

Grace *Today*

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Bill Brandenstein

Minister of Music



Today at Grace

8 am

Coffee and Donuts
(Chapel Plaza)

9 and 11 am

Worship Services
Fellowship Groups
Children's Sunday School
Spanish Ministries
Membership Classes

After Morning Services

Welcome Center
Member Center
Ministry Tables (Patio)

- Local Outreach
- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Missionary Calendar
- Shepherds Conference Volunteers
- TMAI Symposium Volunteers

Grace Books
Scholar's Desk
Steeple House Coffee

1 pm

Neighborhood Outreach
(H221–222)
Russian-Speaking Outreach
Bible Study (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 available in the Worship Center. Foreign language livestreams for the 11 am service are available at gracechurch.org/live.

Morning Worship Service — 9 and 11 am

Dorian Toccata

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude • Bach

Call to Worship

Hymn 125 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Hymn 126 Behold Our God

Congregation

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Strings & Woodwinds Ensemble, Piano • Beethoven/Hart-Rice

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Praise Him!

Worship Choir • Bach/Steele

Hymn 47 Tell Out, My Soul

Congregation

Announcements & Offering

Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

John Martin • Getty/Rice

MESSAGE

HB Charles Jr. Preaching

Recessional

Organ Postlude • Cundick

Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

Prelude

Songs of Praise

Riley Seid

Baptism

Announcements & Offering

MESSAGE

Press On Toward the Goal

Andy Naselli • Philippians 3:12–16

Postlude

Praise Him!

Praise Him, praise Him, O praise the Lord most holy.
Bow before Him, all ye peoples,
Bow before Him, the Lord on high.
Praise Him, praise Him, O praise the Lord most holy.
Bow before Him, all ye peoples,
Bow before Him, the Lord on high.

Worthy art Thou to be praised, worthy art Thou
to be praised,
For Thou art the true and righteous Lord of all on
Heaven and earth.

King of kings and God Almighty, we do worship
at Thy throne;
O, we do worship at Thy throne.

Praise Him, praise Him, O praise the Lord most holy.
Bow before Him, all ye peoples,
Bow before Him, the Lord on high.
Praise Him, praise Him, O praise the Lord most holy.
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Bow before Him, the Lord on high.

Music by J.S. Bach, edited by Paul Steele.

TODAY

Today's Guest Speakers

H.B. Charles Jr. is the pastor-teacher at the Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church of Jacksonville and Orange Park, Florida, where he has served since 2008. He is the author of *It Happens After Prayer*, *The Difference Jesus Makes*, *Getting Right with God*, and *Reaching God's Goals for Your Life*.

Andy Naselli is professor of systematic theology and New Testament at Bethlehem College and Seminary in Minneapolis and one of the pastors of The North Church. He further serves as a guest lecturer for the DMin program at The Master's Seminary.

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, join us today from 1 to 3 pm in CC230 as we pray about how to reach the Russian-speaking community in Los Angeles with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

How To Worship Jesus Christ

by Joseph Carroll

"A valuable and practical handbook. *How to Worship Jesus Christ* carefully and clearly sets forth the principles of worship—what it is, why it is so critical, and most significant, how to worship."
— John MacArthur

Available today for
25% off retail
at Grace Books or
Scholar's Desk.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School

9 and 11 am

Jesus Is Gloriously Transfigured

Luke 9:27–36

Main Idea: Jesus is the King of Glory.

Application: Listen to Jesus through God's Word.

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

Review: What did God the Father reveal about His Son?

Next Week: Matthew 19:16–26

Adventure Club

6 pm

Lesson 13: God Provides the Way of Salvation

Memory Verse: Ephesians 2:4–5

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

What are Deacons?

Every year at Grace, we have the privilege and joy of recognizing new deacons and renominating those who are able to continue serving. To do this, our elders prayerfully consider members who are practically and faithfully serving our church body. Nomination as a deacon is not an appointment to a new ministry or additional responsibilities, but rather a recognition of devoted ministry as an active servant-leader.

The New Testament uses three primary words that refer to deacons: *diakonos*, which means “servant”; *diakonia*, which means “service”; and *diakoneō*, which means “to serve.” While all believers are to be characterized by service, some are appointed by leadership to the role of deacon (cf. Acts 6:2–6, Romans 12:7). And in 1 Timothy 3, there is a specific discussion of the office of deacon (vv. 8–10, 12).

From Timothy, we learn that deacons are equally qualified with elders in terms of character and spiritual life, but they are not required like elders to be able to teach. Elders oversee the work of those who serve

the Lord, and deacons come alongside the elders to assist in that work in a crucial, supporting role. The qualifications for deacons can be divided into two categories: personal character and spiritual character. These qualifications for servant-leadership apply to both deacons and deaconesses (cf. 1 Timothy 3:11).

Personal Character

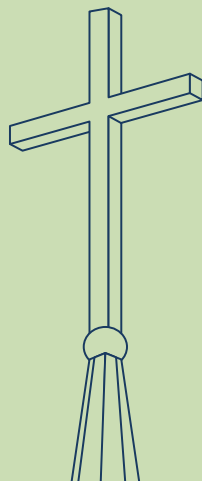
He must be a man of dignity. The Greek term translated “dignity” means “worthy of respect, stately, dignified.” It denotes a seriousness of mind and character. A deacon must be worthy of respect and serious-minded, not treating serious things lightly.

He must not be double-tongued. He is always consistent and righteous in what he says. He is not someone who says one thing to one person and something else to another. He knows how to bridle his tongue and is not a malicious gossip.

He must not be addicted to much wine. He is to be characterized by clear thinking and self-control.

Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not indulging in much wine, not fond of dishonest gain, but holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And these men must also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach.

—1 Timothy 3:8–10



He must not be fond of gain. His goals in life are not to be monetary. 1 Timothy 6:9 says that a pervasive desire for financial gain corrupts a man.

Spiritual Character

He must be doctrinally sound. 1 Timothy 3:9 says that he must hold “to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.” “The faith” refers to the whole of Christian truth. A “clear conscience” is the result of obeying the truth. He must hold to the faith and apply the truth in his life.

He must be active in spiritual service. Verse 10 says, “Let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons.” The verb translated “be tested” speaks of an ongoing test, not a single test or probationary period. The test is an ongoing general assessment by the church of his service to Christ. Before being affirmed as a deacon, he must prove himself to be faithful in serving the Lord.

He must be morally pure. His life is to be “beyond reproach” (v. 10). Verse 12 echoes the standard of moral purity,

saying, “Let deacons be husbands of only one wife.” A deacon must be totally consecrated and devoted to his wife.

He must lead a godly family. Verse 12 also says that he must be a good manager of his children and household. The proving ground for leadership is how a man manages his children and home, and the way that a man cares for his children and home is an excellent indicator of his ability to care for God’s church.

Although specific personal and spiritual qualifications must be met by those in the offices of elder and deacon, that does not mean the standard is any lower for anyone else in the congregation. Every believer should seek to have this kind of godly character—whether he is a recognized, office-holding believer or simply a servant in the body of Christ.

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Todd & Lynn Dick

Serving in Croatia since 1998

Pray for Lynn's health as she has had to have a pacemaker with a defibrillator put in. Pray that we would continue to trust the Lord knowing He is sovereignly in control.

| gracechurch.org/dick

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$41,956**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

Basketball Outreach

Every Monday night, the Family Center is transformed into Grace Gym for an evening of basketball and evangelism. Many people from the neighborhood come to play basketball, and at halftime there is a faithful gospel presentation. We would love for our church family to join us in modeling how to compete in a Christlike manner, and in taking opportunities between games to personally engage our friends with the gospel.

| Mondays, 8 pm, Family Center

Upcoming at Grace

1/15 MLK Jr. Day (Campus Closed)

1/18 Elders Meeting

1/21 Communion

Shepherds Conference Volunteer

Registration Deadline

1/31 Men of the Word Hymnology Event

2/4 Pastor John's 55th Pastoral
Anniversary Celebration

gracechurch.org/news

HIGHLIGHTS

Promotion Sunday

Beginning next Sunday, January 21:

Sixth-grade students will join Middle School Ministry, which meets on Sundays during first hour and Wednesday nights at 6:45 pm in the Tower Basement.

| gracechurch.org/xchange

Third-grade students will join Juniors Ministry, which meets on Sundays during both hours in T260.

| gracechurch.org/juniors

Sojourners Women's Fellowship

All women are invited to join us as Mary Jane Northrup speaks on the topic, "God's Amazing Grace."

| Thursday, January 18, 9:30 am, T270

| Info: 818-909-5521

One with Christ

One with Christ exists to strengthen widows as they walk worthy of their calling (Ephesians 4:1), seeing God's hand in their healing, and finding strength and hope in God's Word. This year we are going through *The Fruitful Life* by Jerry Bridges, considering the nine aspects of the fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23 that focus on being God-centered in our lives as we are changed into His likeness.

| Monday, January 29, 9:30 am, CC130

| gracechurch.org/one-with-christ

Men of the Word Hymnology Event

All men are invited to join us at Men of the Word for a special evening of hymns led by Phil Webb. We will learn about the history of some of our great hymns and lift our voices together in thanksgiving and praise. We will be recording the evening's program, and we hope that the sound of hundreds of men singing praises will be an encouragement to believers around the world.

| Wednesday, January 31, 7 pm, Worship Center

Parent Dedication

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. Sign-ups close on January 28 or when capacity is met.

| Sunday, February 11, during the evening service
Sign up: childrens@gracechurch.org

Grace Equip Courses

- **God the Son Incarnate**
Thursdays, January 18–February 22
Instructor: Marco Bovino
- **Israel's Rise and Fall: Surveying Kings and Chronicles**
Tuesdays, January 23–February 27
Instructor: Caleb Cunningham
- **God's Word on Humanity, Sin, Angels, and Demons**
Mondays, January 22–February 26
Instructor: Chris Burnett

All courses are offered at Grace Church and via Zoom.

| Register: gracechurch.org/equip

With the Lord

Pat Bins is in the presence of the Lord. We will be having a memorial service in her honor on Saturday, February 3 at 11:30 am in the Chapel. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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

Grace to You

Radio: *Foundations, Vol. 2*

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: "Preaching the Unfathomable Riches of Christ"

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.

| gtty.org

Grace Church Job Openings

Applicants for employment must be, if employed, biblically qualified as a deacon or deaconess and a member of Grace Church. For more information or to request an application, contact Human Resources at hr@gracechurch.org or 818-909-5672.

PT: Part-time; FT: Full-time

- Custodian, PT
- Director of Information Technology, FT
- Dishwasher, PT
- Help Desk Technician, PT
- Hospitality Coordinator, PT
- Nursery Supervisor, PT
- Security Patrol, PT
- Social Media/Marketing Creator, FT

Grace Academy

- Secondary School Teacher, PT/FT

For a full description of jobs and benefits, visit gracechurch.org/jobs.



The Master's Academy International Job Opening

PT: Part-time; FT: Full-time

- Director of Marketing & Communications, FT

For a full description of jobs and to apply, visit tmai.org/jobs.

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

13248 Roscoe Blvd
Sun Valley, CA 91352
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gracechurch.org



Network:
Grace Church Wi-Fi
Password:
Proverbs3:5-6

Legend

- T Tower

H Heritage

CC Children's Center

FC Family Center

C Chapel
- 1 Welcome Center

2 Member Center

3 Children's Check-in

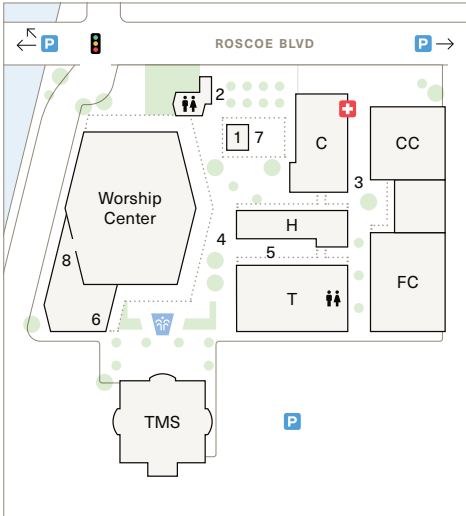
4 Patio

5 GraceWalk & Steeple House Coffee

6 Grace Books

7 Scholar's Desk

8 Prayer Room



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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