

GRACE TODAY

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John MacArthur

PASTOR-TEACHER

Bill Brandenstein / Minister of Music



9:00 & 11:00* am

Fugue in G Minor · Bach · Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude

Hymn 104 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* · Congregation

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven · Andrews/Rice · Orchestra

Hymn 410 *The Lord's Prayer* · Congregation

The Word · Holst/Barker · Worship Choir

Hymn 364 *How Firm a Foundation* · Congregation

MESSAGE: **FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT**

John MacArthur • Ephesians 5:18

Communion

O Worship the King · Haydn/Sturz · Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise · John Martin

Baptism

MESSAGE: **INSTANTANEOUS AND EVERLASTING BLESSING**

The Twelve: A Study on the Minor Prophets

Josiah Grauman • Haggai 2

Postlude

* During the 11:00 am service, interpreting in American Sign Language (ASL) is available in the Worship Center and livestream translations in Arabic, Korean, Mandarin, and Russian are available at gracechurch.org/live. During the 6:00 pm service, livestream translation is available in Spanish.

Anthem

The Word

He, the Word, from the beginning, was with the Father one;
And the Word made earth His dwelling place to bring all things above.
He has brought us to a dawning, opening up a brand-new day;
And the Word became light for us, shining bright the way.

We beheld the Father's glory, and glory of His Son.
Word of God fullness of all grace and truth, fill us with life and love.

He, the Word, from the beginning, the Father's plan fulfilled;
Born to die for our deliverance, the living Christ prevailed.
He has brought us to a dawning, opening up a brand new day;
And the Word became light for us, shining bright the way.

When He comes again in glory, Lord Jesus, King of kings,
Every knee on earth will bow to Him in all His victory!
He has brought us to a dawning, opening up a brand new day;
And the Word became light for us, shining bright the way.

We beheld the Father's glory, and glory of His Son.
Word of God fullness of all grace and truth, fill us with light and love!

*Words by Randy Cox (Based on John 1:1–5,14; Isaiah 60:1; Rev. 22:5); music by Gustav Holst; adapted and arranged by Ken Barker. © 2017 Van Ness Press, Inc. (admin. by LifeWay Worship c/o Music Services, www.musicsservices.org).
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Campus Ministries

THE WELCOME CENTER hosts a reception for visitors following each Sunday morning service. There, you will find helpful people with answers to any questions you have about our church. You'll also receive one of Pastor John'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 God Promises to Bless or Curse

PASSAGE Deuteronomy 28

PRINCIPLE God blesses obedience and punishes disobedience.

FEATURED HYMN "Take My Life and Let It Be" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 393)

ASK YOUR CHILD Are there consequences for disobedience today?

APPLY By demonstrating your love for God through obedience to His Word.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Deuteronomy 28.

NEXT WEEK Joshua 1:1-9.

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

GraceWalk

- [Walk for Life](#)

On the Patio

- [Christmas in September](#)
- [Fundamentals of the Faith](#)

Grace Books

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

Only Jesus: What It Really Means to Be Saved

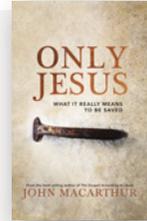
by John MacArthur

Only Jesus answers questions such as:

- What does it mean to be saved?
- Why do Christians call Jesus "Lord"?
- What do "sin" and "repentance" mean?
- What is the role of the Holy Spirit in salvation?

When we understand the answer to these questions and Christ's call to discipleship, drastic changes will result in our hearts and lives.

Available today for 30% off retail.



Grace to You

RADIO gty.org/radio

How to Live for God's Glory

"Bible Q&A, Part 30"

• KKL 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

"A Tale of Two Sorrows"

• NRBTV CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV

Sunday 6:30 pm

ONLINE 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"

A God-Given Means of Grace

Home Bible Studies.

Today, perhaps more than ever before, it is increasingly easy for Christians to lead isolated, individualized lives. It is not only the tendency of our nature, but the encouragement of the culture, to live on our own terms, often to the exclusion of deep and meaningful relationships with others.

Scripture, however, is clear about the need to gather in regular fellowship with one another—indeed, fellowship is one of God’s wonderful (and necessary) means of grace on earth.

Gathering with other believers offers God’s children a sweet and intimate opportunity to respond to the exhortation we see in the book of Hebrews, to “consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near” (Hebrews 10:24–25).

God has called believers into a life of unified worship; by coming together, believers can exercise the opportunity to sharpen one another (Proverbs 27:17) in a unified effort to be “conformed to the image of His Son” (Romans 8:29) and stimulate one another to walk in a manner increasingly pleasing to God.

God has further decreed that the fight against sin and striving towards personal holiness is to be accomplished together. If believers are not connected to the body of Christ, they are forsaking a God-given means of grace. James teaches that fellowship is necessary for victory over sin, calling believers to “confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed” (James 5:16). God has designed that a functional, grace-empowered Christian life is to be carried out in fellowship with one another, and we forfeit that opportunity unless we put ourselves in close

proximity to believers whom we’ve grown to love and trust.

Home Bible studies are all about this life-on-life fellowship and accountability. The idea that believers are to go to church once a week, on Sunday, to get ‘charged up’—so they can engage in ‘lone missions’ and ‘fight for Christ’ all on their own during the week—is completely foreign to the teaching of the New Testament. Paul was either with believers or longing to be with them. Each epistle is addressed either to a body of believers or to a leader in the church. The body is meant to function together.

We invite you to stop by the Member Center after today’s service and ask for a list of home Bible studies by region, or reach out to someone in your fellowship group about ways to get further connected. We know you’ll be blessed and encouraged as you experience the riches of this God-given means of grace. ●



For more information about home Bible studies, visit gracechurch.org/biblestudies

FEATURE



Sojourners Women's Fellowship

Heaven Is a World of Love

Thursday, September 22 • 9:30-11:30 am • T270 • Speaker: Julia Soebianta

All women are welcome. Nursery is not provided. For more information, call 818-909-5521.

Alzheimer's-Dementia Ministry

Saturday, September 24 • 9:00 am • CC130

Families touched by dementia are invited to meet monthly for spiritual encouragement, helpful shepherding, and warm fellowship. Loved ones with dementia are welcome, and we offer activities and care for these loved ones during a portion of our meeting. For more information, call Pastor Rick McLean at 818-909-5519.

Parent Dedication

Sunday, October 2, during the Evening Service

This is a time when parents commit to raising their children according to the principles of God's Word. Parents who are members of Grace Church and whose babies are 24 months of age or younger may sign up by emailing childrens@gracechurch.org. Sign-up closes September 25, or when capacity is reached.

fall 2023 application now open

apply at masters.edu/apply
 800.568.6248 | admissions@masters.edu // early action deadline is november 1

Grace Around the World

The Spitale Family

Raffaele & Manuela, Naomi, Simeon

Serving in Italy since 2014



Prayer/Praise

- Pray for the spiritual growth of our church during this season.
- Pray for the salvation of our children and the unbelievers attending our church meetings.

For more information, visit gracechurch.org/spitale.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$21,780**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Visitor Outreach

Every Sunday, our church is honored to welcome first-time visitors. During the following week, our visitor outreach team connects with each visitor who submitted a registration card. They thank our guests for visiting, attempt to answer any questions they may have, and offer to help them get more connected with our church. These calls can be a great opportunity to proclaim the gospel and build up the body of Christ. Team members also invite the visitors back to church and offer to host them on a future Sunday, with the goal of building a relationship with them. For more information about this ministry, call 818-909-5721.



Visit the Patio table today for information about how to send a digital card, or to handwrite a card for our missionaries.

To send a digital card, visit gracechurch.org/cis.

Premarital & Marriage Seminar

October 14-15 & November 18-19 - T360 - Instructors: Bill Shannon and Tom Leman

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, October 14, 7:00-9:00 pm - Saturday, October 15, 9:00 am-noon

Part 2: Friday, November 18, 7:00-9:00 pm - Saturday, November 19, 9:00 am-noon

\$35 per couple for church members and TMS/TMU students; \$65 per couple for non-members. For more information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/premarital or call 818-909-5537.

With the Lord

Margaret Rodningen, Robert Zuber, and Woody Woodward recently went to be with the Lord. Please remember their families in your prayers. There will be a service in Margaret's honor on Monday, September 19, a service in Robert's honor on Saturday, September 24, and a service in Woody's honor on Saturday, September 24. For service times and locations, please contact our Memorials Department at 818-909-5580.

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

Job Opportunities

Beyond serving at our church, there are many other opportunities for members to utilize their giftedness for God's kingdom. For more information or to request an application, contact Human Resources at hr@gracechurch.org or 818-909-5672.

Custodian The Custodial Department has part-time openings (20-29 hours per week) for custodians who will enjoy working in a team environment and serving the church in practical ways. Position requires ability to be detail-oriented and thrive in a fast-paced environment. Job duties include setup and teardown of rooms for church events as well as various cleaning tasks. Applicants must be able to lift up to 30 pounds.

Event Server The Events Department currently has part-time openings for events servers. Hours will vary. Experience in serving during special events is preferable. Requirements are to be able to interact with parties in a gracious and friendly manner while working in a fast-paced environment.

Nursery Supervisor The Nursery Department currently has a several part-time openings (up to 11 hours per week) for a nursery worker on Sundays and throughout the week. Must be able to exhibit love to parents, children, and staff and desire to serve through humility, patience, and joy. Prior work experience in child care is preferred and must be able to successfully pass a background check.

Additional Positions *PT: Part-time, FT: Full-time*

Assistant Manager/Chef (PT)

GMI Accountant (FT)

Graphic Designer (FT/PT)

Kitchen Staff (PT)

Music Assistant (PT)

Security Patrol (PT)

Teacher Assistant (PT)

Applicants for employment must be, if employed, biblically qualified as a deacon or deaconess and be a member of Grace Church.

*For a complete list of job openings at **Grace Community Church, Grace to You, The Master's University and Seminary, and The Master's Academy International**, visit gracechurch.org/jobs.*



9:00 am

Anchored (All ages) T360
Pastors: Carl Hargrove,
Bill Shannon

Cornerstone (All ages) T370
Pastors: Nathan Busenitz,
Mark Tatlock, Harry Walls

GraceLife (All ages)
Family Center
Pastors: Phil Johnson,
Mike Riccardi

Jr. High (Grades 7-8)
T70 (Basement)
Pastor: Jay Lennington

Steadfast (All ages)
T260
Pastor: Brian Biedebach

Both 9:00 & 11:00 am

Spanish Worship Services
Chapel
Pastors: Luis Contreras,
Josiah Grauman

Spanish Adult Sunday School
GraceWalk
Pastors: Luis Contreras,
Josiah Grauman

11:00 am

Commissioned (All ages) T360
Pastors: Rodney Andersen,
Brad Klassen

Crossroads *Not meeting today*
(College & young adults)
Family Center
Pastor: Austin Duncan

High School (Grades 9-12)
T70 (Basement)
Pastor: Isaías Muñoz

Joint Heirs (All ages)
T260
Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street

Sojourners (All ages)
T370
Pastors: Abner Chou,
Joe Zhakevich

Children's Ministry
Visit the Welcome Center for
room locations.
Pastor: Jay Lennington

Developmentally Disabled
CC130E
Pastor: Rick McLean

1:00 pm

Neighborhood Outreach
H221-222

5:00 pm

Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting
H114

6:00 pm

Adventure Club
Family Center (Grades 4-6)
Chapel (Grades 1-3)
CC130 (Ages 3-5)

Mondays 9:00 am

Monday Morning Prayer Group
Welcome Center

Fridays 7:00 pm

Foundation (Young professionals)
Tower Basement
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

International Outreach
818-909-5503

Local Outreach
818-909-5721

Membership
818-909-5644

Men
818-909-5581

Pastoral Care & Counseling
818-909-5581

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.



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by living and proclaiming
His truth in the world.*

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