

# Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart

Sunday, June 29, 2025

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

June 22—28, 2025

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

### Mid-Week

FB/YouTube Bible Study

### Wednesday

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



Sunday

## Stewardship Thought...

**Isaiah 40:29**—"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak." (Isaiah 40:29)

"When we show weakness in our teaching, giving, serving, etc., is an opportunity for God to show His strength in our lives. The Bible teaches that our weaknesses can actually be a source of strength, as they allow us to rely on God's power and grace.

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## Worship Service

### TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

### TIME TO GATHER

Hey, Hey, Hey

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let's Trust In Jesus

**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 11:28**

Come To Me

Help Me Jesus

### TIME OF GIVING

Offering\*

My God Is Power

### TIME IN GOD'S WORD

**Message: Getting Out of The Boat**

Matthew 14:22-33

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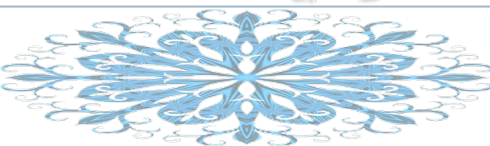
Closing Song: Power Shuffle

### 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	\$ 1,033.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 696.50
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 1,729.50
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 103.30

**Needed This Week for Budget \$ 1,067.48**

## Leave It with God

Psalm 18:2, "The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge."

Perched high on the climbing wall, Sarah could feel panic rising as her weakening fingers began losing grip on the handholds. "Just how hard will I hit the ground," she wondered.

But the instructor kept calling out assurances from below. As the "belayer" tethered to the other end of the rope tied to Sarah's harness through a pulley, his weight would hold her if she fell. "I'm much heavier than you!" he yelled. "Just let go."

So she did—and simply swung away from the wall to dangle safely in the air.

The incident gave Sarah a new perspective of the picture of God in Psalm 18:2: "The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock . . . my stronghold." Sarah observed, "God is so much heavier than all my problems. I can let go of my worries and fears, and He'll catch me."

King David sang the words of Psalm 18 after God rescued him from "deep waters"—these were his "powerful [enemies]" looking to bring about his "day of . . . disaster" (vv. 16-18). Even if his troubles didn't disappear, he knew he could trust his all-powerful Savior and that God was holding on to him tightly.

# 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 2 Chronicles 2.



•**VBS is almost History!** VBS itself ran through Friday, and Family Activities Day yesterday.

☀️ **VBS Volunteers:** Stay tuned, Becky will be announcing our VBS Follow-Up Day in July.

•**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, 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 electric and dumpster bills. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful.

evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham. Samaritan's Purse currently works in more than 100 countries to provide aid to victims of war, disease, disaster, poverty and famine.

The Samaritan's Purse project, OCC, collects shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

Since 1993, OCC, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 232 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

Delivered into the hands of children through local churches in their area, every shoebox gift is an opportunity to share about Jesus Christ and God's love. Since 2009 over 46 million shoebox recipients have participated in their 12-lesson discipleship course, The Greatest Journey. More than 23 million boys and girls have made decisions for Christ.



As you remember, Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and

## 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

**Matthew 11:28**—*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."*

**Getting Out of The Boat***Matthew 14:22-33***Jesus Revealed**

- The disciples were being battered by the waves and the wind.
- Jesus revealed Himself as they had never seen, known or understood Him before.
- Water represented all the evil powers which oppressed and resisted the salvation intended for the people of Israel.
- Jesus is doing something that only God alone can do.
- This is not just about Jesus walking on the water, it is a divine revelation!

**When We Wonder, We Can Trust Jesus**

- The words translated as "It is I" are the same words God used to reveal Himself to Moses at the burning bush.
- Jesus' message to the disciples in the midst of the storm, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid" gives us faith so we too can trust Jesus.
- We live in a world that is ruled by fear.
- When we wonder how we are going to make it through our situation, Jesus walks out to us, victoriously gliding across the things we fear most.

**When We Feel Powerless, We Can Trust Jesus**

- When we feel powerless, we can trust Jesus.
- Just as Jesus told Peter to leave the safety of

his boat and conquer his fears, He is telling us also to come with Him.

- Only when Peter became distracted, when fear got a grip on him again did he start to sink.
- When we need help, we can trust Jesus.

**Conclusion**

- We are called by Jesus to step out of our comfort zones in faith.
- If you want to be close to Jesus, you have to venture forth out on the sea, trusting and proving His promises.
- Getting out of the boat with Jesus is the most risky, most exciting, and most fulfilling way to live life to the fullest!
- We are to trust Jesus in this wild world.



# 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 healing** for Franky; for Alice to heal from hip surgery; 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's surgery and healing from breast cancersurgery; 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 un-

spoken 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 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 min-

istries, 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 Bur-



mese 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.