

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart

Sunday, December 28, 2025

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

December 28, 2025—January 4, 2026

Sunday School 9:45 am

Worship 11:00 am

Int. Harvest Church 1:30 pm

Praise Team 4:30 pm

Mid-Week

FB/YouTube Bible Study

Wednesday

No Activities on New Years Eve

Thursday

Happy New Year!

Saturday

Unhanging of the Greens



Stewardship Thought...

Romans 13:11-12—“*And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.*”

Has this been a year of growth that gives witness of what God is doing in us? For many it has. Growth in giving is a possibility within reach for most of us during the new year.

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Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

Opening: Awesome In this Place—

Solo by Bro. Bill

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Wonder of It All

SCRIPTURE: Mark 13:32

We Shall Behold Him

Solo by Bro. Bill

TIME OF GIVING

Offering* and Lottie Moon Video

Heaven Came Down Hymn 438

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: Will This Be The Year?

Mark 13:32-37

Bro. Oscar

CLOSING PRAYER

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

December Birthday

Stetson Godwin	12/20
Misty Hayes & Christy Leonard	12/07
Bill Jackson	12/18
Tony Pohl	12/08
Nicole Ramirez	12/29
Donna Teneyuque	12/09

Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 701.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 100.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 801.00
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 70.10
Needed This Week for Budget	\$1,625.37

Resolving to Do Less

John 15:5, “Apart from me you can do nothing.”

When we think about New Year’s resolutions, what probably comes to mind is a list of lofty ambitions we rarely achieve (80 percent of New Year’s resolutions are already abandoned by mid-February). Author Amy Wilson suggests a better idea might be to reject entirely “the idea that we have to fix ourselves before our lives can get better.” Wilson suggests that, instead of adding commitments, we see the new year as an opportunity to do less, to finally “start saying no” to some of the “oversized and ongoing commitments that take our time and energy without giving us much in return.”

In a world of constant pressure to do and be more, it can be easy to miss the radically different rhythm of life Jesus invited His disciples into—one of abiding in Him. In John 15, Jesus described Himself as “the true vine” (v. 1) and His disciples as “the branches” (v. 5).

Vine branches don’t grow through working harder but through the nourishment received from the vine. So, too, the growth we long for can only be experienced when we let go of self-reliance in exchange for resting in and finding nourishment in Christ, for “apart from [Him] you can do nothing” (v. 5).

Through Jesus, we have hope for a life of less anxiety. Less striving. And more resting in God’s love and letting it flow to those around us (vv. 12, 17).

Announcements...

•**Unhanging of the Green**—Please join us this Saturday, January 3rd, to help “Unhang” the greens beginning at 10:00am. Remember, the more who come, the faster we will finish.

•**Mid-Week Bible Study**—the Mid-week/Wednesday night Bible study is taking a short break in the midst of the holiday season. Have a Happy New Year.

On Wednesday, January 3/6, EVERYONE is invited to join Bro. Frank on YouTube where he will resume the Bible study and at the church on Wednesday. We will begin that study in 2 Chronicles 28.

•**Preschool Leaders Needed**—We need members who are willing to watch little ones during our worship service. We also need a leader and assistant to teach preschoolers during Sunday School whenever new families begin coming.

•**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.

•**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 electric, alarm permit, janitorial, SBA loan, and dumpster bills. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

How the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (LMCO) fueled my missionary journey.

My journey to international missions began in the most ordinary of places – a middle school Bible study in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I was leading students before school when a question stirred in my heart: Could I serve overseas with Southern Baptists? What began as a simple question while leading a middle school

Bible study would change the course of my life forever. My pastor introduced me to the Journeyman Program – a doorway to a future I never imagined.

When I began the application process to serve in Aberdeen, Scotland, I discovered something extraordinary: I didn't have to raise my own support. Every dollar given through the LMCO made it possible for me to step directly into the mission field after in-depth missionary training. That offering wasn't just a fund – it was a lifeline, a tangible expression of God's provision. Returning to the States, I knew preparation was essential. Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary became the next step. Dr. Clyde Meador visited Southwestern and shared that the No. 1 need at the IMB was in a large South Asian city.

When we finally arrived, it felt strangely familiar — like West Texas on the Arabian Sea. We left for the field with our first daughter, born just three weeks after missionary training ended. The LMCO was there every step of the way — covering medical care for her birth, plane tickets to Bangkok, a house, our first used car, and language school in Asia.

Over the years, the Lottie Moon Offering paid for the births of two more children in South Asia, their schooling, moves to four different countries and countless opportunities to serve in ways we never dreamed possible when we first said, “Yes, Lord. Send us.”

Every gift to the Lottie Moon Offering changes lives—ours and countless others. Will you join us in sending the light of Christ to the nations? The work of the IMB is sustained through faithful giving of Southern Baptists through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®.

Todd Lafferty,

Executive Vice President of the International Mission Board.

Remember, every penny that is given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goes to the mission field. To date, we have given \$850.00

Today's Scripture

Mark 13:32—“No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

**Will This Be The Year?***Mark 13:32-37***Doomsday**

- The _____ is still in existence.
- Many religious people have become obsessed with _____ - _____ scenarios.
- The 2000th year after the _____ of _____ actually came and passed in 1994, 1995, or 1996.
- Jesus said there would be no special _____ of His coming.

Hinge Date In History

- People were hyped up to believe that _____ was a “monumental hinge date in history.”
- 15 million people in this country believed that Jesus would return on _____, _____.
- The entertainment Industry capitalized on _____ predictions.
- The people who most exploited the turn of

the millennium were _____ teachers.

Second Coming Of Christ

- We need to be ready for _____ at any moment.
- If God gave us the precise time of Christ's return, the natural tendency of people would be to put off following Christ _____.
- When you do not know the exact time that someone is coming, it _____ your _____ on getting ready.
- The most dangerous of all delusions is that there is plenty of _____.

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- Could this be the _____ that Jesus _____?
- To be ready for Jesus' return should not be based on predictions of men; but based on the fact that Jesus said to be ready at _____.



- Christ's delay should be viewed as a sign that God _____ and wants to give us every opportunity to get ourselves ready.
- When you woke up this morning and found that Christ did not return, you got another _____.

Our Concern

- What should be our concern?
 - ⇒ That God will continue to build us into a _____ church
 - ⇒ That we will continue to celebrate the Lord in our worship in _____ and in _____
 - ⇒ That we will continue to preach the _____
 - ⇒ That we will continue to demonstrate the _____ of Jesus to the community around us

Conclusion

- New Year's Resolutions:
 - ⇒ I will grow to a new level in my _____ life.
 - ⇒ I will grow to a new level in my _____ - _____.
 - ⇒ I will grow to a new level of _____ - _____.
 - ⇒ I will grow to a new level of closeness in my association with _____.

**HOPE YOU HAVE A
BLESSED AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



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 Kylie from cancer; for health issues for Bill; Alice to continue healing; continued healing for Tony from cancer & broken ribs; for Lori—just diagnosed with stage 4 cancer; 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; for Mark H. from cancer; for Lisa



from breast cancer as she goes through chemo and for her husband to find a new job; healing for Tonya from surgery; Laura Thompson's vision loss; for Amy from surgery; healing for Tonya from neurological 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 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 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 Samaritan's Purse and their work; 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.



†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 and for the children who will receive them.

†Prayers for blessings for all in the New Year!

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.