

GRACE TODAY

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PASTOR-TEACHER

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Welcome to the Lord's day
worship service at Grace Church.

We are truly blessed to be here
this morning as we open God's
Word together, sing His praises,
and enjoy a time of fellowship in
His presence.

Be sure to take advantage of the
many fellowship and ministry
opportunities available to
our church family today and
throughout the week.



10:30* am

Dorian Toccata · Bach · Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 14 Give to Our God Immortal Praise · Congregation

Hymn 5 How Great Thou Art

Blessed Be the Name · Trad./Marvin-Rice · Brass Ensemble

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name · Holden/Simeone · Worship Choir

A Secret Place · Robinson/Rice · Jubilant Sykes

Hymn 96 When Morning Gilds the Skies · Congregation

MESSAGE: **FINAL BLESSING**

John MacArthur • Ephesians 1:11–14

Doxology Hymn · Congregation

Recessional · Cundick · Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer · Stiff · Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise · Congregation

Grace Around the World

Baptism

MESSAGE: **RECLAIMING A HOPE-FILLED LOVE**

Abner Chou • 1 Peter 1:22–25

Postlude

Live stream available at gracechurch.org/live. *Translations in Korean, Arabic, Italian, Russian, Portuguese, and American Sign Language (ASL) are provided during the 10:30 a.m. service.

Instrumental Praise

Blessed Be the Name

All praise to Him who reigns above In majesty supreme,
Who gave His Son for man to die, That He might man redeem!

Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord:
Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord!

His name above all names shall stand, Exalted more and more,
At God the Father's own right hand, Where angel hosts adore.

Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord:
Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord!

His name shall be the Counselor, The mighty Prince of Peace,
Of all earth's kingdoms Conqueror, Whose reign shall never cease.

Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord:
Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Words by William H. Clark (1880); music by Ralph E. Hudson (1888)

Doxology Hymn

Hymn 388 He Will Hold Me Fast

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Til our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Campus Ministries

THE WELCOME CENTER hosts a reception for visitors following the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Find helpful people with answers to any questions you have about our church, and receive one of Pastor MacArthur's books as a thank you for being with us today.

THE MEMBER CENTER has information about membership and baptism. It is located on the east side of the Upper Room, north of the Welcome Center.

Today's Membership Class
103 • 8:30 a.m. • Grace Grill

THE PRAYER ROOM is staffed with counselors ready to offer pastoral care. It is open after every service and is adjacent to the Worship Center.

Generations of Grace Children's Sunday School



MESSAGE	Ananias and Sapphira Lie to the Holy Spirit
PASSAGE	Acts 4:32–5:11
PRINCIPLE	Believers should fear being hypocrites.
FEATURED HYMN	“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God” (<i>Hymns of Grace</i> No. 318)
ASK YOUR CHILD	Why did God take the lives of Ananias and Sapphira?
APPLY	By fearing God, who has power over life and death.
THIS WEEK	As a family, read Acts 4:32–5:11.
NEXT WEEK	Acts 6–7

Adapted from the Generations of Grace Family Devotional, available at the bookstore.

GraceWalk

- Local Outreach

On the Patio

- Children's Hunger Fund
- Missionaries in Training
- Spanish Ministry
(by the Chapel)

Bookstore

The Bookstore is open after each service and during the week. It is located on the south side of the Worship Center.

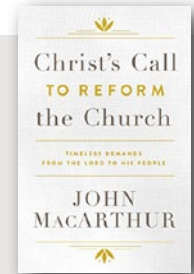
HIGHLIGHT

CHRIST'S CALL TO REFORM THE CHURCH

by John MacArthur

Christ's Call to Reform the Church is a plea to the modern church to heed these divine warnings, to reform before it succumbs to the kinds of compromise and error that invite God's judgment.

Available today for 50% off retail



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- John MacArthur's sermons: audio, video, and transcripts
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Supporting Our Missionaries

Grace Church has always been a sending church. To fulfill the Great Commission is one of our top priorities, and it has been a joy to witness the Lord's faithful work through the selfless and tireless service of many generations of Grace Church missionaries. Faith Promise, our annual missions campaign, is a crucial component of this ministry, funding many of our gospel efforts and ministry initiatives around the world. It also provides support for affiliated training centers, missionary budget shortfalls, administrative costs, and sending new missionaries to the field.

If this season has demonstrated anything, it is the reality of the world's desperate condition. People need the gospel, and GMI

has seen tremendous growth in the number of families looking to share the good news of salvation in other countries. We currently have missionaries-in-training preparing for ministry in Italy, Armenia, Germany, Colombia, Spain, Mexico, the Middle East, and the Philippines. Especially in light of 2020's challenges, we look to the Lord's provision (now more than ever) through Faith Promise to provide for these new missionary families and facilitate their timely transitions to the mission field.

Enclosed in today's *Grace Today* is a pledge card for this season's Faith Promise campaign. Pray about an amount you would like to entrust to the Lord, above your regular giving, to provide toward Faith

Promise over the next year. Fill out the anonymous card, and deliver it to the Faith Promise patio table on May 2, 9, or 16—we would love to meet you personally, and give you a special Faith Promise magnet. You can also make your anonymous commitment online at gracechurch.org/fp any time between now and May 30.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to partner with our missionaries and see what the Lord will do through Faith Promise 2021–2022. ■

ON TIME AND ETERNITY

Grace Equip

In Ephesians 5:15–16, the apostle Paul reminds the church at Ephesus (and all subsequent generations of Christians) to live wisely when he writes, “Therefore look carefully how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”

We often think and live as if time is an unlimited commodity. We occupy ourselves doing this or that, without a second thought for how little time we’ve actually been given. As each moment passes inexorably on to the next, the sands of time are literally slipping away.

The truth remains that God has sovereignly ordained the number of days He has given us to live upon the earth. He has already marked out our paths and assigned good works for us to walk in, and when we stand before Him, we will each give an account for how we used our time to fulfill those works. That’s why believers must live their lives right now in light of eternity.

The resolutions of Jonathan Edwards are a familiar example of purposeful Christian living.

Written when Edwards was just twenty years old, statements like, “Resolved, never to lose one moment of time; but improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can” anchored his soul and marked his life. The wisdom of understanding time as finite in relation to eternity sharpened his gaze and provided his true north.

Join us on May 8 as Dr. Steve Lawson delves into Scripture to show us how our limited time relates to eternity. Don’t miss this important survey of both the Old and New Testaments, as we explore what the Bible has to say about how we use our time.

ON TIME AND ETERNITY

A Grace Equip Event with Dr. Steve Lawson
May 8 • 9:00 a.m.–Noon • Family Center

Please note that there is no cost for this event, but registration is required at gracechurch.org/equip.



Committing Our New Missionaries to the Lord

Come by the patio table this morning and meet **Ricardo and Vonna Morales**, who are preparing for ministry in Colombia.

Grace Global Quarterly Missions Event

Today - Family Center - 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Speaker: Paul Washer - Topic: Is Missions Worth the Risk?

Missionary Guests: Mark Christopher, Matt Floreen

Open to our church family. A light lunch will be available for \$5.

Children's Hunger Fund Food Pak Drive - Now-May 2

For information, visit gracechurch.org/chf or call 818-909-5700.

Grace Equip Summer Class

The Christian Life: Your Theology Applied

May 18-June 22 (Tuesdays) - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie Fernandez - Cost: \$60

All courses are offered in person at Grace Church and online via Zoom. For information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/equip.

Adult Fellowship Groups

Adult fellowship groups exist to glorify God by studying His Word, practically applying that truth to daily life, and providing God's people with opportunities for worship, ministry, and building relationships with each other. Times and locations of fellowship groups are listed on the back page of *Grace Today*.

Grace Around the World

The **McConnell** Family

Tom & Kathy, Joshua, Josiah, Jonathan, Joy, Julia

Serving in **England** since **2003**



Prayer / Praise

- Praise God for the first graduate from our church's Bible training academy.
- Pray that God would provide a meeting place for our church where we can all meet together.

For more information, visit gracechurch.org/mcconnell.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$16,308**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic

Nurse Needed

The Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic is seeking a registered nurse. Qualified candidates must have a current license and strong computer proficiency. Help us help others choose life. Contact Debi at debi@openarmspregnancy.com.

Vacation Bible School

Volunteers

If you are a member of Grace Church, please consider serving at VBS (June 22–25). For more information or to sign-up, visit gracechurch.org/vbs. Volunteer registration closes May 9.

Craft Need

Children's Ministry is collecting large (26–34 oz.) empty jars with lids to be used during the week of VBS. Please drop off clean, empty jars at the Children's Ministry office during the week or the Children's Resource Room on Sunday mornings.

High School Parent Night

Wednesday, April 28 • 7:00 p.m. • Family Center

Parents of high school students (including incoming ninth-graders) are invited for coffee, fellowship, and a look ahead to the summer.

Premarital/Marriage Seminar

A prerequisite for engaged couples desiring to get married at Grace Church, this seminar is also helpful for those who are purposefully dating, as well as married couples interested in God's plan for a successful marriage.

Part 1 Friday, May 14, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, May 15, 9:00 a.m.–noon

Part 2 Friday, June 4, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, June 5, 9:00 a.m.–noon

Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders, Tom Leman

\$35 for church members or TMS/TMU students; \$65 for non-members

For more information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/premarital or call 818-909-5537.

Job Opportunities

For a list of job openings at Grace Church, The Master's University, The Master's Seminary, and The Master's Academy International, check the Opportunity Sheet at gracechurch.org/opportunitysheet.

A graphic for a Plaza Fellowship event. The background is dark blue with a string of glowing lightbulbs. In the center is a red oval with the words "Plaza Fellowship" in a light blue, bubbly font. Below the oval is a blue ribbon banner with "MAY 2" in white and "after the evening service" in a smaller white font. Below the banner, it says "Hosted by Children's Ministry" in white. At the bottom left is a logo for "FAMILY MONTH" with a house outline above the text. At the bottom right is the text "Join us as we kick off Family Month with In-N-Out burgers, bounce houses, fellowship, and fun!" in white.

Plaza Fellowship

MAY 2
after the evening service

Hosted by
Children's Ministry

FAMILY MONTH

Join us as we kick off Family Month with In-N-Out burgers, bounce houses, fellowship, and fun!

8:30 a.m.

Anchored (All ages)
T360s
Pastors: Carl Hargrove,
Bill Shannon

Children's Sunday School
Visit the Welcome Center for
room locations.
Pastor: Taylor Sinclair

Commissioned (All ages)
Family Center 2
Pastors: Rodney Andersen,
Brad Klassen

Cornerstone (All ages)
T370s
Pastors: Nathan Busenitz,
Hohn Cho, Mark Tatlock,
Harry Walls

Crossroads
(College & young adults)
Tent
Pastor: Austin Duncan

Developmentally Disabled
CC130s
Pastor: Rick McLean

GraceLife (All ages)
Chapel & Chapel Plaza
Pastors: Phil Johnson,
Mike Riccardi

High School (Grades 9-12)
T370s (Basement)
Pastor: Josh Petras

Joint Heirs (All ages)
Family Center 1
Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street

Jr. High (Grades 7-8)
Small Tent (behind TMS)
Pastor: Jay Lennington

Juniors (Grades 4-6)
T270s
Pastor: Taylor Sinclair

Sojourners (All ages)
Family Center 3
Pastors: Abner Chou,
Joe Zhakevich

Spanish Adult Sunday School
H221-222
Pastor: Josiah Grauman

Steadfast (All ages)
T260s
Pastor: Brian Biedebach

12:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Outreach
H223-224

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting
T265

6:00 p.m.

Adventure Club
Family Center (Grades 4-6)
Chapel (Grades 1-3)
T270s (Ages 3-5)

Mondays 9:00 a.m.

Monday Morning Prayer Group
Welcome Center

Fridays 7:00 p.m.

Foundation (Young professionals)
Family Center
Pastor: Mark Zhakevich

Building Abbreviation Key
T = Tower H = Heritage
CC = Children's Center

MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Administration
818-909-5500

Children
818-909-5631

Grace Equip
818-909-5674

Membership
818-909-5644

Men
818-909-5537

Outreach
818-909-5700

Pastoral Care & Counseling
818-909-5537

Prayer
818-909-5519

Spanish
818-909-5722

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818-909-5519

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