

# Grace *Today*

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# 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
- Shepherds Conference

Volunteers

- TMAI Symposium

Volunteers  
Grace Books  
Scholar's Desk  
Steeple House Coffee

## 1 pm

Armenian Bible Study (CC230)  
Korean Outreach (H223–224)  
Neighborhood Outreach  
(H221–222)

## 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](http://gracechurch.org/live).

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## Morning Worship Service — 9 and 11 am

### *Redeemed*

### *I Will Sing of the Mercies*

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude • Campbell/Sturz, Haydn/Sturz

### Call to Worship

### Hymn 304 *He Was Wounded*

Congregation

### *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Strings & Woodwinds Ensemble, Piano • Getty/Ishibashi

### Scripture Reading & Prayer

### *We Remember*

Worship Choir • Nelson/Greer

### Hymn 289 *In the Cross Alone I Glory*

Congregation

### Announcements & Offering

### *God, the Uncreated One (King Forevermore)*

Elmer Serquina • Keyes-James/Galbraith

## MESSAGE

### Still Waiting, Still Worshiping

Austin Duncan • Psalm 13

### Communion

### *And Can It Be?*

Organ Postlude • Haydn/Sturz

## Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

### Prelude

### Songs of Praise

Chris Burnett

### Baptism

### Announcements & Offering

## MESSAGE

### What Is Truth? The Remedy for a Culture in Chaos

Mike Riccardi • Selected Scriptures

### Postlude

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## ANTHEM

### *We Remember*

As we are gathered in His name, we remember.  
The spotless Lamb who has been slain, we remember.  
His broken body torn for us, the crown of thorns

He wore for us,

His precious blood poured out in love.

The Father gave His only Son.

We remember, we remember.

Here at the table of His grace, we surrender.  
We give our hearts, we seek Your face, we surrender.

We break the bread, His broken life,  
and take in us His sacrifice.

We drink the cup, the blood of Christ.

So great a love, so great a price!

As we are gathered in Your name, we remember.  
Worthy is the Lamb, who has been slain,  
we remember.

Your broken body, torn for us, the crown of thorns  
You wore for us.

Your precious blood poured out in love,

Your Father gave His only Son.

We remember, we remember, we remember.

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

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## TODAY

### Armenian Bible Study

A new Bible study is beginning at Grace Church. Every third Sunday afternoon, a group of Armenian believers from our congregation will meet for fellowship, prayer, worship through song, and sound Bible teaching and discussion in their native tongue. If you speak Armenian or know someone who does, join us today at 1 pm in CC230.

### New Here?

Following each Sunday morning service:

- **The Welcome Center** hosts a reception for visitors.
- **The Member Center** has information about membership and baptism.
- **The Prayer Room**, located adjacent to the Worship Center, is staffed with counselors ready to talk and pray with you, following both the morning and evening services.

*See back for locations.*

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## FEATURED BOOK

### *A Year of Prayer*

by John MacArthur

This book is filled with weekly inspiration that will greatly enrich your prayer life. You'll find your prayers becoming more focused, more powerful, more God-centered in ways that are truly life-changing.

"We need to pray more; we need to give more careful thought to the content of our prayers; and we need to spend more time preparing our hearts and our tongues for prayer. It is with that in mind that I offer this book."

— John MacArthur

**Available today for  
30% off retail**  
at Grace Books or  
Scholar's Desk.



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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Sunday School

9 and 11 am

**Jesus Confronts the Rich Young Ruler**

Matthew 19:16–26

**Main Idea:** To receive eternal life, depend on Jesus alone.

**Application:** Ask Christ to reveal anything in your heart that you are unwilling to give up for Him.

**Featured Hymn:** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (Hymn 107)

**Review:** Why did the rich, young ruler go away sad?

**Next Week:** Matthew 19:27–20:16

### Adventure Club

6 pm

**Lesson 13:** God Calls All to Believe

**Memory Verse:** Matthew 11:28

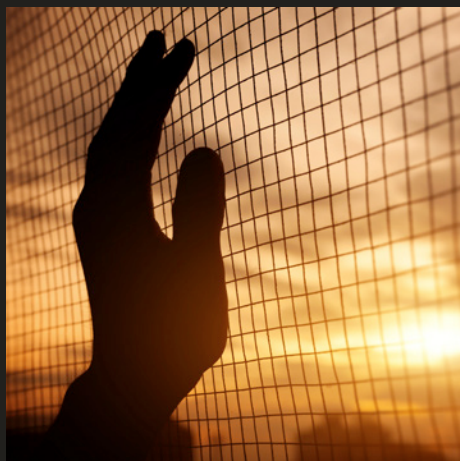
For Sunday School and Adventure Club room locations, visit Children's Check-in. [gracechurch.org/childrens](http://gracechurch.org/childrens)

# A LIGHT IN THE DARKEST PLACE

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CELEBRATING  
33 YEARS OF  
ACTIVE  
MINISTRY

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## CHUCK HOLMES

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FOUNDER / DIRECTOR,  
MT. NEBO PRISON MINISTRY

*Very seldom does a ministry come along that captures my heart like Mt. Nebo Prison Ministry. With all the groups in our world that label themselves "Christian," Mt. Nebo is a breath of fresh air. The difference? A clear, non-compromising commitment to God's Word. That's what sets Mt. Nebo Prison Ministry apart. This ministry drives prisoners into the Word of God, and that's something that is very dear to my heart. I have spent most of my life in a relentless pursuit of knowing what the Bible says. And for over fifty years I have dedicated myself to preaching the Bible and nothing else. So Mt. Nebo's loyalty to the truth is something that has thrilled my heart from the first moment I met Chuck Holmes.*

— John MacArthur

I experienced a radical change in July of 1989 that took me from decades of bondage to drugs, alcohol, racism, violence, and numerous prison sentences, to being a lover of Jesus. In 1990, I was converted on a jailhouse floor in Goodyear, Arizona. The vision for Mt. Nebo Prison Ministry (MNPM) began to take shape in that cell at Perryville Prison. The next year, Mt. Nebo was adopted into the mission program of Redemption Church (formerly East Valley Bible Church) in Gilbert, Arizona. Through the ministry, books and Bibles were sent to prisoners throughout the

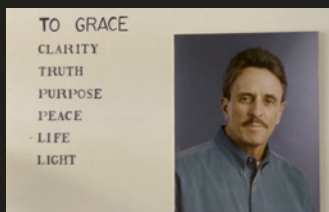
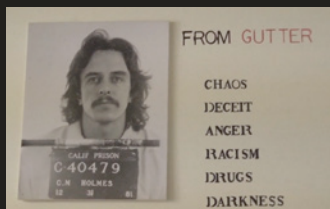
country and supplemented with one-on-one correspondence with the inmates who received them. Then we started receiving requests from out of state—New Mexico and then Texas—and from other states as the word spread.

Today, Mt. Nebo offers any inmate who completes the thirteen-chapter *Fundamentals of the Faith* workbook a new *MacArthur Study Bible*. As a result, thousands of study Bibles are sent to state and federal prisoners each year, and MNPM has become the largest distributor of the English *MacArthur Study Bible* in the world.



Further still, *Transformados*, the joint venture of Grace Church and Mt. Nebo Prison Ministry, provides materials for the large Spanish-speaking inmate population. *Transformados* seeks to reach Spanish-speaking inmates by providing both *Fundamentals of the Faith* and, upon completion of FOF, a *MacArthur Study Bible*, in Spanish.

The effects of this distribution reach not only the world, but Grace Church's own congregation. I disciplined one man for over 25 years through books and letters. This man, Manny Flores, led over one thousand men through the *Fundamentals of the Faith* workbook. One of these men that he mentored was Jose Rosales, who now works in Facilities here at Grace and is active in the



Foundation Bible study and their outreach efforts. This disciple-making work is the heart of Mt. Nebo, enabled through the efforts of Grace Church and Grace to You.

Though the ministry has seen changes over the past thirty-three years, its purpose remains the same: to be a resource used by God with a clear, uncompromising stand for Scripture and the gospel. As Pastor MacArthur writes in a letter posted on the Mt. Nebo website, "The prisons are a tremendous mission field. My hope is that you will be gripped by the potential that prisons offer for the spread of the gospel and the building up of the saints... Mt. Nebo gives prisoners what they need most—the truth that is found only in God's Word." ●

Mt. Nebo Prison Ministry

[www.mnpm.org](http://www.mnpm.org)

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*Transformados*

[gracechurch.org/transformados](http://gracechurch.org/transformados)

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Chuck Holmes

[gty.org/chuckstestimony](http://gty.org/chuckstestimony)





## The Floreen Family

*Matt & Rachel, Abigail, Naomi*

**Serving in South Africa since 2009**

Pray for a number of seminary graduates from our church as we explore church planting opportunities with them. Pray that the Lord would use our biblical counselors to use their new knowledge and skills to build up His church.

| [gracechurch.org/floreen](https://gracechurch.org/floreen)

## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$13,298**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

### LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

## Assisted Living Ministry and Service

ALMS (Assisted Living Ministry and Service) is a Grace Church ministry that visits assisted living facilities in the San Fernando Valley on Sunday afternoons. Teams typically provide a worship service with songs, Scripture reading, exhortation, and a short sermon to residents. There is an opportunity to share Christ, build relationships, and provide encouragement.

| [gracechurch.org/assisted-living](https://gracechurch.org/assisted-living)

## Upcoming at Grace

- 1/28 Right Hand of Fellowship
- 2/4 Pastor John's 55th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration
- 2/15 Elder's Meeting

[gracechurch.org/news](https://gracechurch.org/news)

### HIGHLIGHTS

## Memorial Service Schedule Change

Pat Binns's memorial service will be on Saturday, February 3 at 2 pm in the Chapel.

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

## 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 next Sunday, January 28, or when capacity is met.

| Sunday, February 11, during the evening service

| Sign up: [childrens@gracechurch.org](mailto:childrens@gracechurch.org)

## TMAI Symposium Volunteers

Many volunteers are needed for the 2024 TMAI symposium. Please note that in order to volunteer you must be a member of Grace Church or a student of TMUS.

| Sign up: [tmai.org/volunteer](https://tmai.org/volunteer)

| Info: [volunteer@tmai.org](mailto:volunteer@tmai.org)

## STM Applications Open

STMs are an amazing way to serve our missionaries and take part in what God is doing around the world. Applications are now open for this summer's teams. Opportunities to serve include supporting conferences, participating in local evangelism, and assisting with youth and children's ministries.

| Apply: [gracechurch.org/stm](https://gracechurch.org/stm)

| Info: [stm@gracechurch.org](mailto:stm@gracechurch.org)

## Alzheimer's-Dementia Ministry

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 family members during a portion of our meeting.

Saturday, January 27, 9 am, CC130  
Info: Pastor Rick McLean, 818-909-5519

## Grace Equip Courses

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

All courses are offered at Grace Church and via Zoom.

Register: [gracechurch.org/equip](http://gracechurch.org/equip)

## 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

## Songs of Summer

*Songs of Summer*, performance workshops for singers ages 8–18 hosted by The Master's University, will take place at TMU, June 10–21, with camps for beginning and advanced students. Workshops will include voice classes, individual voice instruction, training in performance techniques, acting improvisation, practical music theory, and ensemble performance.

Register: [masters.edu/songsofsummer](http://masters.edu/songsofsummer)

## 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: "A Prayer for Spiritual Power"

NBRTV 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.

[gty.org](http://gty.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](mailto: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
- 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](http://gracechurch.org/jobs).



## The Master's Academy International Job Opening

*PT: Part-time; FT: Full-time*

- Administrative Assistant for Global Publications, FT
- Director of Marketing & Communications, FT

For a full description of jobs and to apply, visit [tmai.org/jobs](http://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](http://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 Biedeback

**Xchange (Middle School, Grades 6–8) 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

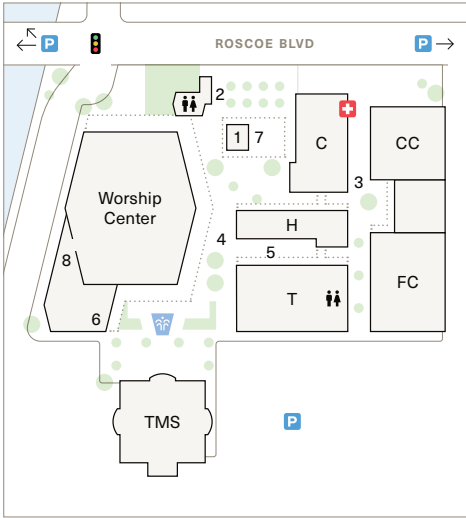
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Proverbs3:5-6

## Legend

- T Tower
- H Heritage
- CC Children's Center
- FC Family Center
- C Chapel
- 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](http://gtu.org)

**The Master's Seminary**  
[tms.edu](http://tms.edu)

**The Master's University**  
[masters.edu](http://masters.edu)

**The Master's Academy International**  
[tmai.org](http://tmai.org)

**John MacArthur Trust**  
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