

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

The Church
With a Heart

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

April 13—19, 2025

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Int. Harvest Church	1:30 pm
Praise Team	4:30 pm
Evangelism	6:30 pm

Mid-Week

FB/YouTube Bible Study

Wednesday

Bible Study	6:00 pm
Praise Team	7:00 pm

Friday

Good Friday Service	6:30 pm
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Saturday

PT Dress Rehearsal	10:00 am
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Stewardship Thought...

Acts 3:2,6—"Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts.....
"Then Peter said, 'Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.'"

Imagine having the ability to help someone so dramatically. In reality we do have such ability. When we share the gospel of Christ and give so that others can devote more time to witnessing, people receive the new life which replaces spiritual death.

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Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

Prepare Ye, The Way of the Cross

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessed Be Your Name

SCRIPTURE: Zechariah 9:9

Awesome Is the Lord Most High

TIME OF GIVING

Offering*

Praise Be to Jesus

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: The Hosanna Road

Zechariah 9:9, 14:1-5, Revelation 19:11-16

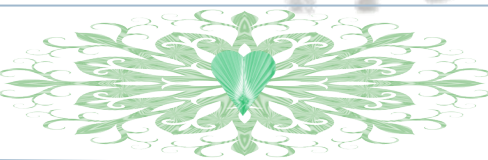
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CLOSING PRAYER

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

April Birthday

Paige Godwin	4/23
Jose' Lopez	4/19
Lisa Maroney	4/18
Becky Pruitt	4/30
Aaliyah Smith	4/06
Cora Wells	4/26



Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 2,131.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 755.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 2,886.00
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 213.10
Needed This Week for Budget	\$ 1,790.71

Renaissance in Jesus

John 12:24, "Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."

We know Leonardo da Vinci as the renaissance man. His intellectual prowess led to advances across multiple fields of study and the arts. Yet Leonardo journaled of "these miserable days of ours" and lamented that we die "without leaving behind any memory of ourselves in the mind of men."

"While I thought I was learning how to live," said Leonardo, "I was learning how to die." He was closer to the truth than he may have realized. Learning how to die is the way to life. After Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem (what we now celebrate as Palm Sunday; see John 12:12-19), He said, "Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds" (v. 24). He spoke this about His own death but expanded it to include us all: "Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life" (v. 25).

The apostle Paul wrote of being "buried" with Christ "through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:4-5).

Through His death, Jesus offers us rebirth—the very meaning of renaissance. He has forged the way to eternal life with His Father.

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'll begin in 1 Chronicles 18.

•Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) for North American Missions

—The AAEO mission emphasis will run through the end of April. So far, our members have given \$1,860.00! 🌱

•35th Annual Norvell Slater Hymn Sing

—We have been invited to participate in this annual event, which will take place on Friday, May 2, beginning at 1:30pm. Admission is free. More information will follow soon.

•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 our 2025 VBS, Operation Christmas Child (OCC), Children/Preschool fund, Youth fund, Sharing the Load, new A/C fund, Together We Build, Benevolent Ministries, Music Ministry, North American and IMB/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 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, ability to leave prayer requests and much 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 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 AT&T, Atmos Energy, ADT Security and the copier bills. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful.

bold missions advocate and WMU's first national executive leader.

Miss Armstrong was a prominent Southern Baptist leader known for her instrumental role in founding the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) in 1888, where she served as its first corresponding secretary. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, she was a prolific letter writer, advocating for missions and raising awareness for the WMU's work, famously writing over 18,000 letters in a single year. Armstrong's efforts have had a lasting impact, with over one billion dollars raised through the offering that bears her name, supporting missionaries across the U.S. and Canada. She is recognized as a national trailblazer for her visionary leadership and dedication to missions.

Remember when we contribute to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO), we become part of a greater story—new churches are established, tangible needs are met.

North American missionaries need us—you and me—to step into their stories through our prayers and generous giving. Missionaries cannot do their work without us!

Remember, every cent given to the AAEO goes to train and resource more than 3,000 missionaries and their families involved in church planting and compassion ministries who share the life-transforming gospel of Jesus Christ across the United States, Canada and their territories. Nothing is kept or used for administrative purposes by the North American Mission Board (NAMB).

Today's Scripture

Zechariah 9:9—"Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

STEP INTO THE STORY

The North American Mission Board's (NAMB) Offering was started in 1895 by the Woman's Missionary Union® (WMU) to benefit the work of the Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board). In 1934, it was named in honor of Annie Walker Armstrong (July 11, 1850 – December 20, 1938), a



The Hosanna Road

Zechariah 9:9, 14:1-5, Revelation 19:11-16

The Triumphal Entry

- Be always ready for King Jesus to _____ in ways you least expect.
- Jesus knew the "Daughter of Jerusalem" was to "Shout" and that it would be fulfilled _____ or _____ people.
- The Pharisees knew the verse in Zechariah about the King coming on a _____ and were aware of the watchful eyes of Rome.
- The Bible has never been _____.
- _____ prophecy about Jesus entering Jerusalem is amazingly detailed.

Jesus Wept

- Jesus came in peace to give the people _____, but they preferred salvation from _____ to salvation of their souls.
- Jesus could see their _____, and so in the midst of this praise, with people waving

the palm branches like a national flag, Jesus _____.

- Jesus could see that their desire to have an _____ would be their destruction.
- When the ancient kings of Judah came into a town on a _____ it meant that they came in _____.
- The _____ for Jesus to humbly and in gentleness offer Himself to man is drawing to an _____.

The Second Triumphal Entry

- The day is coming when armies will surround Jerusalem, but then the _____ Himself will _____ against those nations.
- At these end times, the King of Judah will come on a _____ - _____ for the time for justice has come.
- All rebellion against God will be required to _____ when that day comes.
- At the second Triumphal Entry



every _____ will bow, and every
_____ will confess that Jesus is Lord.

Conclusion

- Jesus will reign as _____ over the earth and execute justice and judgement upon it.
- The Israelites wanted a _____ to prophecy that met _____ personal desires for power and position.
- We see the focus of the world turn to Jerusalem even this very day; _____ will come but it will be broken, and _____ will be taken.
- The ones that shouted "Save us now!" will shout, "Crucify Him" in a few days, because they wanted Him to fulfill their expectations, not to be _____ of their _____.



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 continued strength and healing for serious health issues for Tony and



healing from his upcoming surgery (4/16); for health issues for Bill and Alice; for Frank's hip to heal; for Manuel's niece's healing from cancer; for Cliff Denney's health; 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 as well as Rose E; healing for Carmon; for Oscar A; for Robert and Annie, Nora and Doyle; for John's head and memory; for Donna's vein procedures to heal quickly; for Laura's vision and memory issues; for Susen's eyes & feet; and for Susen's niece, Stacey.

†Pray for the Children—Continue praying for children, youth and teachers throughout the year.

†Miscellaneous praises and prayer needs—Please pray for an unspoken request for Becky; for David's unspoken requests; 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, their needs for God's guidance, and for Andrew's daughter; for Paige and Brian, Carla and Tony as they continue to learn how 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 family needs; and for Shannon and Allison's relationship.

†Pray for our church—for our pastors and their families; for REVIVAL among our members; for our ministries, financial needs, 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.

†Pray for peace and protection in our nation—for North American missionaries; for Texans on Mission and their ministries, especially in the Rio Grande area, Oklahoma, Southeast Missouri and Pittsburgh); for first responders and those who have

suffered loss from various disasters; for the thousands in California who have lost their homes; for the homeless, refugees and those suffering from hunger in our nations; for large and small 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 the peace agreement in Israel; for the situation in Ukraine to be resolved; for Burmese Christians who have been affected by the earthquake in Myanmar; and for other Christians, missionaries and refugees who are suffering from persecution in Taiwan, N. Korea, India, Africa, Viet Nam, China, Russia, Turkey and others.

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.