



# Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart 

Sunday, September 29, 2024

### Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

#### Search My Heart, God

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

To reduce food waste, a super-market chain in Singapore sells slightly blemished fruits and vegetables at lower prices. In one year, this initiative saved more than 850 tons (778,000 kg) of produce that previously would've been thrown out for not meeting aesthetic standards. Shoppers soon learned that outward appearances—scars and quirky shapes—don't affect flavor and nutritional value. What's on the outside doesn't always determine what's on the inside.

The prophet Samuel learned a similar lesson when he was sent by God to anoint the next king of Israel (1 Samuel 16:1). When he saw Eliab, the firstborn son of Jesse, Samuel thought he was the chosen one. But God said: "Do not consider his appearance or his height . . . People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (v. 7). Out of Jesse's eight sons, God chose the youngest, David—who was tending his father's sheep (v. 11)—to be the next king.

God is more concerned with our hearts than with outward credentials—the school we attended, what we earn, or how much we volunteer. Jesus taught His disciples to focus on purifying their hearts of selfish and evil thoughts because "what comes out of a person is what defiles them" (Mark 7:20). Just as Samuel learned not to consider outward appearances, may we, with God's help, examine our hearts—our thoughts and intentions—in all that we do.

### THIS WEEK AT GRACE

- September 29—, 2024
- 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
- Wednesday**
- Bible Study 6:00 pm
- Praise Team 7:00 pm
- Saturday**
- Baby Shower 12:00-3:00 pm

## Worship Service

### TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

### TIME TO GATHER

**Opening:** Great and Mighty

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Praise You, O God Hymn 19

### SCRIPTURE: Genesis 22:18

I Worship You, Almighty God

### Time of Giving

Offertory\*

Revive Us Again Hymn 469

### TIME IN GOD'S WORD

**Message: The Mission Of The Messiah**

Matthew 1:1-17

Bro. Oscar

### Closing Prayer

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

## September Birthday

- Brenda Maroney 9/11
- Gracie Ramirez 9/06



### Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 495.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 425.50
<b>TOTAL OFFERINGS</b>	<b>\$ 920.50</b>
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 49.50

**Needed This Week for Budget \$ 978.03**

### Stewardship Thought...

**Acts 2:44-45**—"All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need."

**A distinguishing characteristic of early Christians was their cooperative giving. In our day, through the Cooperative Program, we join our giving to reach more lost persons for Christ—Share Christ's Love: Give for Others!**

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# Announcements...!

•**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 begin our study in 2 Kings 19.

•**Revival is Coming**—Please pray to experience revival in October with our guest, Gary Hawkins from Oklahoma. Mr. Hawkins has preached numerous revivals and assisted several in leadership development for pastors and church leaders. He has facilitated advancement for all people groups through training conferences and seminars focused on mentoring, coaching, leadership development and preaching. He has served as a jointly employed church planting missionary by the North American Mission Board and the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. He has worked multi-cultural but his primary focus group was the Indian Tribes in eastern OK.

Our revival will begin on Friday, October 11th and continue through Sunday, the 13th.

•**Donations Toward Our Church and Various Ministries**—Please consider donating to our budget and ministry needs. We continue saving funds to replace our second tandem sanctuary unit and for our administrative/classroom unit **before** they go out. Other needs are our Benevolent Ministry, 2025 VBS, Music Ministry, Sharing the Load, Together We

Build, Jonny and Taylor, Texans on Mission, Samaritan's Purse, etc. You may place your donations in an offering envelope and write the ministry/organization designated needs 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—go to <https://www.gfbc-fw.org>—to find lots of information such as sermon notes, pastor's weekly YouTube messages, Bro. Frank's YouTube Bible studies, giving opportunities, leave prayer requests and much more.

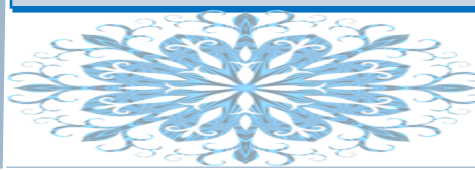
•**Instagram**—Also, please remember to follow our church on Instagram at @gfbcfw where you can receive inspiration and information!

•**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.

**Today's Scripture**  
**Genesis 22:18**—"Through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed."

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?  
JUST PRAY, TRUST GOD AND  
BE FAITHFUL!**



## I am TEXAS Missions

MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING FOR TEXAS MISSIONS

Traditionally, today is the last day of our annual Mary Hill Davis emphasis. Thank you so much for supporting missions in Texas with your prayers and financial gifts. Thank you for serving with us as we meet the mission needs of our state. This year, so far, we have given \$570.00 to the MHD State Mission Offering. Praise God that 100% of what we give goes directly to the mission field. P.S. We can give to the MHD all year.

### Other Organizations We Support



**Texans on Mission** mobilizes Christ followers to change the world, tackling its biggest challenges by meeting crucial needs after disasters, providing clean drinking water for people around the globe and equipping the next generation to make a difference for years to come. When a hurricane, tornado or other disaster strikes, our natural instinct is to reach out and help those who have been affected. Whether it's serving meals, cutting down limbs or cleaning out a home, helping after a disaster starts here.



**Samaritan's Purse** is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. The organization serves the Church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. They also initialize Operation Christmas Child, which we heartily support!

**The Mission Of The Messiah***Matthew 1:1-17***Jesus Is the Son of Abraham**

- Abraham is included in the genealogy of Jesus because Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the promise God made to Abraham.
- The offspring through whom all the nations of the earth are blessed is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus' command to His Apostles that they were to make disciples of "all nations" points to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ that was made to Abraham.

**Jesus Is the Son of David**

- Matthew provided Jesus' royal genealogy by tracing Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ in three stages:
  - ⇒ From Abraham to \_\_\_\_\_
  - ⇒ From David to \_\_\_\_\_
  - ⇒ From Jechoniah to \_\_\_\_\_
- God's promises to David did not come to an end with the nation's \_\_\_\_\_ to Babylon.
- \_\_\_\_\_ was released from prison and given a seat above all the other kings who were in Babylon.
- Jesus, the son of David, is given all authority in \_\_\_\_\_ and on \_\_\_\_\_.

**Jesus Is the Christ**

- The New Testament word for "\_\_\_\_\_" is the same as the Old Testament word "\_\_\_\_\_;" it means "anointed one."

- \_\_\_\_\_ refers to God's promise throughout the Old Testament that He would send His "\_\_\_\_\_ one."
- Jesus was the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's story of redemption.
- The miracles performed by Jesus demonstrate that He has complete \_\_\_\_\_ to bring to His people the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ promised by the prophets.
- Matthew wanted to show that Jesus' kingdom is one of complete \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for the people of God.
- Jesus is the climax of the way by which God brings \_\_\_\_\_ back into a right \_\_\_\_\_ with Himself.

**Conclusion**

- Since Jesus is the Messiah sent by God, \_\_\_\_\_ must complete the mission He has given us to make \_\_\_\_\_ of all nations.
- The final act happens when Jesus establishes His kingdom on the \_\_\_\_\_ and sits on His throne in the \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus has won the victory over \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- It is our responsibility to complete the mission that Jesus has given us to make disciples of all nations.



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# Remember in Prayer . . .



†Please pray for strength and healing for Annette; for Dale's continued recovery; for Frank's hip; Kevin from pancreatitis; for Rachel's brother-in-law, Sam, from stomach cancer; for Richard's healing from cancer and his chemo and surgery to go well; for Ruth who is on hospice; for Baby Dakota's type 1 diabetes; for Lenny as he goes through radiation; health issues for Bill and Alice; total healing for Tony; for healing for possible growth on Ashlyn's brain; for Pearl—kidney cancer; healing for Carmon; for Armida's heart and lungs and for her loneliness to heal; for Virgie; Rose E; for Herbert, Barbara and Kitty; for Robert and Annie; for Nora and Doyle; for John's head and memory; for Rachel's mother; for Nancy from heart attack; for Donna's health; for Susen (left eye, left ankle, thyroid and stomach); for Laura's vision & brain; Cora's cousin's hip surgery; for Paige and Kristie's health issues; and for Amy's mother-in-law.



†Pray for the health of the residents and workers at the Estates Healthcare and Rehab and for Bro. Frank, Bro. Dale and others as they minister there.

†Pray for the Children—Let us continue praying for the children, youth and teachers throughout the year.

†Miscellaneous praises and prayer needs—Pray for comfort for Tina's and her extended family whose brother Terry passed away—If you would like to assist this family in providing

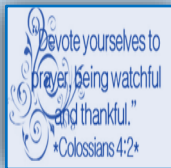


for his final arrangements, please let Susen know; for David to find a new job and other unspoken requests; for an unspoken request for Becky; and for an unspoken need for Nic.

†International Harvest Church and Ministries—Please continue to pray for International Harvest Church and Ministries, as they worship and praise God in these facilities.

†Pray for family needs and family challenges for Daisy; for 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 baby Dakota; for Jourdeah's best interest; for unity in the Maroney family; for Chris and his little girl—Amiyah; for Genna, Nick and RJ's family needs; for Jonny and Taylor as they minister to Afghan refugees in Europe and adjust to being a family of three.

†Pray for our young adults—for Paige and Jacob as they begin their family; for Teresa to find peace in her Coast Guard assignment; safety for Austin as he works this season; for Chris and his needs, and for Ryan and his needs.



†Pray for our church—for revival for our members, ministries, financial needs, and for a miracle involving the demolition of the south building.

†Pray for revival, peace and protection in our nation—for NAMB and state missionaries; for first responders and those who have suffered loss from weather related disasters; for the homeless, refugees and those suffering from hun-

ger; for large and small churches that are struggling; for wisdom for our political leaders: our president, VP, governors, senators and congressmen; for the upcoming elections and wisdom in how to vote; for safety for the candidates who are running for office and for the incumbents who are in office; 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 Jonny and Taylor as they minister to Afghan refugees; for peace for the Israelites and Palestinians; for relief and peace for those in Ukraine; for the Burmese families of the International Harvest

Church who remain in Myanmar; for Taiwan and other countries threatened by war; for N. Korea & Christians there; for people of Haiti; and for other Christians, missionaries and refugees who are suffering from persecution in Myanmar, Ukraine, India, Africa, Viet Nam, China, Russia, Turkey and other countries.



Pray Until Something Happens



## Prayer Works!

### Prayer Requests & Announcements

You may email new prayer needs, announcements and deletions to [gfbc-fw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gfbc-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.