



Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

January 26—February 1, 2025	
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Int. Harvest Church	1:30 pm
Evangelism	6:00 pm

**Mid-Week**  
FB/YouTube Bible Study

<b>Wednesday</b>	
Bible Study	6:00 pm
Praise Team	7:00 pm

**Worship Service**

**TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION**

**TIME TO GATHER**

Special Music Bro. Bill

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

With All My Heart  
**SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:1**  
We Are An Offering

**TIME OF GIVING**

Offering\*  
Special Music Bro. Bill

**TIME IN GOD'S WORD**

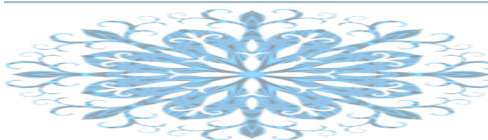
**Message: The Measure of Our Sacrifice**  
Romans 12:1 Bro. Oscar

**CLOSING PRAYER**

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

**January Birthday**

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**

Offerings for Budget	\$	505.00
Designated Offerings	\$	74.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERINGS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>579.00</b>

**No More Prejudice**

1 Samuel 16:7, "People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Many years ago, Julie Landsman auditioned for principal French hornist for New York's Metropolitan Opera Orchestra. The MET held their auditions behind a screen to avoid prejudice by the judges. Landsman did well in her audition and ended up winning the competition. But when she stepped out from behind the screen, some of the all-male judges walked to the rear of the room and turned their backs on her. Apparently, they were looking for someone else.

When the Israelites asked for a king, God accommodated the people and gave them a man who was physically imposing like the other nations had (1 Samuel 8:5; 9:2). But because Saul's first years as king were marked by faithlessness and disobedience, God sent Samuel to Bethlehem to anoint a new king (16:1-13). When Samuel saw Eliab, the oldest son, he assumed that God had chosen him to be king because he was physically impressive. But God challenged Samuel's thinking: "People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (v. 7). God had chosen David to lead His people (v. 12).

When evaluating people's ability and suitability for His purposes, God looks at character, will, and motives. He invites us to be attuned to see the world

**Stewardship Thought...**

**Deuteronomy 14:22**—"Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields' produce each year."

**Giving has always been an expectation of God for His people. Christian giving however, is for a larger purpose than when the Israelites gave a tithe; we give to reach the lost for Christ.**

**Contact Us At:**

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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 1 Chronicles 1-5.

**•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 web-

### Today's Scripture

**Romans 12:1**—"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."

sages, 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 electric, janitorial and dumpster bills. How can you help? Please just pray, trust God and be faithful.

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



**Trained and credentialed,** Texans on Mission (TXM) Disaster Relief (DR) volunteers are on the frontlines of delivering help, hope and healing. When TXM volunteers serve in the wake of disasters, they serve as ambassadors for Christ in the midst of hurting people. God cares deeply about these individuals and families,

detailed information, go to: <https://www.Texansonmission.org/volunteer-portal>.

To serve, one must follow these steps:

1. Complete Disaster Relief Orientation. All TXM DR volunteers are required to take this introductory training course, which provides the basic foundation of relief ministry and a background check.

2. Specialty training classes are also required in the areas of service. Credentials received through this training are necessary for entry into disaster areas and are good for five years.

3. Connect with area coordinators. During the orientation, they will discover who their area coordinator is in order to know when teams are activated and deployed.

On February 7 and 8, 2025, there is a JOINT TRAINING HOSTED BY TWO CHURCHES in Mansfield. The first day offers the orientation, and the second offers specific classes in ministry.

**Ministries include:**

- \*Serving hot, nutritious meals
- \*Providing access to showers and laundry services
- \*Being part of a chainsaw team that moves debris and fallen and damaged trees.
- \*Cleaning and repairing homes damaged by floods and fire.
- \*Praying with and encouraging survivors, and offering hope for better days after the storm.

**Please share with friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers. Refer them to the website:**

### Measure Your Life As A Living Sacrifice

- The \_\_\_\_\_ life is a life of sacrifice.
- God is looking for a living sacrifice that lives day by day to \_\_\_\_\_ God, \_\_\_\_\_ God, and \_\_\_\_\_ God.
- God is looking for those who love Him so much they are \_\_\_\_\_ to Him as a living sacrifice.
- Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of a living sacrifice.
- The only time we can be a living sacrifice for God is right \_\_\_\_\_, while our bodies are alive.
- Measure your life by your willingness to offer your \_\_\_\_\_ to God as a living sacrifice.

### Measure Your Sacrifice By The Cost

- There is a \_\_\_\_\_ for being a living sacrifice.
- The cross is not placed upon us, we must

we must be willing to sacrifice our \_\_\_\_\_ way of living to gain a \_\_\_\_\_ and greater way of living.

- Every decision is an \_\_\_\_\_ to be a living sacrifice that honors God.
- The cost of our sacrifice may seem high, but the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ are far greater and will last forever.

### Measure Your Sacrifice To Do God's Will

- A living sacrifice is o \_\_\_\_\_ to the will of God.
- The most important thing we will ever do is to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God's will.
- Obeying the will of God may require \_\_\_\_\_, sometimes a great sacrifice.
- There is a \_\_\_\_\_ to be a living sacrifice.

### Rewards And Sacrifice

- God promises to reward us with \_\_\_\_\_ rewards, even for our \_\_\_\_\_ act of sacrifice.



• Anytime we follow Jesus Christ, there will be a \_\_\_\_\_.

• God promises our sacrifice for His glory will be rewarded with great rewards that are beyond \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Measure Your Sacrifice By Your Transformation**

• A living sacrifice is our willingness to be transformed from a \_\_\_\_\_ person who loves the things of the world, to a \_\_\_\_\_ person who loves Jesus.

• When we surrender our lives to Jesus Christ the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ us from the old way of living, to a new godly way of sacrificial living.

• Measure your life by your sacrifice to be transformed from the \_\_\_\_\_ into the \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Conclusion**

• It is absolutely vital to know the difference between what \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice and what \_\_\_\_\_ to sacrifice.

• \_\_\_\_\_ that stand between us and God.  
⇒ Be \_\_\_\_\_ to God and His Word.

• We must never:

⇒ Sacrifice our \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus Christ.

⇒ Sacrifice God's word of truth, for \_\_\_\_\_ truths of the world.

⇒ Sacrifice our commitment to live a godly life in an \_\_\_\_\_.

• To finish the \_\_\_\_\_ and to keep the \_\_\_\_\_ requires that we live a sacrificial life for Jesus Christ and His kingdom.



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 continued healing from surgery for Gracie, Helen, Dale R. and Susen; 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.

they worship and praise God in the GFBC facilities. Pray for the missionaries they are supporting.

†**Miscellaneous praises and prayer needs**—Prayers for an unspoken need for Tiffany; 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 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



and for the thousands who are losing their homes; for the home-

less, 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 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 and missionaries 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](mailto:gfbcfw@sbcglobal.net) or enter them on the website by