

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart 

Sunday, November 3, 2024

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

November 3—9, 2024	
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Church Council	12:15 pm
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

We made it!
We're here!



Stewardship Thought...

Colossians 4:2—“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

We need to be faithful in prayer, alert and grateful as we communicate with God. Approaching God in this spirit, we are more likely to be sensitive to our need and opportunity to give.

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Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

Opening: At the Name of Jesus

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 3:3

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Time of Giving

Offertory*

Lamb of God

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: The Better Prophet

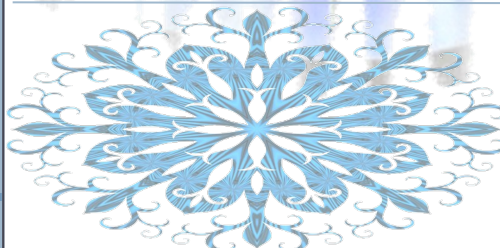
Hebrews 3:1-6, Deuteronomy 18:18-19,
Deuteronomy 18:15 **Bro. Oscar**

Closing Prayer

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

October Birthday

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



Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 675.00
Designated Offerings	\$2,991.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$2,506.00
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 67.50

Needed This Week for Budget \$ 802.69

Christ's Character

Galatians 5:22-23, “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”

Following a challenging tour in Afghanistan, Scott, a sergeant in the British Army, fell apart. He remembered: “I was in a dark place.” But when he “discovered Jesus and began following Him,” his life changed radically. Now he seeks to share the love of Christ with others, especially veterans with whom he competes in the Invictus Games, an international event for wounded and injured members and veterans of the armed forces.

For Scott, reading the Bible, praying, and listening to worship music grounds him before going to the Games. God then helps him “to reflect the character of Jesus and show kindness, gentleness, and grace” to the fellow veterans competing there.

Scott names here some of the fruit of the Spirit that the apostle Paul wrote about to the believers in Galatia. They struggled under the influence of false teachers, so Paul sought to encourage them to stay true to God and His grace, being “led by the Spirit” (Galatians 5:18). By doing so, they would then produce the Spirit's fruit—“love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control” (vv. 22-23).

With God's Spirit living within us, we too will burst forth with the Spirit's goodness and love. We too will show gentleness and kindness to those who surround us.

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 25.
- **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 church budget needs. This is our most crucial need. Some of our ministry needs are our A/C fund, Together We Build, Benevolent Ministries, Music Ministry, missionaries Jonny and Taylor, 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 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.gfbcfw.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, SBA loan, water, and dumpster, bills.

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



Mission Statement


Samaritan's Purse is a non-denominational 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.

The story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) gives a clear picture of God's desire for us to help those in desperate need wherever we find them. After describing how the Samaritan rescued a hurting man whom others had passed by, Jesus told His hearers, "Go and do likewise."

For over 50 years, Samaritan's Purse has done their utmost to follow Christ's command by going to the aid of the world's poor, sick, and suffering. It is an effective means of reaching hurting people in countries around the world with food, medicine, and other assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ. This, in turn, allows people to hear for the Gospel, the Good News of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

As their teams work in crisis areas of the world, people often ask, "Why did you come?" The answer is always the same: "We have come to help you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ." Our ministry is all about Jesus—first, last, and always. As the Apostle Paul said, "For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake" (2 Corinthians 4:5, NIV).

Ministry of Samaritan's Purse:

International Crisis Response
Operation Christmas Child 
The Greatest Journey Discipleship Program
U.S. Disaster Relief
World Medical Mission
Greta Home & Academy
Children's Heart Project
Operation Heal Our Patriots
Hispanic Ministries

Operation Christmas Child

Next week, we will look more closely at Operation Christmas Child and the OCC Packing Day.

Today's Scripture

Hebrews 3:3—"Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself."

The Better Prophet *John 11: 25-26; Hebrews 3:1-6, and Deuteronomy 18: 15, 18-19*

Jesus Was A Better Prophet

- Moses could not compare to the power and might of _____.
- Jesus was a _____, and a better _____ than Moses.
- A prophet is someone who declares _____ to His people.
- When Jesus spoke, He declared the _____ of _____ to us, because that is what a prophet does.
- When Jesus spoke, He declared, “____ say unto _____,” not “_____ Saith The Lord.”
- Jesus was _____ to every prophet who ever lived, including Moses.

Jesus Had A Better Message

- Every prophet, including Jesus, preached about _____ and _____.

- God had to repeatedly remind the people _____ had _____.
- Yet, no prophet could ever say, “Come to me, all you who are _____ and _____, and I will give you _____,” except Jesus.
- The very presence of Jesus _____ people.

Conclusion

- Jesus was a _____, and His message was HIMSELF!
- John 11:25-26, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who _____ will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. _____ this?”

•Do YOU believe this?



Remember in Prayer . . .



from weather related disasters; for the homeless, refugees and those

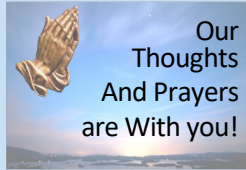
Pray for our Leaders



†**Let's Update the Prayer Requests**—Please continue to read through and update these prayer requests. 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,

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; 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.

suffering from hunger; 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.



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

†**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



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.