

# GRACE TODAY

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**John MacArthur**  
PASTOR-TEACHER

Bill Brandenstein / Minister of Music

FEATURED ARTICLE

The MacArthur Center Podcast  
**The Expositor**



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

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* - Gläser/Sturz - Stephen Sturz, Organist

*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* - Trad./Sturz

**Hymn 129 Crown Him with Many Crowns** - Congregation

*And Can It Be?* - Campbell-Cumow/Rice-Zimmerman - Brass Ensemble

**Behold the Lamb** - Rambo/Clydesdale - Worship Choir

**Hymn 296 Hallelujah, What a Savior!** - Congregation

*My Jesus, I Love Thee* - Adoniram/Krogstad - Philip Webb

MESSAGE: **FAR FROM HOME**

Austin Duncan • Psalm 42

**Communion**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns* - Elvey/Sturz - Organ Postlude

**6:00 pm**

**Instrumental Prelude**

**Psalms of Praise** - Congregation

**Baptism**

MESSAGE: **THE VALUE, GIFT, AND CALLING OF ELDERS**

Harry Walls • 1 Peter 5:1–4

**Postlude**

**Anthem**

**Behold the Lamb**

Behold the Lamb, behold the Lamb,  
Slain from the foundation of the world.  
For sinners crucified, O holy sacrifice,  
Behold the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb.

Crown Him, crown Him!  
Crown Him, crown Him!  
Worthy is the Lamb.  
Praises! Praises!  
Heaven and earth resound!

Behold the Lamb, behold the Lamb,  
Slain from the foundation of the world.  
For sinners crucified, O holy sacrifice,  
Behold the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb!

*Words by Dottie Rambo; arranged by David T. Clydesdale*

\* 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).

## 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  
103 • 9:00 & 11:00 am • TMS Library (West)

**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	<b>Cain Rebels Against God</b>
PASSAGE	<b>Genesis 4:1–15</b>
PRINCIPLE	God will punish sinful attitudes and actions.
FEATURED HYMN	“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” ( <i>Hymns of Grace</i> No. 26)
ASK YOUR CHILD	What offerings did Cain and Abel bring to God?
APPLY	By serving the Lord with gladness.
THIS WEEK	As a family, read Genesis 4:1–15.
NEXT WEEK	Genesis 6:5–7:24

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

## GraceWalk

- Christmas in September
- Local Outreach

## On the Patio

- Korean Outreach
- 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.

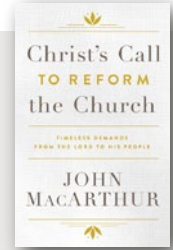
### HIGHLIGHT

## CHRIST'S CALL TO REFORM THE CHURCH

by John MacArthur

“As church history reveals to us, Satan has continued to wage a relentless, hell-bent assault on the church. The entire world system hates God, His word, and His true church.” – John MacArthur

Available today for 50% off retail. Receive a complimentary copy of *A Love of Reading* by J. Oswald Sanders upon purchase.



## Grace to You

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

### *God's Plan for Giving*

- 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)

### **“A Nation Under God?”**

- 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”

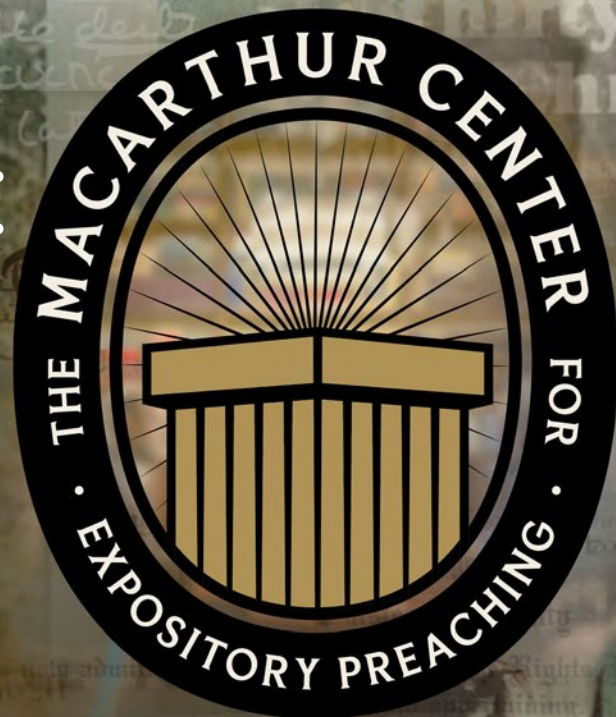
# The Expositor:

## The Life and Preaching of John MacArthur

When we launched The MacArthur Center for Expository Preaching at The Master's Seminary earlier this year, we dedicated season one of our flagship podcast to the remarkable, providential story of Pastor John's preaching ministry.

This documentary-style season traces John's history here at Grace Church, starting with the first sermon he preached on this campus in November of 1968. It looks at his commitment to study, his unshakeable belief in the power of God's Word, and the style of preaching he's had for more than five decades. Along the way, there are stories

JOHN MACARTHUR



# Years, Moving For

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about a two-lane Alabama highway, what John and Patricia remember about February 9, 1969, John's first Sunday as the pastor of Grace Church, and how suffering shaped John's ministry.

Throughout this season, you'll hear familiar voices like Phil Johnson, Nathan Busenitz, Steve Lawson, and our director of security, Tom Hatter, to name a few. You'll also hear from well-known historians, authors, and theologians who help us tell the story of John's ministry, both in its setting here at Grace Church, and within its broader historical and cultural context.

Of course, there are more chapters to write in the life and preaching of John MacArthur. He continues, with unshakeable resolve, to carry out the weighty task of verse-by-verse exposition. So even as we chronicle God's providence over the past 50 plus years, we eagerly anticipate what the Lord will do in the coming years.

To listen to the MacArthur Center Podcast, go to [macarthurcenter.org/the-expositor](http://macarthurcenter.org/the-expositor). You can also subscribe to the podcast on Spotify or Apple Podcasts. ●



# Podcast

## Episode 1: February 9, 1969

What motivated John when he became Grace Church's pastor in 1969?

## Episode 2: The Kind of Bait They Would Like

Why do people come to Grace Church week after week?

## Episode 3: The Origin Story

Why did John MacArthur become a pastor?

## Episode 4: The Quest for Cool

What is the MacArthur style?

## Episode 5: When Terrorists Attack

How does John lead during a crisis in the culture or the church?

## Episode 6: The Sheepdog

How does John respond to dangerous teachers?

## Coming Soon: Episodes 7 and 8

Visit [macarthurcenter.org](http://macarthurcenter.org), Spotify, or Apple Podcasts.



# ● 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 AUGUST.

- Javier & Vanessa Beltran
- William Carey Benjamin
- Nicole Bucciarelli
- Cliff & Luana Choi
- Joyce Chung
- Carol Clarke
- Hannah Cole
- Reece Colson
- Thomas & Emilie Crisp
- Edid & Anahid Daroosi
- Kevin Daroosi
- Leticia Delgado
- Laura DenBaker
- Talgat & Madina Dossayev
- Max Eaimsirakul
- Joy Estrella
- Carmine & Morgan Fehr
- Roman & HillaryJane Flores
- Meagan Ford
- Lucas Gomes
- Brooke Gunning
- Linda Harry
- Suzi Harry
- Olga Hernandez
- Timothy Ho
- Guadalupe Ignacio
- Mike Ironwing
- Joey Kim
- Rachel Leon
- Courtney Lotz
- Trenton Mabs
- Samuel & Rebecca Marsh
- Agustina Martinez
- Glenda McQuown
- Angelica Merlos
- Conrad & Morgan Mills
- Maria Molina
- Mario & Rosalina Motta
- Reyoquin Ortiz
- Jared Pazin
- Joshua Portillo
- Eli Pratt
- Juan & Erica Pulido Jr.
- Nick Quiroz
- Katherine Reed
- Kevin & Anna Rogers
- Frank & Alicia Romero
- Sandra Silvius
- Sandra Simon
- David & Rachel Soto
- Joseph Springer
- Stephanus Tedja
- Nathanael Thomasson
- Thomas Watson
- Daniel Wragg
- Sarah Wragg
- Derrick & Alene Zuk

## Grace Around the World

### The **Gonzalez** Family

David & Laura, Noa, Cloe

Serving in **Spain** since **2019**



### Prayer / Praise

- Pray for the spread of the gospel in the city of Vigo.
- Pray that the relationships within our church family would deepen as we meet together again.

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

## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$38,002**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

## Local Outreach Spotlight

### Walk for Life

**Supporting the Open Arms Pregnancy Center**

**Saturday, October 9 - 8:30 am-12:30 pm**

**First Baptist Church, Canoga Park**

To register and begin a sponsor pledge form, visit [WithOpenArms.org/events](http://WithOpenArms.org/events).

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## 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, September 24, 7:00-9:00 pm, T370 - Saturday, September 25, 9:00 am-noon, T360**

**Part 2 Friday, October 15, 7:00-9:00 pm, T370 - Saturday, October 16, 9:00 am-noon, T360**

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

For more information or to register, visit [gracechurch.org/premarital](http://gracechurch.org/premarital) or call 818-909-5537.

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## One With Christ

**Monday, September 20 • 9:30 am • H114**

Bible study primarily for women who have lost their husbands through death or divorce.

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## Unequally Yoked

**Thursday, September 23**

Bible study primarily for women married to unbelieving husbands. For information, call 818-909-5521.

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## Sojourners Women's Fellowship

**Thursday, September 23 • 9:30-11:30 am • CC130s**

**Speaker: Mary Jane Northup • Topic: "If The Foundations Are Destroyed"**

All women are welcome. Call 818-909-5521 for more information.

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## Alzheimer's-Dementia Ministry

**Saturday, September 25 • 9:00 am • CC130s**

Families touched by dementia are invited to meet monthly for spiritual encouragement, helpful shepherding, and warm fellowship. Loved ones with dementia are welcome. If you are bringing your loved one, please call Pastor Rick McLean at 818-909-5519.

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Drop by the table on GraceWalk to encourage our missionary families with a personal note or a heartfelt financial gift.

Visit [gracechurch.org/cis](http://gracechurch.org/cis) to learn more about Christmas in September or to give a gift online.



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## Job Opportunities

**Sunday Audio/Visual Coordinator.** The Audio-Visual Department has a part-time opening (up to 29 hours per week) for an Audio-Visual Coordinator. This position will primarily focus on ensuring the technical needs for Sunday services and events are met. Must be available to work most Sundays, have 2 or more years' experience working with A/V gear and technology, and a working knowledge of digital/analog sound systems, video systems and signals, livestreaming, networking, and IP based A/V knowledge. Must be able to work well under a fast-paced environment. Though the primary focus will be on Sundays, this position will require coordinating with the AV team several days during the week to ensure the success of the Sunday services. Managerial experience is a plus.

Other current job openings include **Illustrator**, **Nursery Supervisor**, and **Security Patrol**. 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, contact Human Resources at [HR@gracechurch.org](mailto:HR@gracechurch.org) or 818-909-5672. For a complete list of job openings, 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**

GraceWalk  
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**

GraceWalk  
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)

**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 am**

**Monday Morning Prayer Group**

Welcome Center

**Fridays 7:00 pm**

**Foundation** (Young professionals)

Family Center  
Pastor: Mark Zhakevich

**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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