

# Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

June 22—28, 2025

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

### All Week

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| VBS-Monday-Friday | from 6:30—8:30 pm |
| VBS Family Day    |                   |



It's Not too late to Register Online

## Stewardship Thought...

**Ezra 1:5-6**—"Then the family heads of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and Levites—everyone whose heart God had moved—prepared to go up and build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem. All their neighbors assisted them with articles of silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with valuable gifts in addition to all the free will offerings."

It has always been true of God's people: when in fellowship with God and ready to serve Him, they give willingly.

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## Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE: James 1:22

TIME OF GIVING

Offering\*

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: Being and Doing

James 1:19-27

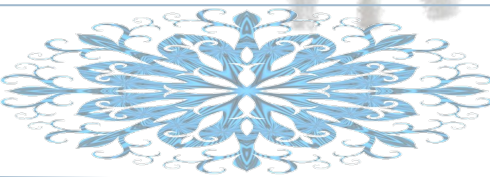
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CLOSING PRAYER

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

## June Birthdays

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



## Ministry Gifts

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Offerings for Budget        | \$ 1,443.00 |
| Designated Offerings        | \$ 77.05    |
| TOTAL OFFERINGS             | \$ 1,520.05 |
| 10% Taken out for Missions  | \$ 144.30   |
| Needed This Week for Budget | \$ 570.00   |

## In the Depths

Psalm 69:15, "Do not let the floodwaters engulf me or the depths swallow me up."

San Fruttuoso Abbey is nestled in a cove off Italy's northwest coast. Accessible only by boat or foot, it's a secluded gem. But even more treasure hides in its bay. As divers venture into the sea and descend fifty feet down, the figure of a man starts coming into view. This is Christ of the Abyss, the world's first underwater statue, placed in 1954. The bronze figure depicts Jesus in the depths, His hands raised to heaven.

The depths. Maybe you've experienced them. "I sink in the miry depths," Psalm 69 says, "I am worn out calling for help" (vv. 2-3). Mocked by his foes and estranged from his family (vv. 4, 7-12), the psalmist found no comfort in others (v. 20) and feared his misery would "swallow" him up (v. 15). Whether it's sin or sadness that takes us there, the depths are life's moments of dark despair.

Thankfully this isn't the last word on the depths. For while they're cold and lonely, there is one who can be found in them (139:8). And He will rescue us from their chilly waters. "I will exalt you, Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths" (30:1).

As that sculpture reminds us, when we're sinking under the world's weight, we're not alone. Jesus by the Spirit is there in the depths, His hands raised high—ready to meet us and lift us out in time.

# Announcements...

•**Mid-Week Activities—Bible Study will return the first week in July—**You may read ahead by going to 2 Chronicles 2.

•**VBS is Here!**—YAY! VBS begins tomorrow and goes through the 27<sup>th</sup>. Our Family Activities Day will be Saturday, the 28<sup>th</sup> from to .



Please have friends and relatives go online and register. 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 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. 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 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 Janitorial bill and Church Copyright License. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful.



**Texans on Mission**, formerly known as Texas Baptist Men, is the disaster relief arm of Texas Baptists, established in 1967. They have responded to every major disaster in Texas and beyond, including events like Hurricane Katrina, the Southeast

Asia tsunami and the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks.

Their mission is to deliver **help, hope, and healing** to those affected by disasters, and they actively deploy teams to assist in recovery efforts across various communities. Recently, they have mobilized disaster relief teams to respond to widespread flooding in Southeast Texas and have been involved in relief efforts in other states as well. Texans on Mission is uniquely experienced and equipped to respond to physical and spiritual needs around the world because of their decades of work closer to home.

We stepped up when:

- An earthquake rocked Turkey and Syria.
- War came to Ukraine.
- A train derailed in India.
- War came to Israel.

Texans on Mission's experience and expertise provides disaster relief as well as helping others in many countries. When we respond to international needs, we carry out Jesus' calling to reach the ends of the earth in His name.

For more information on TXM's ongoing efforts, you can visit their official website at [texansonmission.org](http://texansonmission.org).



## 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 1:22**—"Do not merely listen to the Word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

**Being and Doing***James 1:19-27***Listening**

- We are to be listeners.
- A benefit of listening well is we become slower to speak.
- When we listen well, we are trying to understand the other person's point, their feelings and beliefs.
- When we are quick to listen, we become slower to speak, and because of that, we become slower to become angry.

**Doers Of The Word**

- We must rid ourselves of all moral filth and evil that fills our lives so abundantly.
- Getting rid of moral filth means to get rid of all that stuff that stains our soul.
- We must get rid of the bad in our life and accept the gift of the Word of God, so that we might find salvation for our soul.

**Be In The Word**

- It is one thing to know the Word, but it is another thing to DO the Word.

- The Word of God serves as a mirror to show us the truth about ourselves.
- There is a great separation between what we say we believe and what we do.
- If we are going to convince a cynical world that the message of Jesus Christ is real, we must be intentional about living the Christian life.
- We will be blessed in our doing, not as a result of our doing.

**Conclusion**

- A sign of who God is in your life is shown by what you treasure by your actions and your money.
- Do not let the world stain you.
- If you are not in the Word of God, begin.
- Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.
- Seek to serve others, because you love them.
- Do not just talk about Jesus; being a doer will do all the talking you need.





# 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 Alice to heal quickly; for health issues for Bill and for his concern for Alice; for continued healing for Tony from cancer & surgery; for Mark H. from cancer; for wisdom for Amy and healing from breast cancer; 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 un-

spoken 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 Alison's relationship.

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

†Pray for our church—for our VBS; 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, Okla-

homa, 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.



## 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.