

# GRACE TODAY

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PASTOR-TEACHER

**Bill Brandenstein** / Minister of Music

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.



Grace  
community  
church

10:30\* am

*Prelude in G Major* · Bach · Stephen Sturz, Organist**Hymn 31 *This Is My Father's World*** · Congregation**Hymn 23 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee****I Sing the Mighty Power of God* · Trad./Dunn · Orchestra**Battle Hymn of the Republic** · Steffe/Wilhousky · Worship Choir**No Need to Fear** · Kendrick/Mathes-Smith · Kory Welch**Hymn 64 *Like a River Glorious*** · CongregationMESSAGE: **THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE**

John MacArthur • John 8

**Doxology Hymn** · Congregation**O Worship the King** · Haydn/Sturz · Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

*I Will Glory in My Redeemer* · Cook/Coleman · Instrumental Prelude**Songs of Praise** · Congregation**Baptism**MESSAGE: **THE HEART THAT HEARS**

Jay Lennington • Mark 4:1–20

**Postlude****Anthem****Battle Hymn of the Republic**

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
 He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
 He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:  
 His truth is marching on, Gloria!

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
 Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps;  
 They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;  
 I can read His righteous sentence in the dim and flaring lamps,  
 His day is marching on!

*Repeat refrain*

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
 With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;  
 As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
 While God is marching on!

*Repeat refrain***Congregation joins**

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
 Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!  
 Amen! Amen!

*Words by Julia W. Howe (1861); music by John William Steffe (1862)**Arranged and orchestrated by Peter J. Wilhousky (1944)***Doxology Hymn****Hymn 14 *Give to Our God Immortal Praise***

Give to our God immortal praise; Mercy and truth are all His ways;  
 Wonders of grace to God belong; Repeat His mercies in your song.

He sent His Son with pow'r to save From guilt and darkness and the grave;  
 Wonders of grace to God belong; Repeat His mercies in your song.

\* Interpreting in American Sign Language (ASL) is provided during the 10:30 a.m. service.  
 Arabic, Italian, Korean, and Russian livestream translations are available  
 at [gracechurch.org/live](http://gracechurch.org/live).

## 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.

Next Membership Class • August 1  
101 • 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 **Review Sunday**

PASSAGE **Acts 16:16-40**

NEXT WEEK **Acts 17:16-34**

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

## GraceWalk

- **Local Outreach**

## On the Patio

- **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.

### SUNDAYS IN JULY BOOK SALE

Every Sunday this month, be sure to visit the Scholar's Desk bookstand at the Chapel Plaza, featuring...

- Recommended titles from each seminar
- A discount section with select titles available for up to 70% off retail
- A complimentary audiobook, *The Holiness of God* (MP3 CD), by R.C. Sproul, with any purchase

**Open before and after both Sunday morning services**



## Grace to You

**RADIO** [gtv.org/radio](http://gtv.org/radio)

### *The Rise and Fall of World Powers*

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| • KKLA 99.5 FM LOS ANGELES    | M-F 6:30 am & 7:30 pm            |
| • KDAR 98.3 FM OXNARD/VENTURA | M-F 2:00 & 10:00 am; Sun 2:00 am |
| • KABC 790 AM LOS ANGELES     | Sat 7:30 am                      |

**TELEVISION** [gtv.org/television](http://gtv.org/television)

### **"What the Cross Means to God"**

- NRBTV CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

**ONLINE** [gtv.org](http://gtv.org)

- John MacArthur's sermons: audio, video, and transcripts
- Resource library: blog, devotionals, articles, Q&As, and more
- Mobile apps: "The Study Bible" and "Grace to You Sermons"



# VBS 2021

## THE GREAT EXPLORATION

Children's Ministry



Grace Church is committed to shepherding families, especially as we partner with parents in teaching children the good news of the gospel. Few things illustrate that commitment like Vacation Bible School. During the week of June 22-25, hundreds of faithful volunteers—some as young as junior high—came together to serve the more than 1,000 children who attended VBS. We are encouraged and thankful to have welcomed children from the neighborhood, the greater community, and even from other states, knowing that every child heard the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This year's VBS theme was "The Great Exploration." We wanted to use this week to teach our children some of the most important attributes of God, specifically His sovereignty, His omniscience, His love, and His holiness. Our desire was to show from the Bible who God is and what He has done to save us from our sin. Our prayer was for each child to understand that God alone is worthy of worship and that Jesus is the only one who can forgive our sins against Him. The teaching, music, crafts, skits, and small group discussion all served to reinforce these amazing truths. We are grateful for all the fun the children had and the many new friendships that were made. The Parent Pavilion was busy all week as well, as our outreach team was staffed to meet with parents for prayer and to answer questions about God's Word.

Thank you for praying for VBS! It was a wonderful week for our church to come together and serve so many families. From Tuesday morning's opening assembly to Sunday evening's Family Concert, Vacation Bible School was an encouraging picture of our church's commitment to evangelism, caring for families, and strengthening the church. Join us in praising the Lord for His work at this year's VBS!

Watch VBS video highlights at  
[gracechurch.org/vbs](https://gracechurch.org/vbs)

# Sundays IN JULY

During the month of July, our regular Sunday morning Adult Fellowship Groups will be on hiatus. Designed to be a time of refreshment and fellowship with the larger Grace Church family, this four-week break will also give our congregation the opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of teaching options across campus.

Open to everyone (except as indicated), these classes will be offered at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday in July, as well as at 1:30 p.m. on July 11, 18, and 25. Classes are organized into nine tracks (including Spanish) that cover a broad range of topics and will be taught by our pastors, elders, teachers, and missionaries.

Although the regular Sunday morning Adult Fellowship Groups will not meet during this time, the schedule for the Nursery, Children's Ministry, Jr. High and High School Ministries, Spanish Ministry worship services, and Special Ministries will continue as usual.

The normal Fellowship Group schedule will resume in August. Our prayer is that you will return refreshed and renewed for the ministry year ahead.

## JULY 4

## JULY 11

### ESSENTIAL DOCTRINE

**Legalism and Christian Liberty**  
Hohn Cho, Family Center 1

**In Sin Did My Mother Conceive Me**  
*The Doctrine of Original Sin*  
Phil Johnson, Family Center 1

### BIOGRAPHY

**Cotton Mather and the Struggles of Early American Puritan Piety**  
Phil Johnson, Chapel

**William Tyndale and the English Bible**  
Steve Lawson, Chapel

### PARENTING

**Time Is Short**  
*The Transition to Parenting Teens*  
Chris Hamilton, T360s

**Raising Boys**  
*Parenting that Produces Biblical Men*  
Chris Hamilton, T360s

### SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

**The Sufficiency of Scripture for All Ailments**  
Bill Shannon, Family Center 2

**The Joy and Necessity of Christian Fellowship**  
Jay Lennington, Family Center 2

### GLOBAL MISSIONS

**Dispatches from the Field**  
*Polokwane, South Africa*  
David Beakley, Family Center 3

**Together We Pray** *Praying for International Pastors & TMAI Training Ministries*  
Mark Tatlock, Family Center 3

### THINKING BIBLICALLY

**Understanding and Helping the Suicidal**  
Don Carr, T260s

**Cyber Sin and the Family**  
Tom Patton, T260s

### BIBLE

**The Dwelling Place of God**  
*The Temple Throughout the Bible*  
Joseph Zhakevich, Tent

**Motivations for Missions from Isaiah's Servant Songs** *Isaiah 42:1–4 and 49:1–6*  
Sammy Williams, Tent

### EVERDAY CHRISTIAN LIFE

**The Rose Called Forgiveness and Thorns that Stumble Us**  
George Sanders, T370s

**Glorifying God in the Workplace**  
Matt Poladian, T370s  
**Women Discipling Women (Women Only)**  
Shelbi Cullen, Grace Grill

### SPANISH

**El "problema" del mal**  
*Entendiendo por qué Dios obra por medio del mal*  
Josías Grauman, H221–222

**Evitando la incredulidad** *Ayuda para identificarla y evadirla en tu vida*  
Luis Contreras, H221–222

### 1:30 PM SESSION

**Tips and Tricks of the Trade**  
*Helpful Hints for Studying the Bible*  
Abner Chou, Family Center

## Ethnic Outreach

Here in Los Angeles, the nations truly have come to us. In addition to our thriving Spanish Ministry, Grace Church also has Bible studies that reach out to the Arabic, Chinese, Filipino, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Russian, and Thai communities that offer teaching and fellowship in those languages.

For information about the times and locations of our ethnic ministries, please contact the leaders at the email addresses below. If you are interested in an ethnic outreach group that is not listed here, contact the local outreach office at 818-909-5721.

**Arabic Outreach** arabicfellowship@gracechurch.org

**Chinese Outreach** chinese-fellowship@gracechurch.org

**Filipino Outreach** filipinofellowship@gracechurch.org

**Italian Outreach** italianfellowship@gracechurch.org

**Japanese Outreach** japanesefellowship@gracechurch.org

**Korean Outreach** koreanfellowship@gracechurch.org

**Russian Outreach** russianfellowship@gracechurch.org

**Thai Outreach** thaifellowship@gracechurch.org

*Your lovingkindness, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.  
Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;  
Your judgments are like a great deep.  
O Lord, You preserve man and beast.  
How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God!  
And the children of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.*

—Psalm 36:5-7

## Grace Around the World

### The Shryock Family

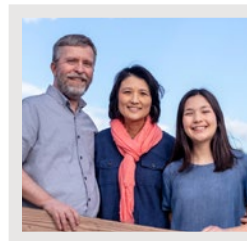
Aaron & Susan, Rachel

Serving in **United States** since **2020**

### Prayer / Praise

- Praise the Lord for steady progress in our ministry.
- Pray for safe travel for our family over the next month.

For more information, visit [gracechurch.org/shryock](http://gracechurch.org/shryock).



## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$33,741**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

## Local Outreach Spotlight

### Russian Outreach Bible Study

**July 11 • 12:30-2:30 p.m. • CC230s**

If you speak or understand Russian, know someone who does, or have a heart to see Russian-speaking people saved, please visit one of our Sunday afternoon meetings. Join us as we pray about how to reach the Russian community in Los Angeles with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## Grace Equip Fall Class

**Discipleship Counseling 1: Introduction to Biblical Counseling**

**August 10–October 26 (Tuesdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.**

**Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders • Cost: \$80 (individual); \$140 (married couple)**

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

## Saving Seats in the Worship Center

Please be courteous when reserving seats in the Worship Center. Space is limited; please consider others, and limit saving seats to your immediate family. Additional seating is available in the Family Center and the Tent.

## Camp Regen Scholarships

Bless a high school student by supporting their trip to camp this summer. Visit [gracechurch.org/180](http://gracechurch.org/180) for more information.

## The Master's University

### Track & Field Coaches

TMU is currently seeking volunteer field event coaches (i.e. jumps, pole vault, throws). For more information, contact Zach Schroeder at [zschoeder@masters.edu](mailto:zschoeder@masters.edu).

### Summer Sports Camps for Kids

**Baseball • Basketball • Volleyball • Soccer**

All camps are led by The Master's University coaches and players and held on the university campus. For more information or to register, visit [masters.edu/summercamps](http://masters.edu/summercamps).

## Job Opportunities

**Administrative Assistant.** The Grace Church Communications Department has a part-time opening (29 hours/week) for an administrative assistant. Duties include correspondence, scheduling meetings, maintaining various databases, and other work as assigned. Strong digital, communication, and organizational skills are required, and prior office experience is preferred.

**Copy Editor.** The Grace Church Communications Department has a full-time opening for an editor. The editor is responsible for maintaining house style and voice across all church communications (print and digital), proofreading all print and digital materials, and meeting a standard of excellence in clear, consistent communication across all Grace Church ministries. Position requires a bachelor's degree in English; experience preferred.

**Director of Audio Visual.** Grace Church has a full-time opening for an audio visual director. This position provides managerial leadership and technical expertise to the events and video production teams providing AV support for Grace Church and The Master's Seminary. The director interacts with various departments, pastors, professors, and church leaders to facilitate the technical support for many events and video recordings on campus. The primary goal is to ensure Sunday services are technically excellent, both on campus and around the world via livestream. This position is also responsible for maintaining and improving the campus's AV infrastructure and inventory. Applicants must have leadership experience. Bachelor's degree preferred.

**Web and Graphic Designer.** The Grace Church Communications Department has a full-time opening for a web and graphic designer. Duties include creating, maintaining, and delivering graphics and layouts for use in the print and digital realms across multiple platforms, including web, mobile, social, and apps. The ideal candidate will have visual design skills, as well as a working knowledge of Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign, including experience with HTML, CSS, and UI/UX principles.

Applicants for employment at Grace Church must be, if employed, biblically qualified as a deacon or deaconess and be a member of Grace Church. For more information or to request an application, contact the office of Human Resources at [HR@gracechurch.org](mailto:HR@gracechurch.org) or 818-909-5672. For a complete list of job openings, please see the job board outside the HR office in the Tower Basement.

For a complete list of job openings (including Grace to You, The Master's University and Seminary, and The Master's Academy International), check the Opportunity Sheet at [gracechurch.org/opportunitysheet](http://gracechurch.org/opportunitysheet).

**8:30 a.m.****Anchored** (All ages)

T360s

Pastors: Carl Hargrove,  
Bill Shannon**Children's Ministry**Visit the Welcome Center for  
room locations.

Pastor: Jay Lennington

**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 &amp; young adults)

Tent

Pastor: Austin Duncan

**GraceLife** (All ages)

Chapel &amp; Chapel Plaza

Pastors: Phil Johnson,  
Mike Riccardi**High School** (Grades 9–12)

T70s (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)

Pastors: Jay Lennington

**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

**10:30 a.m.****Spanish Worship Service**

Chapel

Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,  
Josiah Grauman**Developmentally Disabled**

CC130s

Pastor: Rick McLean

**12:30 p.m.****Neighborhood Outreach**

H223–224

**5:00 p.m.****Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting**

Upper Room

**6:00 p.m.****Adventure Club**

Family Center (Grades 4–6)

Chapel (Grades 1–3)

CC130s (Ages 3–5)

**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

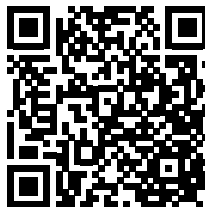
**Mondays 9:00 a.m.****Monday Morning Prayer Group**

Welcome Center

**Building Abbreviation Key**

T = Tower    H = Heritage

CC = Children's Center



For more information about Sunday  
Fellowships scan the QR code or visit  
[gracechurch.org/about/sunday-fellowships](http://gracechurch.org/about/sunday-fellowships).

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and extend His kingdom by  
living and proclaiming  
His truth in the world.*

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