

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church
With a Heart 

Sunday, July 5, 2026



Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

July 5—11, 2026
 Sunday School 9:45 am
 Worship 11:00 am
 Church Council 12:10 pm
 Int. Harvest Church 1:30 pm

Mid-Week
 FB/YouTube Bible Study

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



Stewardship Thought...

Galatians 5:1—“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”

The Declaration of Independence asserted our national freedom. Freedom from the temptation to be selfish is won by choosing to be generous in giving.

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Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

America, the Beautiful Hymn 630
 Guide Us With Your Grace

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let Freedom Ring
SCRIPTURE: Psalm 33:12
 God Bless the USA

TIME OF GIVING

Stewardship Thought & Offering
 America, Keep Holding to God's Hand

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

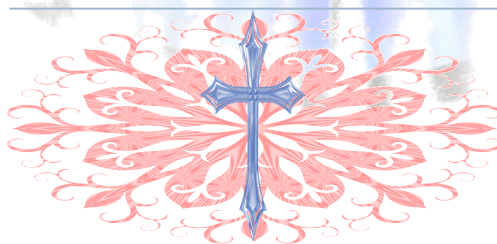
Message: Foundational Declarations
 Psalms 33:12 Bro. Oscar

CLOSING PRAYER

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

July Birthdays

Craig Ezell 7/22
 Eddie Venious 7/26



Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 600.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 259.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 859.00
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 60.00
Needed This Week for Budget	\$ 680.84

Team Effort in Christ

Ecclesiastes 4:10, "Pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up."

In 1869, construction began on the Brooklyn Bridge in New York City. Soon after work commenced, chief engineer Washington Roebling became very ill. His wife, Emily, pitched in to help. She studied his plans, revised specifications, and gave instructions to his assistants. Emily assisted her husband in any way she could, and when the bridge opened in 1883, she rode in the first carriage across it. Her husband praised her "remarkable talent" and "her thorough knowledge of the work and plans."

Such teamwork is beautiful and the secret to the most meaningful work of our lives. Solomon explained the basis of teamwork in Ecclesiastes: "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: if either of them falls down, one can help the other up" (4:9-10). And Paul said we should view teamwork as a key to the work of the church: "There are many parts, but one body" (1 Corinthians 12:20). He further explained that there should be "no division in the body" (v. 25) as everyone serves together, caring for each other.

In our work, our family, or in the life of the church, none of us are in this alone. We need each other when someone falters, and we need each other as we combine our talents. Teamwork is vital as we set out to accomplish what God wants us to do.

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 2 Thesalonians 2.

•**Church Council**—The Church Council will meet today, following the service.

•**VBS Follow-up**—Following next Sunday's July 12th service, we will visit children who attended VBS. We are planning to take gift bags to each child and then meet for lunch to debrief and talk about the VBS theme for 2027.



•**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 Ameri-

can 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 a lot 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](https://www.instagram.com/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 water and CCLI bills. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful. God bless you!



The Texans on Mission (TXM) Box team has been serving in Waco since the city experienced torrential rain and flooding from recent tropical storms. On 19 June morning, more volunteer teams deployed and will be serving in Waco for the next couple of weeks.

Teams deploying and joining the Box team include:

- Flood Recovery
- Shower/Laundry
- Volunteer Feeding
- Chainsaw
- Incident Management Team
- Electrical
- Electronics Asset Protection

Severe weather and flooding continue to impact families in Texas and Louisiana. Some areas received more than 30 inches of rain in two days, and many roads are closed due to flooding. Initial reports indicate many family homes are impacted and will need assistance. We continue to talk with our partners in Texas and Louisiana regarding their needs as the storm continues and they work on their assessments.

Frequently, after a disaster families feel alone and are overwhelmed by the damage. They do not know where to turn or how to start the cleanup process. But all that changes when a TXM volunteer shows up with an offer to help.

From time to time, there is a shift in demeanor, and they suddenly relax because TXM volunteers come in and meet physical needs, but they also offer encouragement, support and prayer, which meets emotional and spiritual needs as well.

Will you join me in praying for these volunteer teams as they minister to families in Waco and for all families in Texas and Louisiana affected by Tropical Storm Arthur?

Mickey Lenamon
Chief Executive Officer

Today's Scripture

Psalm 33:12—*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He chose for His inheritance."*

Foundational Declarations

Psalms 33:12

Biblical Impact

- Our Founding Fathers used _____ to frame this country's foundation.
- If we do not know about the _____ laid for this nation by our Founding Fathers, our nation has **no** _____ for the future.
- What our Founding Fathers believed is _____.
- As Christians, we are to be prepared to _____ on how we believe God has raised up this nation and how He has us.

Biblical Reliance

- John Adams and John Hancock were _____ signers of the Declaration of Independence, who publicly said, "*We Recognize No Sovereign but _____ and no King but _____!*"

- The signers of the Declaration of Independence sought _____ in the decisions they made.
- Our Founding Fathers were more dependent upon the _____ than they were on _____.

Beliefs

- Compared to many war-torn nations, we have i_____, f_____ and o_____ to pursue our dreams.
- Our Founding Fathers had a reverent _____ of the Lord.
- We should honor _____ by letting the Fourth of July be a reminder of the _____ our Founding Fathers _____ for the independence we enjoy.
- Our Founding Fathers were soft spoken men of means and education who valued I _____ more for this nation and the p_____ than their own lives.



- God used our Founding Father's _____ and _____ to raise up a nation that has spread God's Word and love around the world.

Need for God's Word

- The lack of hunger for God's Word has caused many Americans to lose sight of the fact that "_____ Over Nations."
- Our Founding Fathers had great knowledge of _____ and knew what had to be done.
- "Separation of _____ and _____" is not in the Constitution.
- Our nation's Founding Fathers never intended to keep God's truths from _____ having _____ an _____ on the _____ of our nation.

Conclusion

- Our nation and our Constitution

are great because built into them is the basic value that all people are _____.

- Christian leaders made sure the Bill of Rights would forever prevent our government from interference in the _____ of its citizens.
- We should celebrate the 4th of July as a _____ day of _____.
- Take time to thank God for His _____ and _____ - _____ chastisements upon the United States of America.



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 Dale; healing for Victor from cancer and for Liz's many issues; for Mark H. from cancer; for healing from surgery for Lisa and for additional surgeries she will need; 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; for an unspoken need for Nick and for care and protection for his family; praises and prayers for Paige, Jacob and Stetson; blessings for Gennacie, Nick, RJ and Celeste; 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 came to our VBS; and for teachers and staff who lead 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. Bless them as they continue for many years. 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 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 in the U.S. and 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.

"Grace is the bridge between our weakness and God's strength."

—unknown

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord."

— 1 Corinthians 12:4-5

Please Pray for VBS

Jesus, we continue to pray that children in our community will grow in their relationship with You. We pray that You will continue to break down walls that might prevent young hearts from receiving Your love. We ask that the truth of who You will continue to sink deep into their hearts. We pray that they know 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.

