

# Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

Sunday, August 10, 2025

The Church

With a Heart

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

August 10—16, 2025

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

### Mid-Week

FB/YouTube Bible Study

### Wednesday

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

## Stewardship Thought...

**2 Corinthians 8:12—**

*"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have."*

**Christian giving is always in proportion to one's income. That means our giving is measured by the percent of income we keep to spend on ourselves rather than the percent of income we give.**

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## Worship Service

### TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

### TIME TO GATHER

Opening: Where the Spirit of the Lord Is

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymn 571

**SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 64:6**

Let It Be Said of Us

### TIME OF GIVING

Offering\*

Hymn 543

### TIME IN GOD'S WORD

**Message: Acts 3:16**

Acts 3:1-8, 16

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### CLOSING PRAYER

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

## August Birthday

Austin Gonzales	8/31
Robert Hayes	8/11
Noelia Mendoza	8/23
Laura Michelle	8/02
Oscar A. Pruitt	8/16
Susen Pruitt	8/27

## Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 1,430.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 256.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 1,686.00
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 143.00
<b>Needed This Week for Budget</b>	<b>\$ 335.98</b>

## Is He Listening?

Matthew 27:46, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

"Sometimes it feels as if God isn't listening to me." Those words, from a woman who tried to stay strong in her walk with God while coping with an alcoholic husband, echo the heart cry of many believers. For many years, she asked God to change her husband. Yet it never happened.

What are we to think when we repeatedly ask God for something good—something that could easily glorify Him—but the answer doesn't come? Is He listening or not?

Let's look at the life of the Savior. In the garden of Gethsemane, He agonized for hours in prayer, pouring out His heart and pleading, "Let this cup pass from Me" (Matt. 26:39 nkjv). But the Father's answer was clearly "No." To provide salvation, God had to send Jesus to die on the cross. Even though Jesus felt as if His Father had forsaken Him, He prayed intensely and passionately because He trusted that God was listening.

When we pray, we may not see how God is working or understand how He will bring good through it all. So we have to trust Him. We relinquish our rights and let God do what is best.

We must leave the unknowable to the all-knowing One. He is listening and working things out His way.

When we bend our knees to pray, God bends His ear to listen.

## 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 9.

### •Music & Message in Maypearl

—On September 7th, after our regular morning Bible studies and Worship, we will travel to Maypearl to help their church celebrate their pastor's anniversary. The travel time is about 45 minutes, and the service will begin at 2:00 pm. We can car-pool together to Maypearl, and we pray that everyone in our church can make the trip.

### •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 Operation Christmas Child (OCC), Children/Preschool fund, Youth fund, Sharing the Load, our 2026 VBS, 2nd Floor 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 AT&T, gas, pest control, copier, and ADT bills. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful.

other states in the US and other countries. As we give to TXM, we are vicariously on mission with them!



After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said "Go and do likewise." That is the mission of Samaritan's Purse—to follow the example of Christ by helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the Gospel. Since 1970, like Texans on Mission, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. When you give to Samaritan's Purse, you are also on mission serving hurting people around the World.

As a follow up from last week's post about J, T and S, remember, they will be visiting the US next year in



order to rest and prepare for their next foreign missions term. They will visit family and friends in South Carolina and Texas. They will be in the Fort Worth area from July 2026 to December 2026. We are so looking forward to meeting them and hearing about their missions work in Europe and the International Mission Board (IMB).

## Today's Scripture

**Isaiah 64:6**—"All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away."



Just as Texans on Mission volunteers are helping Texas Hill Country families recover from tragic floods, they are also helping hurting people who are affected by other devastating disasters in Texas,

### 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.



**Acts 3:16**

Acts 3:1-8, 16

**This Man Had a Problem**

- It was not the man's fault that he was a \_\_\_\_\_.
- We are \_\_\_\_\_ born as spiritual cripples.
- None of us are born worthy to enter into the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
- We are not spiritually \_\_\_\_\_; we are spiritually \_\_\_\_\_.

**He Thought He Knew What He Needed**

- There was no sympathy and no \_\_\_\_\_ for those who were not \_\_\_\_\_.
- This man knew that he had \_\_\_\_\_ potential.
- We will never get to heaven on our \_\_\_\_\_.
- Until we are ready to admit to the fact that \_\_\_\_\_, He cannot help us.

**What He Was Offered Was Better Than What He Wanted**

- When we approach God in prayer, we must

approach Him, expecting an \_\_\_\_\_.

- Christ will forgive us, save us and give us eternal life, but we must \_\_\_\_\_.
- Christ has to be approached with a \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ attitude.

**All He Had to Do Was Believe**

- Every day of his adult life the man had been carried to the \_\_\_\_\_ to beg.
- Peter took him by the hand and \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_.
- Peter and John indeed had \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ than silver and gold.
- Only by \_\_\_\_\_ the words of a stranger was the man able to stand.

**He Received More Than He Asked For**

- Not even the Sanhedrin or High Priest could doubt what they had \_\_\_\_\_.
- Although we may have a spiritual handicap, we can be \_\_\_\_\_.
- It does not matter what sin you have committed, Jesus Christ is able to make you \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_.



### Conclusion

- The man's first act was one of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- He was on fire and wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ with everyone he met.
- We need to get more \_\_\_\_\_ about our \_\_\_\_\_.



# 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 Carmon from her fall & hip surgery; for Alice to heal completely from hip surgery; for health issues for Bill and for his concern for Alice; for total healing for Frankie; for continued healing for Tony from cancer; for Mark H. from cancer; healing for Amy from breast cancer surgery; for healing for Tonya from neurological issues and loss of mobility; for Frank's hip to heal; for Cliff Denney's health, for Stacey's poor health, and for Sharon as she cares for Cliff and Stacey; 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; 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; and for Susen's eyes and feet.



†Miscellaneous praises and prayer needs—Please pray for Texans on Mission who has volunteers in the Hill Country and elsewhere; for an unspoken request

for Becky; for David's unspoken requests; for Jesse H. as he finds himself, his peace and forgiveness; 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— Please pray for the children and youth who came to our VBS; and for teachers and staff who are preparing for the 2025/26 school 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 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, etc.

## 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.