

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

Sunday, September 13, 2026

The Church
With a Heart

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

September 13—19, 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

Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

Opening Hymn: Better Is One Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let It Be Said Of Us

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 37:4

Find Us Faithful

TIME OF GIVING

Stewardship Thought & Offering

I Am Thine, O Lord Hymn 290

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: The Causes of Spiritual Awakening

Haggai 1:12-15

Bro. Oscar

Closing Prayer

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

September Birthdays

Amayah Jackson	9/16
Brenda Maroney	9/11
Gracie Ramirez	9/06
Chastity Stewart	9/29

Stewardship Thought...

Mark 10:24b,25—Jesus said, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

How does wealth keep a person out of the kingdom of heaven? When wealth replaces God as the most important thing in a person's life. It is not impossible for a rich person or a poor person to enter heaven; it just requires discipline. Faithful, generous giving is good discipline for all of us!

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Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 1,180.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 789.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 1,969.00
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 118.00
Needed This Week for Budget	\$ 917.44

Fighting for You

Exodus 14:14, "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

Professional boxer Jim Braddock was known as someone who fought not for riches and fame but to put food on the table for his family. The movie Cinderella Man chronicles his fairytale-like comeback from a past-his-prime boxer to the world heavy-weight champion. While facing extreme poverty during the Great Depression, Jim repeatedly sacrificed his own resources, health, and pride to provide for his children. He was never intimidated by an opponent and courageously endured pummeling in the ring to keep his family safe.

Jim's legacy is one of passionate defense of his family. We, too, have a passionate defender who has promised to take our place in the ring. When the Israelites faced Pharaoh's mighty army after their escape from slavery in Egypt, they were terrified and cried out to God. "It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!" they foolishly said (Exodus 14:12). But Moses replied in faith, "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still" (v. 14). And without any action from the Israelites, their enemies were literally swept away by the sea as God supernaturally ended the battle before it even began.

Sometimes it feels like we're facing the trials of life or arrows from the enemy, Satan, on our own (see Psalm 91:5). But God's with us (Deuteronomy 31:6), and He fights for us; we need only to be still.

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 Ezra 9.

★ **Mary Hill Davis Mission Offering for Texas Missions**—

Today is the first day of the Week of Prayer for the Mary Hill Davis (MHD) Offering, and we already have \$350. For your convenience, offering envelopes and prayer guides are included in your bulletins.

•**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, A/C fund, VBS, Together We Build, Youth fund, Children/Preschool fund, Music Ministry, J & T, Texans on Mission, North American and International missionaries, and Samaritan's Purse, and Benevolent Ministries. 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 make our pest control, gas, AT&T, copier payments and set aside remaining funds for the A/C. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful. God bless you!



Mary Hill Davis Offering® for Texas Missions And the Week of Prayer for Texas Missions

For over ninety years, the Mary Hill Davis MHD Offering for Texas Missions® has empowered state missions efforts for Texas Baptists. It supports over 70

ministries across the state. During this month churches and individuals are encouraged to pray, promote and support Texas Baptists ministries and missionaries serving and sharing the Gospel around the state and world.

The Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions® was named for the woman who had led Baptist women of Texas to pray for and give to missions efforts in Texas. Behind every dollar given to the Mary Hill Davis Offering® are real, life-transforming stories of faith, restoration, and hope across Texas. Mary Hill Davis served as the WMU of Texas President from 1906-1931. Mary's heart for missions and people was evident in everything she did, and in 1935, the State Missions Offering was renamed the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions®.

This year's MHD theme, "**Speak Jesus,**" calls believers to share hope with a hurting world, inspired by Jesus' words in John 14:6: "*I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*" The theme is intended to guide churches and individuals in practical ways of "speaking Jesus" through the ministries supported by the offering.

By partnering together with other like-minded churches, our gifts sustain WMU of Texas ministries and equip Texas Baptists to send out both ministries and missionaries, providing opportunities for more people to hear the Gospel, find hope in Christ, and develop a missional lifestyle.

100% of our gifts go directly to supporting Texas Baptists' ministries and missionaries and sustaining the ministry efforts of WMU of Texas. For more information about the MHD State Mission Offering, you may go to: iamtexasmissions.org/promote/allocations.

Today's Scripture
Ezekiel 37:4—"Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!'"

The Causes of Spiritual Awakening*Haggai 1:12-15***A Relevant Message**

- God had not spoken to the people through a prophet for many years because of their past _____.
- God, in His grace, decided to awaken His people by sending them a man who would declare the _____ of _____ to them.
- Haggai's message dealt with the immediate major spiritual problem -- spiritual _____.
- Haggai told the people what God thought about their _____ of work on the _____.

An Unwelcome Message

- Haggai's message was not only relevant, it was _____.
- Haggai's message hit home and demanded a _____.
- Haggai was aware of the way people had

_____ in the past.

- Haggai's _____ - _____ was one of the means God used to awaken His people from their spiritual apathy.

Faithful Preaching

- The primary means God purposes to bring about a _____ is the faithful preaching of the Word of God.
- God used the faithful preaching of His Word to _____ and _____ the people.
- We need to pray that God will raise up preachers who are not afraid to _____ and call people to _____ from sin.
- We need to pray that God will raise up preachers who fear the face of _____ more than the face of _____.



The Spirit of God

- Preaching the Word of God was important, but such preaching did not guarantee a _____ from those who heard it.
- The powerful and effective work of the _____, in the hearts of the people, was needed.
- Because of Haggai's message, there was a positive divine influence exerted upon the _____ and _____ of the people.
- As in Haggai's day, sinners cannot be saved unless the Holy Spirit effectually applies the _____ that has been faithfully proclaimed.

Serious Reflections

- Another means God used to bring about spiritual _____ among His people was serious _____ by the people of God.
- God wanted the people to take time and

think about their _____.

- Their serious reflection on God's Word was produced by the _____.

Conclusion

- God calls _____ to serious reflection when we hear the preaching of His Word.
- God continually tells us to "Give careful _____ to our way."
- May the Holy Spirit, through God's Word, cause us to _____.



Remember in Prayer . . .



†Each week, please read through and update our prayer requests. Let Susen 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 Lisa's upcoming surgery and for additional surgeries she will need; for continued healing for Robert and Annie, Nora and Doyle; for John's head and memory; for Laura's vision and memory issues; and 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.

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*Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done in 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.*

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 an unspoken request for Becky; for an unspoken need for Nic and for care and protection for his family; protection for Teresa while she is at sea; praises and prayers for Paige, Jacob and Stetson; blessings for Gennacie, Nick, RJ and healing for 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 unity in the Maroney family and for Jourdeah's best interest; for Chris and his little girl, Amyah, and for their unspoken needs; for comfort for JerriAnn in the loss of her husband, Carlos; and for Shannon and Allison's relationship to grow.

†Pray for the Children—

Please pray for the children and youth in our church; and for parents, 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 leader 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 (NAMB) missionaries; for Texans on Mission and their works; for Jonny as he speaks with students and prepares messages for revival and other churches; for Taylor who just lost her grandmother and uncle soon after second baby, a boy, was born; for first responders and those who have suffered loss from various

disasters; 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. Especially be in prayer for our president to make wise decisions when it comes to other nations such as Canada; pray for wisdom for us this fall in choosing the right leaders.

†**Pray for Peace Among the Nations**—for our International missionaries;

for a peace agreement in Israel and the Middle East; for the situation in Ukraine to be resolved; for Burmese Christians in Myanmar; for the situation between North and South Korea; for Samaritan's Purse as they minister to hurting people in the U.S. and around the world; 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.

"It needs to hurt to break a promise; otherwise, it's too easy to let the moment pass. This is why Collins labeled what we call a Brand Promise Guarantee "a catalytic mechanism."

—Verne Harnish, *Scaling Up*

"The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits."

- Various similar quotes

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 past year's VBS last them a lifetime.

