

Grace *Today*

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Today

Missionary Calendar

Grace Global Event



Today at Grace

8 am

Coffee and Donuts
(Chapel Plaza)

9 and 11 am

Worship Services
Fellowship Groups
Children's Sunday School
Spanish Ministries

After Morning Services

Welcome Center
Member Center
Ministry Tables (Patio)

- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Missionary Calendars
- Missionary in Training
- Local Outreach

Grace Books
Scholar's Desk
Steeple House Coffee

1 pm

Neighborhood Outreach
(H221-222)
Russian Outreach (CC230)

5 pm

Prayer Meeting (H114)

6 pm

Evening Service
Adventure Club

See back for building locations.

During the 11 am service,
interpreting in ASL is avail-
able in the Worship Center.
Foreign language live-
streams for the 11 am and
6 pm services are available
at gracechurch.org/live.

Morning Worship Service — 9 and 11 am

What Child Is This?

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude • Trad./Johnson, Trad./Sturz

Call to Worship

Hymn 214 Of the Father's Love Begotten

Hymn 226 Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Congregation

Scripture Reading & Prayer

On Christmas Night

Worship Choir • Trad./Krogstad

Announcements & Offering

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Philip Webb, Worship Choir • Wade/Marsh

Hymn 250 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Congregation

MESSAGE

Heavenly Worship, Part 4

John MacArthur • Revelation 4

Communion

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella

Organ Postlude • Trad./Hudson

Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

Prelude

Congregational Carols

Philip Webb

Baptism

Announcements & Offering

MESSAGE

The Miracle of Christmas, Part 3

Mark Zhakevich • John 1:14-18

Postlude

On Christmas Night

On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring.
On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring—
News of great joy, news of great worth,
News of our great Redeemer's birth.

God sent to earth His gift of love,
His only Son from heaven above,
His gift of love, from heaven above—
With thankful hearts and joyful minds,
Let us praise this Child divine!

Let all rejoice, for born this night
Is Jesus Christ, the Son of Light,
Let all rejoice, for born this night
Is Jesus Christ, the Son of Light:
"Glory to God, and peace to men,
Now and forevermore. Amen!"

Sussex Carol (traditional); arranged and orchestrated by Bob Krogstad.

TODAY

Russian-Speaking Outreach Bible Study

If you speak or understand Russian, know someone who does, or have a heart to see Russian-speaking people saved, please join us for one of our Sunday afternoon meetings.

| Today, 1–3 pm, CC230

The Miracle of Christmas

Our three-week sermon series finishes tonight, focused on the divine work of Christmas. Join us as Mark Zhakevich preaches on John 1:14–18 and we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

New Here?

- **The Welcome Center** hosts a reception for visitors following each Sunday morning service.
- **The Member Center** has information about membership and baptism.
- **The Prayer Room** is staffed with counselors ready to talk and pray with you.

See back for locations.

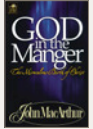
God in the Manger: The Miraculous Birth of Christ

by John MacArthur

"An authentic celebration of Christmas recognizes that the eternal, sovereign God came to earth as a human being to live a righteous life among His people and then to die as a perfect sacrifice to deliver from the wrath of God all who repent and believe."

—John MacArthur

Available today
for **20% off retail**
at Grace Books
and Scholar's Desk.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School

9 and 11 am

The Pre-Existence of the Son of God

John 6:1–5

Main Idea: Jesus is the always-living God.

Application: Understand that Jesus has the exact same nature as the Father.

Featured Hymn: *Fairest Lord Jesus* (Hymn 107)

Review: Why is Jesus called "the Word?"

Next Week: John 1:6–18

Adventure Club

6 pm

Review: Christmas Lesson

For Sunday School and Adventure Club room locations, visit Children's Check-in. gracechurch.org/childrens

A New Year, A Renewed Commitment



Missions, as modeled in the book of Acts, is centered on the local church. This paradigm marks the ministry of Paul, the preeminent missionary, from his commissioning as God's servant all the way through to the culmination of his missionary endeavors. When Paul and Barnabas were called by the Holy Spirit to embark on the first missionary journey, it was the church in Antioch that sent them out (Acts 13:1–3). The goal of this initial missionary effort, as well as all those that followed, was to plant local churches wherever the gospel took root. As he sowed gospel seed, Paul was ministered to and encouraged by churches such as those in Philippi (Philippians 2:25–29) and others in Macedonia (2 Corinthians 8:1–5). When Paul finally returned from each journey, it was always to the local church that he would report.

Clearly this commitment and connection between the missionary and the church is vital. Not only does the church provide spiritual accountability and oversight for those sent to minister overseas, it is a source of great encouragement and help through prayer and financial support. Put simply, the relationship between the missionary and the church is an illustration of the body of Christ functioning even across great distances.

Here at Grace Church, we have endeavored to follow this biblical model of missions. The same year our church was founded, Marjorie Farley was sent out as our first-ever missionary. Since then, hundreds of missionaries have been either sent or supported by our congregation. Today



**Beginning today, the 2024
Missionary Calendar
is available on the Patio.**
One per family, please.



there are over ninety missionary families supported by Grace Church in thirty-seven countries. In the early days it was easy to remember each missionary and their prayer needs; however, now, with so many families in the field, it can be more challenging.

To help with this, we design a wall calendar each year featuring our missionary families. This calendar serves as a helpful tool to remind us of these distant members of our congregation and their need for our prayers throughout the year.

Beginning today, the 2024 calendar is available on the Patio. The calendar features a QR code each month that leads to more information about each of the featured missionaries, which often includes a video greeting introducing their family and ministry. We pray that the Missionary Calendar will assist you in becoming better acquainted with our missionaries, so that you might more effectively come alongside them in prayer as they serve the Lord around the world. ●

Pray for Our Missionaries

Pray for our missionaries as they endeavor to make disciples of all nations, to the glory of God

| gracechurch.org/outreach

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave \$20,009. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

GIVING INFORMATION

Joyful Givers

All contributions for calendar year 2023 must be received by the church no later than our December 31 offering or postmarked no later than December 31, 2023. The church campus will be closed for the holidays from December 20, 2023 through January 1, 2024, excluding Sundays, when we are open for our worship services. Contributions received or postmarked after Sunday, December 31, 2023, will be recorded in 2024. The elders, pastors, and church staff thank each of you for faithfully and sacrificially giving to the Lord.

Upcoming at Grace

- 12/14-17 Christmas Concerts
- 12/20-1/1 Christmas Holiday
(Campus closed, excluding Sundays)
- 1/13 Men's Conference
- 1/18 Elders Meeting
- 1/21 Communion

gracechurch.org/news

HIGHLIGHTS

Christmas Schedule

Please note, there is no elders meeting in December. The church campus, including Grace Books and Steeple House, will be closed December 20 through January 1, excluding Sundays. On these Sundays, December 24 and 31, there will be no evening service and the campus will be open until 3 pm. For questions about a specific ministry, contact your ministry leader.

Homebound Ministry

Let the homebound members of our church family know that you care about and will be praying for them during the Christmas season. Cards and notes can be dropped off at the receptionist desk in the Office Center through the month of December.

| For a list of homebound members, contact Rick McLean at 818-909-5519.

New Music from Children's Ministry

"A Church Notes Christmas," a new Christmas album by our Children's Ministry band, is now available on Spotify, Apple Music, YouTube Music, and Amazon Music.

| gracechurch.org/acmusic

Christmas Concerts

Concerts begin this Thursday, December 14, and run through Sunday, December 17. Steeple House will have extended hours on these days, and nursery will be available for children age five and under.

| Info: gracechurch.org/concert

GRACE GLOBAL

QUARTERLY MISSIONS EVENT

Grace Global, like the Missionary Calendar, is a ministry that aims to bring our missionaries close to the hearts of our church family. And though reminders like the calendar serve as useful encouragements to pray for our missionaries throughout the year, nothing compares to spending time with them in person when they return home.

Grace Global was designed to this end. These quarterly events provide our church the opportunity to get to know our missionaries over lunch and hear more about their ministry. In a typical meeting, we hear updates from a few of our missionaries who are currently stateside and spend time with them in prayer.

This afternoon, we have the privilege to hear from three of our missionary families, including Hovig & Sveta Bajanian who have been ministering in Yerevan, Armenia. We will hear more about the opportunities God has given



The Bajanian Family, serving in Yerevan, Armenia

Hovig to publish theologically sound resources in Armenian, alongside encouraging and strengthening local churches by beginning a new Bible training program in the region. We will also hear from Kwacha and Amanda Simwaka, serving in South Africa, and J & S B.

Join us today and get to know these members of our church family who are fulfilling the Great Commission around the world.

Grace Global
Today, 12:45 pm
T70 (Tower Basement)

Grace to You

Radio: *The Best of Christmas*

KKLA 99.5FM LA / M-F 6:30 am & 7:30 pm
KDAR 98.3FM Oxnard-Ventura / M-F 2 & 10 am; Sun 2 am
KABC 790AM LA / Sat 7:30 am

TV: "The Life-Giving Shepherd"

NRBTV Ch. 378 on DirecTV / Sun 6:30 pm

Visit our website for a full library of audio, video, and transcripts of Pastor John's sermons; "The Study Bible" and "Grace to You Sermons" mobile apps; and other resources.

| gtv.org

With the Lord

Shirley Delman is in the presence of the Lord. We will be having a memorial service in her honor on Wednesday, December 13 at 10:30 am in the Chapel. Please remember her family in your prayers.

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

Men's Conference 2024

There is a lot of confusion today about what it means to be a man. As the culture increasingly disparages manhood, dissenting voices grow louder and angrier, calling on men to defend their masculinity by breaking cultural taboos. But Scripture provides a more excellent way in its record of the man Jesus Christ. All men are invited to join us for a conference focused on the theme, "The Man: Jesus Christ," as we dispel the cultural confusion and look to Christ's humanity to define what it means to be a man.

**Saturday, January 13,
8:30 am-1:30 pm, Worship Center
Speaker: HB Charles, Jr.**

| gracechurch.org/motw

Sunday Ministries

For a complete list of Sunday and midweek ministries, including those for men, women, and specific age groups, visit gracechurch.org/ministries.



9 am

Anchored T360
Pastors: Carl Hargrove, Bill Shannon

Cornerstone T370
Pastors: Nathan Busenitz, Mark Tatlock, Harry Walls

GraceLife Family Center
Pastors: Phil Johnson, Mike Riccardi

Steadfast T270
Pastor: Brian Biedebach

Xchange (Jr. High) T70 (Tower Basement)
Pastor: Jay Lennington

11 am

180 (High School) T70 (Tower Basement)
Pastor: Isaías Muñoz

Commissioned T270
Pastors: Rodney Andersen, Brad Klassen

Crossroads (College & Young Adult) Family Center
Pastor: Austin Duncan

Joint Heirs T360
Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street

Sojourners T370
Pastors: Abner Chou, Joe Zhakevich

9 and 11 am

Children's Ministry
For room locations, visit Children's Check-in.
Pastor: Jay Lennington


Developmentally Disabled CC130E
Pastor: Rick McLean

Spanish Adult Sunday School TMS Library (East)
Pastors: Luis Contreras, Josiah Grauman

Spanish Worship Services Chapel
Pastors: Luis Contreras, Josiah Grauman

Campus Map

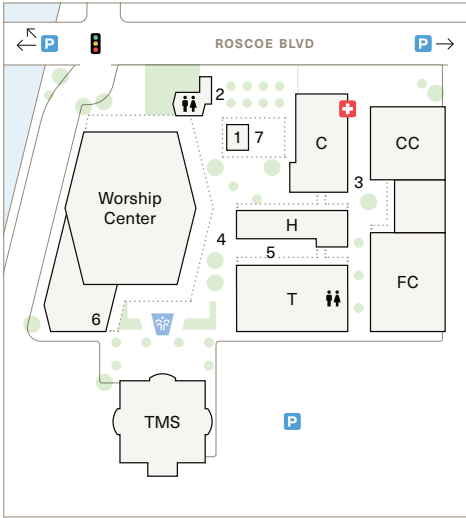
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Proverbs3:5-6

Legend

- T Tower
 - H Heritage
 - CC Children's Center
 - FC Family Center
 - C Chapel
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- 1 Welcome Center
 - 2 Member Center
 - 3 Children's Check-in
 - 4 Patio
 - 5 GraceWalk & Steeple House Coffee
 - 6 Grace Books
 - 7 Scholar's Desk



To glorify God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, for the salvation of the lost and edification of the church.

Family of Ministries

Grace to You
gtu.org

The Master's Seminary
tms.edu

The Master's University
masters.edu

The Master's Academy International
tmai.org

John MacArthur Trust
jmacarthurtrust.org

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