

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

September 14—20, 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

Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

Opening: Lord, Reign in Me

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Times Like These

SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 4:9
Through It All

TIME OF GIVING

Offering*

Solo Selection

Bro. Bill

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: The Blessing of Community

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

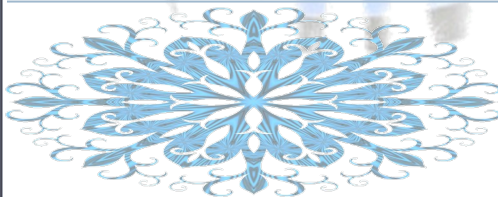
Bro. Oscar

CLOSING PRAYER

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

September Birthdays

Marisela Lopez	9/28
Brenda Maroney	9/11
Gracie Ramirez	9/06



Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 860.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 462.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$1,322.00
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 96.00
Needed This Week for Budget	\$ 630.22

Digging Deep for Wisdom

Ecclesiastes 8:17, "I saw all that God has done."

A Florida construction crew working on a \$42 million drain project unearthed a valuable treasure. Deep in the soil, they found a well-preserved fishing boat from the 1800s. The vessel contained interesting artifacts, including part of a kerosene lamp, drinking cups made from coconut shells, and coins. The ship is being studied with the hope that it will provide details of what life was like in that region more than one hundred years ago. "[It's] more than just the vessel itself. [It's] this reminder of everyday people," said one maritime archaeologist. By digging deep, knowledge and wisdom were gained.

Ecclesiastes contains great treasures of wisdom as we study it—ancient wisdom reflecting on the everyday events of that time and ours as well. Solomon reveals how a "wise heart will know the . . . proper time and procedure for every matter" (Ecclesiastes 8:5-6). He wrote that wisdom is found in remembering "all that God has done" (v. 17) and who He is (12:1). God alone provides meaning to life that—apart from Him—is "meaningless" (8:14). His wisdom allows us to experience a contented, joy-filled life in His presence (v. 15).

Ecclesiastes reveals that people will "come and . . . go" (1:4), as evidenced by the ship found in Florida. But God's wisdom leads to real and lasting life and purpose (John 10:10). Let's dig deep into the Scriptures to find the ancient wisdom He provides.

Stewardship Thought...

Romans 14:12—"So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God."

Giving an account of our actions does not have to be dreaded. When we have followed Christ in our living and giving, accounting is a time for rejoicing.

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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 16.

•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 Sharing the Load, 2026 VBS, 2nd Floor A/C fund, Together We Build, Youth fund, Children/Preschool fund, Benevolent Ministries, Music Ministry, North American and 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 the mail or Zelle. The church's Zelle address is 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 Becky at 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 ADT security and copier bills. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful.



I AM Texas Missions. What a great thing to be!

"I am Texas Missions" refers to the commitment of individuals to share the Gospel and support missions in Texas. It emphasizes the importance of evangelism and mission work within the state. The Mary Hill Davis Offering® is a significant aspect of this effort, as it funds missionary activities and supports the ministry of Texas Baptists, helping to spread the message of Jesus Christ across the region.

"I am Texas Missions" because

I pray for Texas Missions, and I give to the Mary Hill Davis Offering® for Texas Missions. Missions is what believers do to reach beyond the needs of our congregation to witness and minister for the purpose of fulfilling the Great Commission. The WMU of Texas designed the Mary Hill Davis Offering® to advance Texas Baptists missions in leading people to know Christ and developing a missionary lifestyle.

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 is a vital part of this work. 100% of the money collected goes to sending missionaries, supporting missions in Texas, and sustaining WMU of Texas' ministry efforts.

"I am Texas Missions" is bigger than just me. As sisters and brothers in Christ, we are a family. As Texas Baptists, we are a special family. A family that is committed to God's mission. Texas Baptists are God's hands and feet in our world, state, and neighborhood. We are Texas Missions.

Quote from Mary Hill Davis

"Near you is a great opportunity. What are you going to do with it?"
- Mary Hill Davis, 1916

Operation Christmas Child

We are sooooo close to having enough funds to pack and send boxes for 100 children! Please pray about giving to this year's OCC.



Today's Scripture

Ecclesiastes 4:9—"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor."

The Blessing of Community*Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; John 15:12-17***God Is Relational**

- The creation story is a powerful reminder that _____ and _____ were integral to God's design from the very beginning.
- The same _____ that spoke creation into existence now guards us.
- Christians are called to be one _____.
- We are not meant to carry the _____ life throws our way alone.

Relations Help Us Bear Our Burdens

- We rely not only on _____ love but also on the strength of _____ to bear the weight of life's trials.
- Driven by _____ for God and others, we are called to _____ each other _____.
- We must look around and consider those who may be s_____, or need a word of e_____, a l_____, _____ ear, or a h_____ hand.

- We need to be known by our _____ and _____.

Relationships Help Us Build Up Our Faith

- As we carry each other's burdens, we are called to walk side by side, e_____-_____ and s_____ each other's faith.
- Our care should extend beyond physical needs to the spiritual _____-_____ of others.
- We can care for others by not only l_____ the Word but l_____ it daily through our words, actions, and generosity.

Call to Action

- Every act of love, gift, and encouragement strengthens the _____ of Christ.
- Each of us has something to give—whether to meet _____ needs or to uplift others _____.



•If you have survived trials and, by God's grace and strength, found shelter in Him, share your _____.

•When you feel called to share the _____, do so boldly, undeterred by potential criticism or persecution.

Conclusion

•Each act of love, each gift, and each word of encouragement is not just helping an individual—it is _____ the entire body of Christ.

•When we share our _____, offer our _____, and _____ others up in their struggles, we are fulfilling our calling.

•Every time we _____ or _____, we are building a **community** that **reflects** God's love and unity.



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 Carmon from her fall & hip surgery; for Alice to continue healing; for health issues for Bill and for his concern for Alice; healing for Tonya from upcoming surgery; for healing for Laura Thompson vision loss; for continued healing for Tony; 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 and Stacey's poor health, and for Sharon as she cares for them; 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 Laura's vision and memory issues; and for Susen's eyes, stomach and feet.



†Miscellaneous praises and prayer needs—Please pray for a spirit of love and peace in Cora's family; for an unspoken request for Becky; 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 and their needs for God's guidance; 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; for Ryan and his unspoken needs; for Genna, Nick and RJ's needs; and for Shannon and Allison's relationship.

†Pray for the Children— Please pray for the children and youth in our church and who came to our VBS; and for teachers and staff who are leading them this year.

†Pray for our church—for our pastors and their families; for REVIVAL among our members; for Bro. Victor and Liz Cope as they prepare to lead us in revival; 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 in Myanmar.

†Pray for wisdom, peace and protection in our nation—for state and North American mis-

sionaries; for Texans on Mission and Samaritan's Purse and their work; 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 a 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 the Middle East, Taiwan, N. Korea, India, Africa, Viet Nam, China, Russia, Turkey, etc.



PRAY
FOR
PEACE

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.