

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

October 26—November 1, 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...

Luke 11:39-41—"Then the Lord said to him, 'Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. ⁴⁰You foolish people! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? ⁴¹But give what is inside the dish to the poor, and everything will be clean for you..'"

After we confess our sins, accept Christ as Savior and Lord, and begin to grow in Him, other things that come forth from our life can honor God, too. The way we give is shaped by our experience with Christ.

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Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

Opening: Great Is the Lord Almighty!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 17:1

The God of Abraham Praise

TIME OF GIVING

Offering*

Great Is the Lord

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: The All-Sufficient One

Genesis 17:1, Genesis 18:14, Luke 1:37

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CLOSING PRAYER

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

October Birthday

Mason Fraire	10/08
Zayne Fraire	10/24
Helen Martinez	10/13
Frankie Rike	10/17

Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 820.00
Designated Offerings	\$2,476.50
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$3,296.50
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 82.00

Needed This Week for Budget \$1,788.36

Coincidences and God's Care

2 Kings 8:1, "Go away with your family and stay for a while wherever you can, because the Lord has decreed a famine."

Dante's neighborhood in Manila was prone to flooding. On rainy days, the little boy reached school by crossing a makeshift wooden bridge put up by a neighbor. "Mr. Tomas helped the community get around," Dante said. "He'd guide me on the bridge, shielding me from the rain."

Years later, Dante joined a church north of Manila. Leo, his Bible study leader, mentored him. In a conversation about their childhoods, Dante discovered Leo was Mr. Tomas' son! "There's no such thing as coincidence," Dante said. "God used the son of a man who'd blessed me to help me in my faith."

A woman from the town of Shunem also experienced God's providence. In faith, she'd followed the prophet Elisha's advice, leaving home to avoid a famine (2 Kings 8:1-2). In doing so, she'd forfeited her claim to her house and land. Now, at the exact moment she was seeking help from the king about this matter, the king just happened to be talking with Gehazi, Elisha's servant, about her.

Years earlier, Gehazi had seen the woman's dead son raised to life. Now, Gehazi said, "This is the woman, my lord the king, and this is her son whom Elisha restored to life" (v. 5). The king then "assigned an official to her case" (v. 6) and returned her property. We can trust in God and His care even when things may not go as we planned. Our sovereign God will help us.

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 we will study in 2 Chronicles 21.

✍️ •**Pray for Revival to Continue**—Did revival begin in you this week? In us? Pray for revival to continue and begin anew each day!

•**November Activities—**

***Fall Festival**—11/9, 5:30 pm

***OCC Packing Party**—11/16, 6:00 pm

***Hanging of the Green**—11/22, 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, Children/Preschool fund, Youth 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](https://www.instagram.com/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 electric, janitorial and dumpster bills. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful.



It's All About Jesus And Bringing Children to Jesus

✝️ Thank you for contributing to this year's OCC ministry. As you know, Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

By filling ordinary shoeboxes full of school supplies, toys and other fun items, you can be part of giving boys and girls what may be their first gift ever! Local churches in more than 100 nations hand out these Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts at festive outreach events where the Gospel is presented in a child-friendly way.

Each box will be bursting with items such as balls, dolls, markers, or stuffed animals that will become a tangible expression of God's love to the child, their family, and their community. Many, if not most shoebox recipients also participate in a 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey.



Today's Scripture

Genesis 17:1—"When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless."

The All-Sufficient One

Genesis 17:1, Genesis 18:14, Luke 1:37

When You Have Waited Too Long

- We struggle when God does not answer our prayers in thirteen days; Abraham waited thirteen years.
- God uses seasons of quiet to deepen our dependence on His character rather than His communications.
- God does not work alongside our strength, He specializes in working through our weakness.
- Impossible situations are not obstacles to God's power, they are opportunities for God's power to be displayed.
- When we exhaust our resources, strategies, and strength, we position ourselves to experience the unlimited power of the all-sufficient One.

I Am El Shaddai

- El Shaddai possesses more than enough power to exceed our greatest expectations.

- God's unlimited power is covenant power, promise-keeping power and purpose-fulfilling power.

- Every promise God makes in Scripture is backed by the unlimited power of El Shaddai.
- El Shaddai's power is directed toward fulfilling what He has promised.

Strength in Our Weakness

- God's strength does not supplement our strength, His strength is made perfect in our weakness.
- Our weakness becomes the perfect backdrop for displaying God's unlimited power.
- Our weakness does not disqualify us from God's power, our weakness qualifies us to experience His power.
- El Shaddai specializes in making His strength perfect through your insufficiency.

Walking Blameless Before God

- The Hebrew word for "blameless" does not mean sinless perfection, it means wholehearted devotion or integrity.



- God is not calling us to achieve perfection before we can access His power.
- Living in El Shaddai's sufficiency means shifting from self-reliance to God-reliance in every area of our life.
- Our job is not to figure out how God will fulfill His promises, but to trust that El Shaddai has more than enough power to fulfill what He has promised.

Trusting God's Timing

- No aspect of trusting El Shaddai challenges us more than accepting His timing.
- God delays not because He lacks power to act, but because His wisdom determines the perfect moment for His power to be displayed.
- God allows circumstances to reach the point where only His intervention brings resolution.
- Our timeline is not God's timeline.

Conclusion

- The God who possessed unlimited power to give Isaac to elderly parents possesses unlimited power to address whatever impossibility

we face.

- God will not remove every difficulty or grant every request.
- Living in light of El Shaddai's revelation means approaching each day with confidence in His unlimited sufficiency.
- El Shaddai is more than enough for whatever we face today.



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; Laura Thompson's vision loss; healing for Victor from cancer and for Liz's many issues; continued healing for Tony; Mark H. from cancer; for Amy to have a good reconstruction surgery and easy recovery; healing for Tonya from neurological issues and loss of mobility; 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; 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 and 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; 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 the OCC shoeboxes we are getting ready to pack and send and more importantly for the children who will receive them.



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.