

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

October 5—11, 2025

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Church Council	12:10 pm
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

Friday

Revival begins	6:30 pm
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Saturday

Lunch	12:30 pm
Revival Service	1:00 pm

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 early Christians was their cooperative giving. In our day, through the Cooperative Program, we join our giving to reach more lost persons for Christ—Share Christ's Love: Give for Others!

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Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

Opening: Enter In

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lord, You're Welcome; Holy, Holy, Holy

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 55:8-9

Let's Just Praise the Lord

TIME OF GIVING

Offering*

Holy Ground; (This is) Holy Ground

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: The God Who Is

Exodus 3:1-15, Revelation 1:8

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

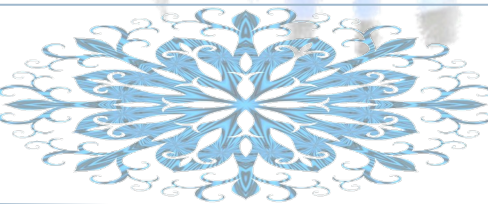
CLOSING PRAYER

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

October Birthdays

Frankie Rike

10/17



Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 805.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 617.50
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 1,422.50
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 80.50
Needed This Week for Budget	\$ 662.57

Recognizing Jesus

John 14:9, "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time?"

Richard Griffin was Queen Elizabeth II's personal police officer for fourteen years. Accompanying her on a picnic in the hills near Balmoral Castle one day, they met two American hikers. "Have you ever met the Queen?" they asked, not recognizing the monarch in plain dress. "I haven't," the Queen quipped, "but Richard here meets her regularly!" Thrilled to meet someone close to royalty, the hikers then handed the Queen their camera, posed with Richard, and asked her to take a photo!

It isn't the first time someone has been in the presence of an important person unawares. "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it," Jacob said after encountering God in a dream at Bethel (Genesis 28:16). And when Philip asked Jesus to show the disciples the Father, Jesus replied, "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9). Like the hikers, the disciples had been ready to hand Jesus the camera, not recognizing He was the one to zoom in on (vv. 10-11).

Like the Queen that day, Jesus hasn't always been recognized for who He really is. Beyond a "wise teacher" or "great moral leader," He's God in the flesh and King of the world (1:14; 18:36). What a revelation it is when we discover it!

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 18.

•**Pray, Pray, Pray for Revival**—It's time for revival to begin in Grace Fellowship. It will begin this Friday evening at 6:30 and will continue on Saturday with lunch at 12:30 and revival worship at 1:00 pm. And Lord willing, revival will not end with Sunday worship at 11:00 am.

•**November Activities—**

Fall Festival—11/9 at 5:30 pm
OCC Packing Party—11/16, 6:00 pm

Hanging of Greens—11/22, at 10 am.

•**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 SBA loan, pest control, and water bills. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful.

"The salvation of a single soul is more important than the production or preservation of all the epics and tragedies in the world" -- C. S. Lewis

Today's Scripture

Isaiah 55:8-9—"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord."

I am TEXAS Missions

MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING

Thank you for praying for and giving toward this year's Mary Hill Davis State Missions Offering. You will be happy to know that we collected \$610! Also, if the Lord is leading, you may contribute to this state mission offering year round.



Texans on Mission (TXM), formally known as Texas Baptist Men, is a separate mission organization from the WMU sponsored state mission offering. Both organizations are highly praised for their mission efforts. You have probably seen that TXM volunteers minister not only within Texas, but also reach out to people in other states and countries. These volunteers have sought to meet needs and share God's love with millions in their most difficult days during and after disasters, like hurricanes, tornadoes, fertilizer plant explosions, floods, pandemic and more. Donations go toward purchasing tools, resources and supplies needed to help the people and share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for contributing to this year's OCC ministry. Please pray about continuing to give for next year's Operation Christmas Child Ministry.



The God Who Is*Exodus 3:1-15, Revelation 1:8***Holy Ground Encounter**

- God specializes in meeting us in our _____ moments.
- The bush itself was not special; what made it extraordinary was the _____ of _____ within it.
- God transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary by _____ presence.

God Breaks the Silence

- After a four hundred year silence, God _____ to Moses.
- Before God revealed His eternal name, He first connected Himself to _____.
- When God seems _____ in our life, it does not mean He is _____.
- God told Moses to remove his sandals as they separated him from truly experiencing God's _____.

I Am Who I Am

- To know someone's name was to have a _____ with them.
- I Am Who I Am is not really a name in the conventional sense; it is a declaration of _____.
- The name YHWH carries God's **eternal** _____ and His covenant _____ across all time.
- God exists outside of time; He is the _____ foundation upon which all reality rests.

The God Of Our Story

- After revealing His eternal _____, God immediately connected His eternal _____ to human history.
- God insisted on being known as the God who enters into covenant _____ with broken, imperfect people.
- The God who revealed Himself as I AM to Moses is the same God who reveals Himself to us through _____.



•The God who delivered Israel from Egypt wants to _____ from what-ever bondage holds us.

Burning Bush Moments

- The question is not whether God is still speaking; it is whether we are _____.
- The God who **IS** constantly reveals Himself to those who have eyes to _____ and ears to _____.
- Moses teaches us we have to _____ to see.
- Moses could have rationalized the burning bush away and kept walking, but he _____.

Conclusion

- God's answer to Moses is _____, present tense, active, engaged, here, now, with us.
- _____ applied the name I AM to Himself.
- The same God who transformed Moses wants to transform _____.

•The ancient _____ revealed to Moses is as fresh and powerful **today** as it was **then**.



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; for Amy to have a good reconstruction surgery and easy recovery; for healing for Tonya from neurological issues and loss of mobility; for Frank's hip and back 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 and 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 missionaries; 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.