

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

Sunday, September 27, 2026

The Church
With a Heart

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

September 27—October 3, 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: Jesus, Your Name

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Word of God Across the Ages

Hymn 626

SCRIPTURE: Haggai 2:17

Spirit Song

TIME OF GIVING

Stewardship Thought, Offering & Video
Just When I Need Him Most Hymn 65

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: God's Priests, Providence and Plans *Haggai 2:10-23*

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...

Acts 2:44-45—"All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need."

A distinguishing characteristic of the early Christians was their giving. In our day, through our offerings, we can join together in reaching more lost persons for Christ. We can share Christ's love by giving for others!

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Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 1,071.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 254.50
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 1,325.50
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 107.10
Needed This Week for Budget	\$ 1,817.79

Power of Consistent Prayer

Daniel 6:10—"Three times a day [Daniel] got down on his knees, and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before."

Academy Award-winning actor Denzel Washington encouraged a group of young actors to begin each day with prayer, suggesting they "put your shoes way under the bed at night" to ensure they "gotta get on your knees in the morning."

Developing a regular habit of prayer might take some thoughtful and even creative planning, but it's a practice that has sustained God's people throughout history—especially in difficult times. We see this in the life of Daniel, who served in King Darius' administration. He quickly distinguished himself as the top government advisor, which angered local officials (Daniel 6:3). Out of jealousy they plotted to oust the prophet, but quickly realized the only charge that would stick was related to Daniel's devotion to the "the law of his God" (v. 5). Even after the officials tricked the king into making it illegal for Daniel to pray, Daniel still "got down on his knees, and prayed . . . just as he had done before" (v. 10).

A consistent prayer life was essential for Daniel to experience God's sustaining strength and peace (Psalm 29:11). It helped him to triumph over the forces seeking to destroy him.

In the same way, establishing a regular time to meet with God in prayer and making it a daily priority can help cultivate our relationship with Him. During each difficulty we face, it's His strength that will sustain us.

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 Nehemiah.

★ **Mary Hill Davis Mission Offering for Texas Missions**—So far we have given \$525. We will continue accepting funds through the end of the month, but if you are so led, you may continue to give to the MHD Mission Offering throughout the year.

•**Revival Prayer Warriors Needed**—Revival days are coming quickly—We're just two weeks away. We need PRAYER WARRIORS to undergird our revival days as well as Packing Day for our Operation Shoe Boxes, and we'll soon have a prayer list to guide you.

•**Bible Verses for Boxes**—We also need 50 simple notes with Bible written verses to go into the shoe boxes. We will provide the paper.

•**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 electric, cleaning and SBA loan payments and collecting the remaining \$3,349.50 to go toward the upstairs A/C. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful. God bless you!



Mary Hill Davis Offering® for Texas Missions

Were you praying with us last week for Texas Missions, September 13-20, 2026, which marked the Week of Prayer for Texas Missions? Remember, we can remain in continued prayer every week, every day. As believers across our state united in prayer, the theme calls us to **Speak Jesus**, as inspired by John 14:6: "*Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'*"

Through every prayer raised and every dollar given to the Mary Hill Davis Offering, Texas Baptists boldly declare, "*I am Texas Missions.*" Thank you for your faithful partnership as we **Speak Jesus?**

This year's MHD theme called believers to share hope with a hurting world. 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 the WMU of Texas ministries and equip Texas Baptists to support ministries and send out missionaries, providing opportunities for more people to hear the Gospel, find hope in Christ, and develop a missional lifestyle.

You may continue to give to the Mary Hill Davis Mission Offering through the end of the month. 100% of our MHD gifts go directly to supporting Texas Baptists' ministries and missionaries and sustaining the ministry efforts of WMU of Texas. Truly, if you are so led, you may continue to give to the MHD Mission Offering throughout the year. For more information about the MHD State Mission Offering, you may go to: iamtexasmissions.org/promote/allocations.

Today's Scripture

Haggai 2:17—"I struck all the work of your hands with blight, mildew and hail, yet you did not return to me," declares the Lord."

God's Priests, Providence and Plans*Haggai 2:10-23***Understanding Holiness**

- Many of the Jews believed that as long as they observed the various outward rituals of religious worship God would bless them.
- Holiness is not communicable, while defilement is.
- A Holy ordinance cannot make an unholy person, who is performing that ordinance, holy.
- Moral cleanness cannot be transmitted but moral pollution can.

Application To God's People

- Even though the people were ignoring the work on the temple, they were still observing their religious duties.
- God wanted the people to know that the actual ritual of worship has no inherent power in and of itself.
- The people, being at that time un-

holy because of their sin, were polluting the holy ordinances of God.

- Religious ritualism is worthless; it does not and cannot make us right with God.

Message of God's Providence

- God reminded the people that because they were in a state of spiritual apathy, He must punish them by bringing them into circumstances of adversity.
- External hardships of the people were not considered as God's call to repentance until explained to be such by Haggai.
- It is easy to forget that God speaks to us not only through His Word, but also through His providential dealings with our daily lives.
- When children of God are brought to the point where they recognize their sin, turn from it and return to God with all their hearts, He will bless them.



Conclusion

- God comforted and encouraged Zerubbabel and the people by assuring them that they would be preserved.
- God works to bring about His plans and purposes.
- God preserves His covenant people throughout all ages until His kingdom is finally and fully consummated.
- The Church is the safest institution in the world.



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 Bro. Bill from surgery this past Wednesday; for health issues for Alice; for quick healing for Lisa from surgery and for additional surgeries she will need; for Bro. Dale; for Kylie from cancer; for continued healing for Tony from cancer & broken ribs; for 5-yr-old Lexus for kidney and other complications; for Lori who was diagnosed

*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.*

with stage 4 cancer; healing for Dale from cancer; healing for Victor from cancer and for Liz's many issues; for Mark H. from cancer; healing for Tonya from traumatic brain injury and surgery; Laura Thompson's vision loss; for Frank's hip and back to heal; for Carmon from her illnesses; 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 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 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 (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.

"The church is a hospital for sinners, not a museum for saints."

—Author unknown

"In God's embrace, you find strength to conquer any challenge."

—Unknown author

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.

