

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

Sunday, July 26, 2026

The Church
With a Heart

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

July 26—August 1, 2026

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship	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

Stewardship Thought...

Matthew 10:7-8—"As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."

God calls our people to be His messengers; preachers, teachers, missionaries and other kinds of servants. In Jesus' teachings, ministry is never separated from financial support. Giving to our church supports the ministries of our church.

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Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

Opening Hymn: Better Is One Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 16:18

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
Hymn 267

TIME OF GIVING

Stewardship Thought & Offering
Freely, Freely Hymn 273

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: Pride

Obadiah 1-21

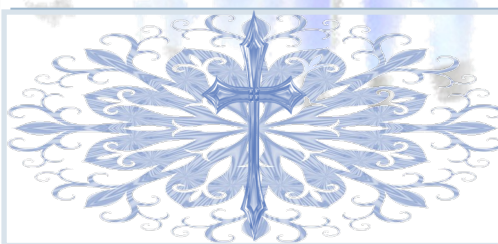
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CLOSING PRAYER

*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	\$ 2,190.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 2,410.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 4,600.00
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 219.00
Needed This Week for Budget	\$ 1,651.89

God Watching Over Us

2 Kings 6:16, "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

The angels were there all along, but no one alive had seen them. They adorned the walls of the Old North Church in Boston, looking down from on high, but they'd been covered with layers of paint more than a century ago. Church records indicated a contract with a member of the congregation to paint them in 1730 when the church was undergoing construction. A recent restoration project that commenced in 2017 led to the discovery of the angels.

Scripture speaks of supernatural beings—real, not painted—that were present when others were not aware. On one occasion, the prophet Elisha was surrounded by the army of the king of Aram. When his servant saw the hostile forces, he cried out, "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" (2 Kings 6:15). " 'Don't be afraid,' the prophet answered. 'Those who are with us are more than those who are with them' " (v. 16). Elisha prayed for his servant's eyes to be opened, and "he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha" (v. 17).

Angels are "ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation" (Hebrews 1:14), messengers of God sent to help us. We may or may not see them, but they're there because God has more ways of watching over us than we can imagine. And that should cause us to praise Him, like the angels 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 the book of Ezra .

•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.

•**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 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 copier SBA loan. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful. God bless you!



Many of our TXM volunteers haven't left Central Texas since last year. We have busied ourselves ministering to and helping residents rebuild their lives.

Throughout South Texas and the Texas Hill Country, torrential rains caused widespread flooding and dangerous situations. Many who have never been affected

before by torrential flooding rivers and streams have been torn from their homes. In Uvalde, the Leona River rose nearly 20 feet, causing a record-breaking surge of water toward the city.

In difficult times, God's people step up to meet needs. Right now, families in South Texas are suffering from severe flooding. Your church can make a difference their lives.

Here's how you can help:

Pray.

Please pray for those affected by the floods. The current flooding is widespread through Central and South Texas, affecting many lives. Please pray for the volunteers and first responders who are working around the clock to keep families safe.

Give.

You can also deliver help, hope and healing in the name of Christ by [supporting the flood response effort financially](#). When you donate to Texans on Mission, your gifts support life-changing ministries.

Go.

If the time comes to serve in South Texas, we are looking for teams to assist with short-term and long-term needs. Your church can be there for hurting people.

Thank you for living on mission with Christ. Because of you, we can serve and share God's love with people in the midst of their most difficult days.

Mickey Lenamon
Chief Executive Officer



Today's Scripture

Proverbs 16:18—Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

Pride*Obadiah 1-21***Pronouncement**

- Obadiah made it very clear that everything He was about to share was from _____.
- Obadiah received _____ communication from God.
- Obadiah pointed out that the One giving this message was _____.
- Obadiah reported what the messenger from _____ had pronounced to the nations.
- Obadiah's prophecy was directed to the descendants of _____.

Pride of Location

- Obadiah's message to the Edomites was centered around _____.
- The Edomites were prideful of their _____.

- Feeling secure or confident, the Edomites thought they did _____ God.

- The human spirit can get out of hand when it comes to pride.

Pride Of Wealth and Friends

- The Edomites were prideful because of their _____.
- Wealth can bring pride and make us _____ we do not need God.
- The Edomites felt secure because of their _____.
- The wrong kind of friends can _____ us _____ from God.

Pride in Education and Mistreating Others

- The Edomites trusted in their wise _____ and in their armies.



- _____, _____ or belief in _____ can lead to us not relying on God.
- The Edomites helped the enemies of Israel _____ and _____ and _____.
- The _____ of someone who makes us _____ - _____ should not bring a smile to our face.
- Pride comes out in our _____ and _____.

Promise

- Obadiah finished his short vision with the promise that _____ would surely go away, but God's _____ would remain.
- The people of Israel would have _____ over the Edomites.

- God provides deliverance for those who are in _____ - _____.
- We, who are believers in Jesus, have _____ that God promised in the last part of Obadiah.

Conclusion

- The deliverance that God provides would not stay only in Jerusalem but would _____ into the rest of the _____.
- Even though people sin with pride, it can be _____ and _____.
- God promised that even the _____ could be redeemed.
- Let God deal with your _____.



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 Ky-lie 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;



*Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our bread,
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever. Amen.*

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 Tiffanny; 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 ministers 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 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. 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.

"We are all servants. The only question is in whom we will serve."

— R. C. Sproul

"Life with God is not immunity from difficulties, but peace in difficulties."

—C. S. Lewis

Please Pray for the Children

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 pray that they will know Who You are as well as the overwhelming love You have for each and every one of them. May the impact of this year's VBS last them a lifetime.

