

# GRACE TODAY

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**John MacArthur**  
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.



**9:00 & 11:00\* am**

*Now Thank We All Our God* · Bach · Stephen Sturz, Organist

**Hymn 120 Jesus Shall Reign** · Congregation

**Hymn 355 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* · Dykes/Erb · String & Woodwind Ensemble

*My Jesus, I Love Thee* · Gordon/Sjolund · Worship Choir

**Hymn 107 Fairest Lord Jesus** · Congregation

**Crown Him (Majesty)** · Tomlin-Maher-Cash/Rice · Jaz Hoffman

MESSAGE: **CHRIST IS EVERYTHING**

John MacArthur • Ephesians 1:15–23

**Doxology Hymn** · Congregation

*Postlude in G* · Handel · Organ Postlude

**6:00 pm**

**Instrumental Prelude**

*Songs of Praise* · Congregation

**Baptism**

MESSAGE: **A CHRIST-HONORING APOLOGETIC**

Abner Chou • 1 Peter 3:13–17

**Postlude**

\* Interpreting in American Sign Language (ASL) is provided during the 11:00 am service.  
Arabic, Italian, Korean, and Russian livestream translations are available  
at [gracechurch.org/live](http://gracechurch.org/live).

**Instrumental Praise**

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

Jesus, the very thought of Thee With sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far Thy face to see And in Thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame, Nor can the memory find  
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,  
To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this No tongue nor pen can show;  
The love of Jesus, what it is None but His loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou, As Thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesus, be Thou our glory now And through eternity.

*Words by Bernard of Clairvaux (12th Century); music by John B. Dykes (1866)*

**Doxology Hymn**

**Hymn 176 Be Thou My Vision**

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.  
Be my Vision, Lord.

## Campus Ministries

THE WELCOME CENTER hosts a reception for visitors following each Sunday-morning service. Enjoy refreshments and find helpful people with answers to any questions you have about our church. You'll also 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  
102 • 9:00 & 11:00 am • T375

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	John Sees the Worthy Lamb
PASSAGE	Revelation 5
PRINCIPLE	The risen Christ is worthy of all our praise.
FEATURED HYMN	"Jesus Shall Reign" ( <i>Hymns of Grace</i> No. 120)
ASK YOUR CHILD	How did everyone present respond to the risen Lamb?
APPLY	By telling others about the Lamb who was slain and now is alive.
THIS WEEK	As a family, read Revelation 5.
NEXT WEEK	Revelation 19:11–20:15

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

## GraceWalk

- Local Outreach

## On the Patio

- Expositores Conference
- 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

## THE GREAT ELEPHANT

by Nik Ranieri

"In the time-honored and classic style of fables that teach truth, the allegory of the Great Elephant arrives to be added to the treasury of storybooks for teaching children and enriching adults. And the truth beautifully and cleverly rising out of the story is the greatest of all truths—finding the way to God." —John MacArthur



## Grace to You

RADIO [gty.org/radio](http://gty.org/radio)

### Faith Through the Fire

- 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 [gty.org/television](http://gty.org/television)

### "Characteristics of a True Church, Part 3"

- NRBTV CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

ONLINE [gty.org](http://gty.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"



# PROCLAIMING THE TRUE GOSPEL

By the grace of God, the Spanish-speaking church is experiencing a reformation of its doctrine, leadership, and preaching. While God has continued to raise up qualified men to preach and lead local churches in these countries, the Spanish-speaking church is faced with the ongoing need for doctrinal reformation. In particular, issues of Christology are at the forefront of this endeavor—since, as Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:3–4, preaching Christ is of first importance to the advancement of the gospel.

For this very reason, we are calling upon pastors, leaders, and church members from Spanish-speaking churches all over the world to join us on September 17–18, 2021 for our annual Spanish Expositors' Conference (Conferencia Expositores). This year's theme will be "The Matchless Jesus Christ" (Jesucristo El Inigualable), and will feature speakers such as John MacArthur, Henry Tolopilo, Josiah Grauman, Paul Washer, Miguel Nuñez, Sugel Michelén, and Joel Beeke. We look forward to the ministry of these faithful men, who are themselves on the frontlines of contending for the truth against the theological aberrations of today.

We encourage you to support us by praying for this event, as we anticipate hosting over 2,000 attendees from Spanish-speaking countries all over the world. Please also pray for our speakers as they prepare to challenge and encourage the attendees in this important doctrine. Our desire is that the Lord will use this

conference to stir the hearts of many men and women to see the magnitude of a high view of Christ.

Another way to support this conference is by donating toward our scholarship fund. There are many pastors, leaders, and church members who have expressed a desire to come but do not have the means to register. If you are interested in helping support a potential attendee in this way, please visit [gracechurch.org/conferenciaexpositores](http://gracechurch.org/conferenciaexpositores) or drop by our table on the Chapel Patio today to learn more.

Finally, we would encourage any bilingual Spanish-speakers here in our own congregation who would like to learn more about the conference to drop by our table on the Chapel Patio today or visit [conferenciaexpositores.org](http://conferenciaexpositores.org). For those interested in attending or encouraging others to attend, registration will close on September 1.

## **Conferencia Expositores 2021** **September 17-18 - Grace Community Church**

Register at [conferenciaexpositores.org](http://conferenciaexpositores.org)

Fund a scholarship at [gracechurch.org/conferenciaexpositores](http://gracechurch.org/conferenciaexpositores)

## CONFERENCIA EXPOSITORES

# New Members

Grace Church welcomed another group of new members with the Right Hand of Fellowship. Each of these individuals completed the membership class in fulfillment of Grace Church's membership requirements.

## The following new members received the Right Hand of Fellowship in JULY.

Daniel & Sarah Acosta

Tamar Arslanian

Deborah Arteaga

Cash Austria

Michelle Brookman

Greg & Yolanda Chavez

Albert & Andrea Cisneros

Sharlot Colmenarez

Nakia Corri

Tom & Gina Dickerson

Maria Fernanda Duran

Juan & Sayuri Espinel

Michael & Mariann Geiser

Alberto & Liki Gonzalez

Aimee Grapes

Jemima Gregg

Tatyana Hamady

Leia Hargrove

Jonathan Hernandez

Melanie Ironwing

Joshua Johnson

Soo Johnson

Crystal Kei

Richard Kessee

Greg & Elba Kouyoumdjian

Hayley Lee

Carson Logston

Maria Luisa Lopez

Giovanny Mejia Jerezano

Kyle Merrill

Brett Moore

Diana Mora Pastor

Carlos Francisco Morgan

Steven & Laudina Murillo

Kathy Nail

Carlos Novoa

David Ortiz

Rudy Otero

Brendan Panosian

Jay Pari

Kyle & Mycah Rhodes

Christian & Stacey Rodriguez

Rebeca Dulce Rodriguez

Raffi & Alli Salibian

Gasia Sarkis

Timmy Sauer

Zak & Ellie Sliuzas

Maurice & Vel Smith

Parker Tagliere

Ruben Toledo

Bethany Van De Houten

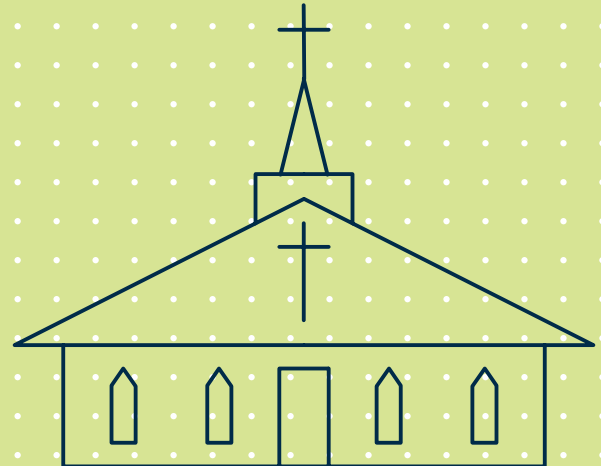
Byron Walker

Helen Wan

Israel Wright

John & Deanna Yesh

Zoe Zielinski



## Grace Equip

Discipleship Counseling 1: Introduction to Biblical Counseling

August 10—October 26 (Tuesdays) - 6:30-8:30 pm

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).

## 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](mailto:arabicfellowship@gracechurch.org)

**Chinese Outreach** - [chinesefellowship@gracechurch.org](mailto:chinesefellowship@gracechurch.org)

**Filipino Outreach** - [filipinofellowship@gracechurch.org](mailto:filipinofellowship@gracechurch.org)

**Italian Outreach** - [italianfellowship@gracechurch.org](mailto:italianfellowship@gracechurch.org)

**Japanese Outreach** - [japanesefellowship@gracechurch.org](mailto:japanesefellowship@gracechurch.org)

**Korean Outreach** - [koreanfellowship@gracechurch.org](mailto:koreanfellowship@gracechurch.org)

**Russian Outreach** - [russianfellowship@gracechurch.org](mailto:russianfellowship@gracechurch.org)

**Thai Outreach** - [thaifellowship@gracechurch.org](mailto:thaifellowship@gracechurch.org)

*O LORD, our LORD,*

*How majestic is Your name in all the earth!*

—Psalm 8:1

## Grace Around the World

John & Meg Glass

Serving in **Switzerland** since **1986**

### Prayer / Praise

- Pray that God would bless our new pastor and our church during this time of transition.
- Pray for wisdom as we pursue new ministry opportunities.

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



## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$14,820**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

## Local Outreach Spotlight

Volleyball Outreach

**Mondays - 5:30 pm - Family Center**

Every Monday night the Family Center is open to those in the surrounding community who enjoy playing volleyball. Play lasts until 8:00 pm, with a halftime break for a gospel presentation. This is a great opportunity for our church family to model how to compete in a Christlike manner and personally engage our friends with the gospel.

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# Communion

**August 15 - 9:00 & 11:00 am**

*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. —1 Corinthians 11:26*

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# Safe Families Informational Meeting

**August 15 - 4:00 pm - T375**

Safe Families is an organization that seeks to provide short-term foster-like care for children in crisis. While the primary caretakers of these children get the help they need, there is a great opportunity to show the love of Christ by providing temporary housing in a loving home, perhaps for several weeks. If you are interested in learning more about Safe Families, plan on coming to this meeting hosted by Hands for Hope. Contact [handsforhope@gracechurch.org](mailto:handsforhope@gracechurch.org) for more information.

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# Russian Outreach Bible Study

**Today - 1:00-3:00 pm - 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.

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## With the Lord

**Kathleen Phillips** recently went to be with the Lord. Please remember her family in your prayers.

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones. —Psalm 116:15*

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# Job Opportunities

**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.

**Security (Patrol).** The Grace Church Security Department has three part-time openings (20–29 hours/week) for security personnel to patrol campus buildings and grounds. The ideal candidate will be able to exercise confidentiality, good judgment, and discernment; work in all weather conditions; stand, walk, climb stairs, bend, and reach, for extended periods of time; lift 30 pounds on a regular basis, and up to 100 pounds with assistance on as needed basis; and successfully pass a background investigation. Position will work some Sundays each month, and at least one overnight shift per week will be required.

**Web Developer/Programmer.** The Grace Church web team has a full-time opening for a web developer/programmer. Must be proficient in HTML/CSS, object-oriented programming (C#, Java, VB, or Ruby), server-side scripting (ASP, PHP), and relational databases (SQL). This position is responsible for supporting and troubleshooting new and existing websites, databases, and related applications and providing direct support for church staff. A degree in computer or information science (or equivalent experience) preferred. Experience with .NET a plus.

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 (including Grace to You, The Master's University and Seminary, and The Master's Academy International), visit [gracechurch.org/opportunitysheet](http://gracechurch.org/opportunitysheet).

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**9:00 am**

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

**Children's Ministry**

Visit the Welcome Center for  
room locations.  
Pastor: Jay Lennington

**Cornerstone** (All ages) T370s

Pastors: Nathan Busenitz,  
Hohn Cho, Mark Tatlock,  
Harry Walls

**Developmentally Disabled**

CC130s  
Pastor: Rick McLean

**GraceLife** (All ages)

Family Center  
Pastors: Phil Johnson,  
Mike Riccardi

**Jr. High** (Grades 7-8)

T70s (Basement)  
Pastor: Jay Lennington

**Spanish Adult Sunday School**

H221  
Pastor: Josiah Grauman

**Spanish Worship Service**

Chapel  
Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,  
Josiah Grauman

**Steadfast** (All ages)

T260s  
Pastor: Brian Biedebach

**11:00 am**

**Children's Ministry**

Visit the Welcome Center for room  
locations.  
Pastor: Jay Lennington

**Commissioned** (All ages) T360s

Pastors: Rodney Andersen,  
Brad Klassen

**Crossroads**

(College & young adults)  
Family Center  
Pastor: Austin Duncan

**Developmentally Disabled**

CC130s  
Pastor: Rick McLean

**High School** (Grades 9-12)

T70s (Basement)  
Pastor: Josh Petras

**Joint Heirs** (All ages) T260s

Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street

**Sojourners** (All ages)

T370s  
Pastors: Abner Chou,  
Joe Zhakevich

**Spanish Adult Sunday School**

H221  
Pastor: Josiah Grauman

**Spanish Worship Service**

Chapel  
Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,  
Josiah Grauman

**1:00 pm**

**Neighborhood Outreach**

H223-224

**5:00 pm**

**Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting**

Upper Room

**6:00 pm**

**Adventure Club**

Family Center (Grades 4-6)  
Chapel (Grades 1-3)  
CC130s (Ages 3-5)

**Mondays 9:00 am**

**Monday Morning Prayer Group**

Welcome Center

**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

**Special Ministries**

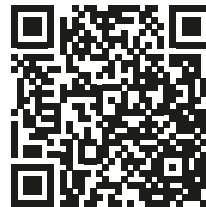
818-909-5519

**Student**

818-909-5593

**Women**

818-909-5521



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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