Kristie & the Praise Team

TIME OF GIVING

Offering*

When He Reached Down His Hand

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: Seeking Wisdom

James 1:1-8

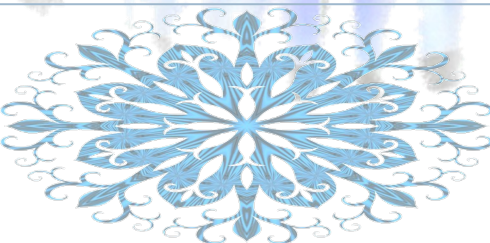
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CLOSING PRAYER

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

June Birthday

Herbert Jackson	6/15
Tina Koellmann	6/05
Analysa Ramirez	6/19
Dale Robertson	6/05



Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 290.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 44.50
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 334.50
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 29.00

Needed This Week for Budget \$ 1,141.85

From the Deadly Sword

Psalm 144:9, "I will sing a new song to you, my God."

Sabin Howard's remarkable sculpture *A Soldier's Journey* breathes with vitality and anguish. Thirty-eight bronze figures lean forward across a fifty-eight-foot bas-relief that traces the life of a World War I soldier. Completed in 2024, the panorama begins with a heartrending goodbye to family, leads us through the naive elation of departure, and moves into the horrors of battle. Finally the sculpture returns us home, where the veteran's daughter peers into his upturned helmet—only to foresee World War II.

Howard sought "to find the thread that runs through humanity—that human beings can reach great heights, and they can sink to the level of the animal." War reveals this reality.

The psalmist David knew well the bloody consequences of war. Aware of its tragic necessity to confront evil, he praised the God who "trains my hands for war" (Psalm 144:1). Yet he also recoiled from combat, praying, "From the deadly sword deliver me" (vv. 10-11). David looked forward to the time when the young won't die in war, but sons "will be like well-nurtured plants" and daughters "like pillars carved to adorn a palace" (v. 12). On that day "there will be no breaching of walls, no going into captivity, no cry of distress in our streets" (v. 14).

Looking back, we remember those who've fallen in battle. Looking ahead, we sing with David, "I will sing a new song to you, my God" (v. 9).

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 2 .

•VBS Will Be Here Soon!—YAY!



VBS is swinging nearer! Next Sunday, June 8th, Becky will lead the Safety Meeting in the fellowship room. Remember, lunch is included. Our actual VBS dates are June 23 through 27. Our Family Activities Day will be Saturday, the 28th and VBS Sunday will be on the 29th. Registration is open on the website, and remember our **VBS is FREE!**

•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 Of-

fering." 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, VBS registration, the ability to leave prayer requests and 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 SBA loan, electric, water and dumpster bills. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful.



PART ONE

Texans on Mission has opportunities for people to live on mission with Christ. You can serve God by:

**Meeting needs in His name
Sharing the Gospel
Building up the body of Christ**

Whether you want to serve locally at your church, in your state, in the U.S. or serve on the other side of the world, there's an opportunity for you to share God's love. Is He calling you to one of these opportunities?

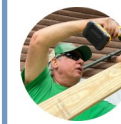
FEEDING TEAMS--



Become a vital part of Texans on Mission feeding teams after disasters and help fuel recovery for survivors and keep volunteers serving.

There is **Online Orientation** and **Online Food Handling Training** By going to texansonmission.org

BUILDERS PROJECTS



Join Texans on Mission Builders (TXM) on a project in Texas or beyond in 2025. Serve for a day or two weeks. Together, we help ministries grow.

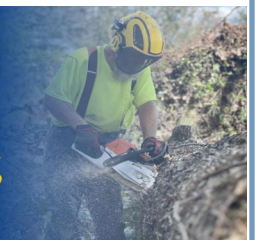
MISSION TRIPS

Water Impact: Peru--June 25-Aug. 1

Be part of a six-person team to drill a well in the Andes Mountains and share the Gospel with children.

To be Continued

**LIVE ON
MISSION
WITH
CHRIST**
in 2025



Operation Christmas Child

Grace Fellowship still 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

James 1:2—"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds."

Seeking Wisdom*James 1:1-8***Spiritual Heritage**

- James encourages Jewish Christians of their spiritual heritage as the _____ of _____.
- James is writing about an attitude of joy that comes from knowing _____'s _____.
- James does not say _____ you face trials, but _____ you face trials.
- T_____, h_____ and _____ - _____ difficulties are part of life.
- When we are t_____, we must confidently t_____ to God, t_____ Him and not ourselves.

Suffering For Jesus

- The apostles considered it _____ and an h_____ to suffer for Jesus.
- God wants us to pass the test because it produces s_____.
- Steadfastness leads us to p_____ and c_____.
- We can count it all _____ when we are tested, because God's expectancy for us is that we will _____ the _____.

Ask God For Wisdom

- We must ask God for wisdom to know how to handle the _____ and _____ we are going to face.

- Wisdom is something which changes _____ we _____.
- If we cannot _____ of our desire to _____ everything, then all the wisdom from God will not matter.
- When you pray asking for two separate answers to your prayer, you are being _____ - _____.
- We are to pray _____ and _____ that God will answer that prayer.

Conclusion

- One of the most important aspects of becoming an authentic Christian is developing _____.
- The trials are not God's purpose for your life, the end result, your _____ like _____, is.
- Be **joy-filled** when _____ things happen to you, because _____ you are _____, they will lead you to become more Christ-like.
- If we embrace _____, not the world's, we will become more and more the person God wants us to be.



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 Bro. Dale's heart; for Alice's upcoming hip replacement surgery; for continued healing for Tony from cancer & 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 for his concern for Alice; for healing 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.

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

†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 wisdom, peace and protection in our nation—for North American missionaries; for

Texans on Mission and their ministries, especially in Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Pittsburgh;

for first responders and those who have suffered loss from various disasters; for thousands who have lost 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.



Peace



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.