

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart 

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

January 19—25, 2025
Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship Service 11:00 am
Annual Business Meeting 12:15pm
Int. Harvest Church 1:30 pm
Evangelism 6:00 pm

Mid-Week

FB/YouTube Bible Study

Wednesday

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

Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

Praise To the Lord, the Almighty
Hymn 14

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus
Hymn 411

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:6

Thank You, Lord

Time of Giving

Offering*
Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
Hymn 267

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

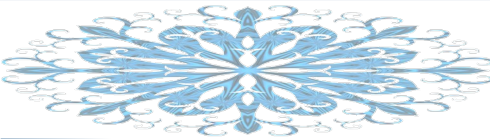
Message: The Measure of Our Prayers
1 Thessalonians 5:17 Bro. Oscar

Closing Prayer

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

January Birthday

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| Manuel Esquivel | 1/03 |
| Alice Jackson | 1/20 |
| Chris Jackson | 1/13 |
| Xander Leonard | 1/04 |
| Annahi Lopez | 1/07 |
| Dale Seigler | 1/25 |



Ministry Gifts

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| Offerings for Budget | \$ 1,105.00 |
| Designated Offerings | \$ 101.50 |
| TOTAL OFFERINGS | \$ 1,206.50 |
| 10% Taken out for Missions | \$ 110.50 |

Needed This Week for Budget \$ 1,150.74

Sharing by Caring

Galatians 5:14, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

The young pastor prayed every morning, asking God to use him that day to bless someone. Often, to his delight, such a situation arose. One day during a break at his second job, he sat in the sunshine with a coworker who asked him about Jesus. The pastor simply answered the other man's questions. No rant. No arguing. The pastor commented that being guided by the Holy Spirit led him to have a casual talk that felt effective but loving. He made a new friend as well—someone hungry to learn more about God.

Letting the Holy Spirit lead us is the best way to tell others about Jesus. He told His disciples, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8).

The fruit of the Spirit "is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Galatians 5:22–23). Living under the Spirit's control, that young pastor put into practice what Peter instructed: "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15).

Even if we suffer for believing in Christ, our words can show the world that His Spirit leads us. Then our walk will draw others to Him.

Stewardship Thought...

Psalm 39:6—*Man is a mere phantom as he goes to and fro: He bustles about, but only in vain; he heaps up wealth, not knowing who will get it.*

Responsible stewardship includes making a Christian will. Giving now is important, but so is giving for Christian ministry, through a will, until the Lord's return. What a joy to know that through our will our ministry for Christ can continue after our death.

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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'll be in 2 Thessalonians, chapter 3.

•Annual Business Meeting

—Everyone is welcome to stay today after our worship service for our once-a-year Business Meeting. We specifically need for every "member" over the age of 16 to participate and vote on the business of the Church.

•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 the A/C fund, Together We Build, Benevolent Ministries, Music Ministry, missionaries, J & T, Texans on Mission, Samaritan's Purse, 2025 VBS, and Sharing the Load, 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 (ask Becky how to do it). 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 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

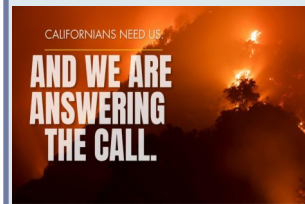
—Please, prayerfully consider your part in support of our church missions, ministries, utilities, and upkeep. This week, we need to pay our LifeWay, Office Depot and Fire Protection bills. How can you help? Please just pray, trust God and be faithful.

Texans on Mission [formerly known as Texas Baptist Men (TBM)]



Dear Friends,

As requested, a Texans on Mission strike team is on the ground in the Los Angeles area working with partner churches to meet needs of



people affected by the Southern California wildfires. Together,

we're taking a Christ-centered approach to immediate needs.

Working through these church partners, the strike team is discovering ways to meet expanded physical, emotional and spiritual needs. The weight of the fire literally hangs in the air everywhere these families turn. "The situation here is heavy," said Rand Jenkins, a member of the team. "We're striving to find a way to multiply efforts to meet needs in the name of Christ."

We are praying for and anticipating opportunities for our fire recovery teams to minister to families as we work on their homes. We are early in this disaster. The situation is evolving each day. Would you join us in praying as we seek to serve in the name of the Lord?

Please pray for:

- A swift end to the fires.
- For those affected by the fires.
- Strength for the firefighters
- The churches serving with Texans on Mission to minister to people impacted by the fires.
- That the Gospel be clearly proclaimed.



Thank you for living on mission with Christ each and every day.

Mickey Lenamon
Chief Executive Officer
Texans On Mission

NOTE: Since receiving the above letter, TBM has dispatched trucks with shower units, laundry units, with meal prep units, child care, counseling and more. More volunteers are needed to come on board.

Today's Scripture

Matthew 6:6—"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

The Measure Of Our Prayers

1 Thessalonians 5:17, Matthew 21:13,
Hebrews 13:3, 1 Corinthians 10:31,
Matthew 6:6

God Will Measure Our Prayers

- It is God's desire that we pray without ceasing.
- Every believer has the God given ability to pray.
- We are to pray to our Father in heaven.
- Out of all that He could have done, Jesus chose to spend His final hours in prayer.
- Every believer is called to pray.
- God cannot answer a prayer that has not been prayed.

Deciding To Pray

- You either choose to pray, or you choose not to pray; the decision is yours to make.
- Our failure to pray has serious eternal consequences.
- God will not force you to pray.
- It takes faith to believe that when nothing seems to be happening, God is still working

on your behalf.

- There will come a day when Jesus will look into our heart and measure our lives by our prayers.
- Prayer is so powerful that it allows you to reach every nation on earth.

The Width, Depth, Height, And Length Of Our Prayers

- Do your prayers go beyond your wants and needs?
- As you pray, make sure your prayers are wide enough to include the whole world and all that God gives you to pray.
- Measure your prayers by the depth of your burden for those whom God has placed on your heart.
- Measure your prayer life by the height of your prayers that truly touch heaven.
- God will measure your prayers by their length; the eternal results that will never end.
- Every Christian can add to the width, and depth, and height, and length of their prayers, by being consistent in praying a little every



day.

The Decision To Pray

- The first step to developing a prayer life that will impact eternity is to decide to pray.
- In choosing to pray, you must have a plan.
- Make time to pray as prayer takes time, effort, and discipline.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you how to pray.
- When you pray, believe that God will answer your prayer.
- When God answers your prayer, stop whatever you are doing, and immediately give God all the glory and thanks.

Conclusion

- God is calling all of us to a life of prayer, but it is your decision.
- When you measure your life for prayer:
 - ⇒Measure it by the number of unsaved souls you pray for.
 - ⇒Measure it by the number of pastors and ministries you pray for.
 - ⇒Measure it by the number of nations God

gives you to pray for.

- ⇒Measure your life by praying for our brothers and sisters who are suffering persecution and imprisonment for their faith.
- ⇒Measure your life by the extent that you make the time to pray.
- ⇒Measure your life by the width of your prayers, by the depth of your prayers, by the height of your prayers, and by the length of your prayers.
- ⇒Measure your life with a heart that so loves God, that you desire to be with Him in prayer.
- Remember, God cannot answer a prayer that is not prayed.



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 Annette; for serious health issues for Tony; for Gracie's and Helen's continued recovery from surgery; for healing for Dale R. from gallbladder surgery; for Susen's recovery from eye surgery and other issues; for Frank's hip to heal; for Manuel's niece's healing from cancer; for healing for Luke



from serious heart complications; for Kevin to heal from pancreatitis; for healing for Dakota's type 1 diabetes; for health issues for Bill and Alice; for healing for Herbert, Barbara and Kitty; for healing for a growth on Ashlyn's brain; for Armida's heart and lungs and for her loneliness to heal; for healing for Virgie as well as Rose E; healing for Carmon; for Oscar A's health; for Robert and Annie, Nora and Doyle; for John's head and memory; for Donna's vein health; for Laura's vision & brain; for Paige and Kristie's health issues; for Amy's mother-in-law's upcoming transplant.

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

Pray
Until
Something
Happens



†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.

†Miscellaneous praises and prayer needs—Prayers for an unspoken request for Becky; for David's unspoken requests; for an unspoken need for Nic; for an unspoken prayer for Donna; for Jim and his business; for family challenges for Daisy; for

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."
Colossians 4:2

needs of the Polk/Flores family, their needs for God's guidance, and for Andrew's daughter; for Paige and Brian as they learn how to care for Dakota; for Jourdeah's best interest in her family and for unity in the Maroney family; for Chris and his little girl—Amiyah, and for his unspoken needs; for Ryan and his unspoken needs; for Genna, Nick and RJ's family needs; praises and prayers for Paige, Jacob and Stetson's bonding as a family of three; for Jonny and Taylor as they minister to Afghan refugees in Europe and adjust to being a family of three; for Tremincia in the death of her mother.

†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.

†Pray for peace and protection in our nation—for North American missionaries; for first responders and those who have suffered loss from

various disasters; for a miracle to stop the fires in California and for the thousands who are losing their homes; for the homeless, refugees and those suffering from hunger in our nations; for large and small churches that are struggling; for a



continued peaceful transition of leadership in our country; for wisdom

for our present and upcoming 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 Texans on Mission and their ministries around the world; for International missionaries; for the new peace agreement between the Israelites and Hamas; for relief and peace for those in Ukraine; for the Burmese Christians who remain 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 other countries.



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 requests to 817-937-5974.