



Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart 

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

October 20—26, 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

Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

Opening: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

He Lives

SCRIPTURE: 2 Chronicles 7:14

Great Is the Lord-**Solo** by Bro. Bill

Time of Giving

Offertory*

If My People Will Pray

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: Jehoiakim

2 Kings 23:36-24:4

Bro. Oscar

Closing Prayer

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

Built on Christ

1 Peter 2:5, "You are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple."

We have all sorts of names for groups of animals. No doubt you've heard of a flock of sheep, a herd of cattle, or even a gaggle of geese. But some names may surprise you. A group of crows is called a murder. How about a congregation of alligators, or a crash of rhinoceroses? Have you heard of a building of rooks (Eurasian crows)?

Building, in fact, is one of the names in the Bible for believers in Jesus. "You are . . . God's building," wrote the apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 3:9). There are other names for believers as well: "the flock" (Acts 20:28), "the body of Christ" (1 Corinthians 12:27), "brothers and sisters" (1 Thessalonians 2:14), and more.

The building metaphor recurs in 1 Peter 2:5, as Peter tells the church, "You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house." Then, in verse 6, Peter quotes Isaiah 28:16, "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone." Jesus is the very foundation of His building.

We may have the sense that it's our job to build the church, but Jesus said, "I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18). We're chosen by God to "declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9). As we declare those praises, we become instruments in His hands as He does His good work.

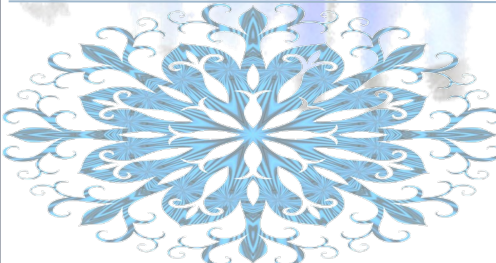
Stewardship Thought...

Luke 11:39-41—"Then the Lord said to him, 'Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. ⁴⁰You foolish people! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? ⁴¹But give what is inside the dish to the poor, and everything will be clean for you..'"

After we confess our sins, accept Christ as Savior and Lord, and begin to grow in Him, other things that come forth from our life can honor God, too. The way we give is shaped by our experience with Christ.

October Birthday

Helen Martinez	10/13
Frankie Rike	10/17
Maximus Rivera	10/29



Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 2,873.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 3,844.50
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 6,717.50
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 287.30
Needed This Week for Budget	\$ 549.72

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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 22.
- **Annual Fall Festival**—Save the date for our Annual Fall Festival, November 10th at 5:00 pm! We will have food, activities and the famous Silent Auction!!! There will be a large selection of items up for bidding - including some YUMMY baked goods! Start saving now!!!! We look forward to seeing you there!
- **Let Revival Continue**—Even though our revival is officially in the background, please continue to grow in spirit, wisdom and truth.
- **Donations Toward Our Church and Various Ministries**—Please consider donating to our budget and ministry needs. Some of our needs are our A/C fund, Together We Build, Sharing the Load, Benevolent Ministries, 2025 VBS, Music Ministry, 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."

Today's Scripture
2 Chronicles 7:14—"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

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.

How Can You Help?
Just pray, trust God and be faithful!

From David Bowman at Tarrant Baptist Association...

Hurricanes Helene and Milton devastated homes, businesses, and communities. Damage assessments are ongoing and staggering. Lives have been lost.

Our son and his family live in Tampa. They left for higher ground before the hurricane. Our five-year-old granddaughter thought they were on vacation.

She loves the fun food they are enjoying. The dog swam in a new pond formed after the rains. They await the All Clear signal to return home and assess the damage.

Texans On Mission, formerly known as Texas Baptist Men, are on the ground in Florida, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Our TBA Disaster Relief Team is providing meals in Tennessee in the ongoing cleanup there. Texans On Mission also still serves in Louisiana as the relief efforts continue there in response to Hurricane Francine.

Of all the groups providing disaster relief services, none is more trustworthy than Texans On Mission. You can contribute to their efforts with full confidence. Go to their website for more details: <https://www.texansonmission.org/>

You can easily donate to TBA's Disaster Relief Team. Our team, like other local units, does not receive funds from Texans On Mission.

This morning's Bible reading included Acts 11:27-30 about a collection gathered at the church in Antioch for the brothers and sisters in Judea who were going through famine. Verse 29 says, "Each of the disciples, according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brothers and sisters who lived in Judea."

Tarrant Baptist Association churches serve in one of the wealthiest areas in the world. This is an excellent time to honor God by using the gifts he has generously given us to serve those who require urgent and ongoing assistance.

God so loved the world that he gave. We cannot live and love like Jesus without developing a generous heart.

Jehoiakim

2 Kings 23:36-24:4

Pragmatism

- _____ life is a study in the perils of pragmatism.
- Pragmatism is often what causes people to act in ways you would _____.
- Jehoiakim was a pragmatist in that he believed in doing what was the _____ thing to do at any given situation.
- Jehoiakim had no _____ compass to guide his decisions.
- Jehoiakim trusted more in his own _____ and _____ than in God's.

Trusted in Egypt

- Pharaoh Neco had deposed Jehoahaz as King, and placed _____ on the throne of Judah.
- Judah was too weak to defend themselves, so Jehoiakim _____ to be their mercenaries.
- Jehoiakim trusted in Egypt for his _____, but when it came time to fulfill that promise, they were **betrayed**.
- Never trust in "_____."
- All Jehoiakim had to do was _____, then lead his nation in _____, and God would have fulfilled His promise to Solomon.

Sins of Manasseh

- Manasseh, the great grandfather of Jehoiakim, was probably the most _____ and _____ king that Judah ever had.
- Jehoiakim had a _____ example in his father, Josiah, but instead he chose to follow his grandfather into _____ and _____.
- Sin has a very powerful _____, especially on the young, despite being raised in a home where _____ is honored.
- In less than 3 months, the nation of Judah went from Josiah, a man who _____ and ruled his people with justice and goodness to the _____ king imaginable.

Conclusion

- In the midst of all of this evil, God still offered them a chance to _____.
- God sent word through Jeremiah to Jehoiakim that he was on a _____ path in trusting Egypt and not _____.
- Jehoiakim tried to have _____ put to death because of the message.
- Jehoiakim was not only dooming his own _____, he was dooming the souls of others.
- God judges a nation based on the _____ of the _____ not the sinful _____.



Remember in Prayer . . .



suffering from hunger; for large and small churches that are struggling; for wisdom for our political leaders:



†**Let's Update the Prayer Requests**—Please read through these prayer requests and update. Let us know if we need to keep praying for something or if the prayer has been answered.

†**Please pray for strength and healing** for Annette; for Dale's




continued recovery; for Frank's hip; Kevin from pancreatitis; for Richard's healing from cancer and his chemo and surgery to go well; for Baby Dakota's type 1 diabetes; for Lenny as he goes through radiation; health issues for Bill and Alice; 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 Oscar A; 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 dad from 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.

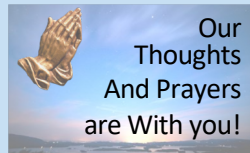
†**Miscellaneous praises and prayer needs**—Pray for an unspoken request for Becky; for David to find a new job and other unspoken requests; for an unspoken need for



Nic; for Tremincia in the death of her mother; and for comfort for  Tina and her family whose brother Terry passed away; for comfort for Rachel's family in the death of her brother-in-law; comfort for Ruth's family in her death last Sunday; and for an unspoken prayer for Donna.

†**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 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 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

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.



Prayer Works!

Prayer Requests & Announcements

You may email new prayer needs, announcements, edits and deletions to 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.