

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

Sunday, November 1, 2026

The Church
With a Heart

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

November 1—7, 2026

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship	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

Stewardship Thought...

Acts 20:35 —“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

During Paul’s brief visit with the leaders in the church at Ephesus, he reminded them of three necessary principles for growth as Christian stewards: salvation in Christ, living and serving unselfishly, and discovering that real happiness in living is in giving.

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Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

Opening: I Will Trust In You
Trio Special

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Love Lifted Me Hymn 546

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 23:4
Surely Goodness and Mercy
Hymn 422

TIME OF GIVING

Stewardship Thought & Offering*

Trust and Obey Hymn 447

TIME IN GOD’S WORD

Message: Blinded By Fear
Judges 6:11-16 Bro. Oscar
Closing Prayer

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

November Birthdays

Carson Fraire	11/29
Danielle McCarville	11/09
Shane McCarville	11/11
Jered Newman	11/18
Nic Ramirez	11/19
Shanterral Venious	11/12

Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 525.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 106.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 631.00
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 52.50
Needed This Week for Budget	\$ 697.26

Radiating God’s Goodness

Romans 12:18, “As far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”

Where were the packages? An inner-city church was having problems receiving deliveries. Although its office staff requested that online orders be dropped off inside the building, the goods were regularly left outside on the street, and some items were never received.

Church workers were understandably vexed, but instead of griping on the company’s customer service hotline, the church’s employees created a snack station inside the building and invited the delivery people to stop in for food and water. Before long, packages began to show up at the right place at the right time, and the church was able to “deliver” a message to the couriers: We care about you as people, not just service providers.

Often, we can change distressing situations through kindness. Although our natural response might be to find fault and hold on to anger, the apostle Paul challenges us to let God’s goodness radiate through us, even when we feel it’s undeserved. Through the Holy Spirit’s power and with His wisdom, we can show kindness by being hospitable, thoughtful, and helpful (Romans 12:13-14). Even if this seems ineffective, we know it pleases God because the Bible encourages us, “If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone” (v. 18)

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 7.

•OCC Global Call to Prayer—

Today at **5pm CT**, Operation Christmas Child will have a worldwide streaming event, which will feature prayers led by children from several nations.

•Annual Fall Festival—

Join us on Sunday, November 15th, for food, fun, and fellowship! The festivities will begin at 6:30pm, and the food will be provided. We will have one of the biggest silent auctions ever! You won't want to miss this one.

•Notes and Verses Still Needed—

We still need around 27 simple written notes with Bible 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 pay our dumpster bill and continue giving toward the remaining \$3,224.50 for the upstairs A/C. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful. May God bless you!



Global Call to Prayer

TODAY
6 p.m. ET

This is a worldwide streaming event, which will feature prayers led by children from several nations. They will praise and petition God for every step of the shoebox journey—from collection to distribution to discipleship—all for His glory! We can join others



from across the country and the globe as we seek God's favor for this year's National Collection Week (Nov. 16-23) and beyond.

You can stream the event on their website, at samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/OCCglobalprayer/, on their **You-Tube channel**, and on their **Face book page**. Also, you can receive important daily prayer requests from Operation Christmas Child by texting **PRAYOCC** to **43037**. U.S. numbers only. Your message and data rates apply.

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Philippians 1:3-6



Today's Scripture

Psalms 23:4—"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me."

Blinded By Fear *Judges 6:11-16***Background**

- The Israelites had abandoned _____ for false idols so God gave them over to the _____ for seven years.
- Being harvest time, the Midianites would soon be coming through to _____ the benefits of Israel's _____.
- The Israelites had forgotten that God was their _____ of strength and lived in fear of the Midianite _____.

Gideon's Call

- The _____ of the _____ revealed Himself to Gideon.
- While man looks at outward appearances, God looks at the _____.
- Gideon was living in fear, but God saw a mighty _____ of _____.
- Gideon began to make _____.

- Gideon only saw what was in _____ of him.

God's Logic

- _____ Gideon to command the Israelite army so that when victory happened, the people of Israel would recognize how _____ their _____ is.
- Gideon proposed _____ for reassurance that this plan really was of God.
- Gideon led an army of _____ men to victory over the Midianite's army of _____.
- Gideon, who was found hiding in a wine press because of fear, is later listed in Hebrews 11 _____ of _____.

Dealing With Fear

- Having to deal with _____ in and of itself is not a _____.
- The _____ step in dealing with fear is to _____ God's presence.



- The next step in dealing with fear is to _____ on God's _____.
- The final step in dealing with fear is to _____ into God's _____.
- We do not have to fear because we know the _____ of the _____.

Conclusion

- Is your _____ in God?
- Do you need to ask God to _____ you _____ Him more?
- It's time you put your _____ in _____.
- *"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will _____ no evil; For _____ are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me."*



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 and for health issues for Alice; for 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 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, back and tooth 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

*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.*

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; healing and blessings for RoseE; 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 and her children; 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, Amiyah, 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—

Please pray for our ministers and their families, for REVIVAL among our members, for a preschool leader, 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

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 that 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 churches; for Taylor as she works alongside Jonny and cares for S & H; 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, Russia, China, North and



South Korea, etc.; pray for wisdom for Americans in choosing the right leaders to continue leading our nation.

†Pray for Peace Among the Nations—

for our International (IMB) 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.

"In every ending, there lies the opportunity for a new beginning."

—Unknown Author

"God's love is the anchor that steadies us amidst life's storms."

—Author Unknown

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.

