

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

November 16—22, 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

OCC Packing Party	6:00 pm
Praise Team	7:00 pm

Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

Opening Song: Enter In

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come, All Christians, Be Committed
Hymn 604

•SCRIPTURE: Zechariah 4:7

Wonderful Words of Life Hymn 261

TIME OF GIVING

Offering*
In Christ Alone

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: God's Promise of Turnaround

Haggai 2:18-23

Bro. Oscar

CLOSING PRAYER

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

November Birthday

Carson Fraire	11/29
Danielle Hughes	11/09
Shane McCarville	11/11
Nick Ramirez	11/12

Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 965.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 563.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$1,528.00
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 96.50
Needed This Week for Budget	\$ 570.00

A Cautionary Tale

Ecclesiastes 5:13, "I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owners."

In the classic film *Citizen Kane*, Charles Foster Kane amasses wealth and power by building a newspaper empire. In a story reminiscent of Ecclesiastes 2:4-11, Kane spares himself no pleasure, building a castle with grand gardens full of artistic treasures.

Like other tycoons, what Kane really wants is adulation. He bank-rolls his own political career and, when it fails, he blames the defeat on voter "fraud" to save face. He builds his wife an opera house and forces her into an ill-suited singing career to make him look good. Here too Kane's story echoes Ecclesiastes, where wealth is found to harm those who chase and hoard it (5:10-15), leaving them eating "in darkness, with great frustration" (5:17). By the end of his life, Charlie Kane lives in that castle alone, isolated and angry.

Citizen Kane ends with the revelation that Charlie's pursuits have been driven to fill a void in his heart—the parental love he lost as a child. I can imagine the author of Ecclesiastes agreeing. Our Father God has "set eternity in the human heart" (3:11), and life can only be enjoyed with Him (2:25). Charlie Kane's cautionary tale speaks to us all: Don't seek spiritual fulfillment through wealth and power, but through the one who pours His love into our hearts (Romans 5:5).

Stewardship Thought...

Luke 6:38—"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Jesus emphasized the giving nature of Christians. Of the many characteristics which distinguish the new life in Christ, giving is very visible. Giving is a testimony.

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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 we will study in 2 Chronicles 24.

•Preschool Leaders Needed

—We need a leader and assistant willing to teach preschoolers during the Sunday School time whenever new families begin coming. We also need people to watch these little ones during our worship service.

•Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

—Please join us this Wednesday, 11/19, at 6:00 pm.

•Hanging of the Green

—Plan to join us this Saturday, 11/22, at 10:00 am. Remember, many hands make light work.

•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 gfbf-fw@sbcglobal.net. Please do not make donations through PayPal.

•**Church Website**—If you have internet you can go to our website—<https://www.gfbf-fw.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 @gfbf-fw 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 copier bill. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful.



Bringing Children to Jesus

This Wednesday, 19 November at 6:00 pm, you are invited to help stuff our shoeboxes full of gifts. Besides packing and shipping the boxes, the most important job you can do is to pray (1 Thessalonians 5:17) that each box will contain the exact best items for the child who receives it. Even if you cannot physically make it to church, please commit to praying for each box to reach the children who will benefit the most.

Once the boxes are packed, they will be taken to a drop off location on Thursday. From there, the boxes will go to the processing facility located near Dallas. Then they will be taken by truck, air, ship or a combination to various countries around the world.

By coming to the church on Wednesday, and filling shoeboxes full of various gifts, you will be part of giving boys and girls what may be their first gift ever! But that's just the beginning. You will have a part in boys and girls hearing the good news about Jesus Christ for the first time. In many cases, other family members of the children become believers, too.



Today's Scripture

Zechariah 4:7—"What are you, mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of 'God bless it! God bless it!'"



God's Promise of Turnaround

Haggai 2:18-23, Zechariah 4:6-10-23,
Zechariah 4:6-10

Zerubbabel

- Zerubbabel was a direct descendant in the _____ lineage.
- Zerubbabel was leading one of the _____-_____ and _____-prepared people in a hostile region.
- God understood the pressure of leadership, so He sent a word through _____.
- Before Zerubbabel could lead into the future, God had to rebuild his _____ and _____.
- God's promise of _____ gives added strength in shaky times.

Shaky Times

- God prepared Zerubbabel for some _____ times.
- Many people tend to lose their _____ because they do not expect to go through shaky times.

- God was not expecting Zerubbabel nor does He expect us to go it _____.
- Attempting great things for God will create _____.
- Shaky times will come, but we must lean on the _____ of God and proclaim His _____ over every situation.

God-Given Authority

- A _____ ring was a mark of prestige and _____, signifying the family lineage, social status, and identity in official correspondence.
- Zerubbabel learned to move _____ with the authority of God.
- God was reaffirming and guaranteeing His _____ to Zerubbabel.
- God Himself _____ him and gave him His _____ to act.

Conclusion

- We are _____ of God and joint _____ with Jesus Christ.



•God's message through the Prophet Haggai should help us get our _____ straight.

•We did not _____ ourselves; God _____ us and sent us out.

•When we feel weak or afraid, lean on God's _____; His _____ is with us.



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 Alice to continue healing; for health issues for Bill and for his concern for Alice; for healing for Ben's mother and strength for Ben as he cares for her; healing for Victor from cancer and for Liz's many issues; continued healing for Tony; for Mark H. from cancer; for Lisa from breast cancer; healing for Tonya from surgery; Laura Thompson's vision loss; for Amy from surgery; for Crystal's dad from fluid on his heart and lungs; healing for Tonya from neuro-



logical issues and loss of mobility; Frank's hip and back to heal; for Carmon from her fall & hip surgery; 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 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 Genia, 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 a preschool teacher to come forward; 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 Sa-

maritan'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.



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.