

# 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

## After Morning Services

Welcome Center  
Member Center  
Ministry Tables (Patio)

- Local Outreach
- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Missionary in Training
- TMAI Symposium

Volunteers

Grace Books  
Scholar's Desk  
Steeple House Coffee

## 1 pm

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

### *Fugue in G Major*

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude • Bach

### Call to Worship

### Hymn 5 *How Great Thou Art*

Congregation

### *O Worship the King*

Brass & Percussion Ensemble, Organ • Haydn/Rice

### Scripture Reading & Prayer

### *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Worship Choir • Trad./Hayes

### Hymn 91 *The Love of God*

Congregation

### Announcements & Offering

### *The Lord Is My Light*

Philip Webb • Neidlinger/Marsh

## MESSAGE

### The Triumph of Divine Love

John MacArthur • Romans 8:31-39

### Doxology Hymn

### Hymn 81 *I Am His, and He Is Mine*

Loved with everlasting love, Led by grace that love to know;  
Gracious Spirit from above, Thou hast taught me it is so!

Oh, this full and perfect peace! Oh, this transport all divine!  
In a love which cannot cease, I am His, and He is mine.  
In a love which cannot cease, I am His, and He is mine.

### *Gloria*

Organ Postlude • Dupre

## Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

### Prelude

### Songs of Praise

Philip Webb

### Baptism

### Announcements & Offering

## MESSAGE

### Mike Riccardi Preaching

### Right Hand of Fellowship

### Postlude

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## ANTHEM

### *All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him, O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise Him, O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O, sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care,  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Words by St. Francis of Assisi (c.1225); arranged by Mark Hayes.

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## TODAY

### Children's & Youth Choirs

Children's & Youth Choirs begin again today:

- **Preparatory Choir (K-1)**, 5:15 pm, Chapel
- **Primary Choir (grades 2-3)**, 4:45 pm, T260
- **Junior Choir (grades 4-6)**, 4:45 pm, T360
- **Youth Choir (grades 7-12)**, 4:45 pm, T270

No auditions are required for Preparatory or Primary Choirs, but auditions for new members of the Junior and Youth Choirs will be held prior to rehearsal from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in their respective meeting rooms.

| Info and sign up: [gracechurch.org/childrenschoir](http://gracechurch.org/childrenschoir)

### Steeple House Coffee Hours

Steeple House is open on Sundays, 12:30-5:30 pm and 7:30-8 pm.

| Mid-week hours: [gracechurch.org/coffee](http://gracechurch.org/coffee)

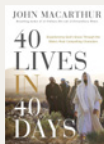
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## FEATURED BOOK

### *40 Lives in 40 Days*

by John MacArthur

A compilation of Pastor John's extensive Bible character studies. Each day, you'll meet a seemingly ordinary person from the pages of Scripture—each of whom, by God's grace, served an extraordinary purpose.



**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 Teaches the Parable of  
Equal Wages**

Matthew 19:27-20:16

**Main Idea:** All believers will enjoy the full blessings of eternal life.

**Application:** Understand that God richly gives grace to all who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus.

**Featured Hymn:** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (Hymn 129)

**Review:** How will God reward everyone who follows Jesus?

**Next Week:** Review Sunday

### Adventure Club

6 pm

**Lesson 13:** God Chose Some to Be Saved

**Memory Verse:** Matthew 22:14

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

*Please note, there will be no Adventure Club next Sunday, February 4. Nursery will be available for children three and under.*



The Master's Academy International  
**2024 International Symposium**

“God will not be seen, known, or comprehended except through His Word alone. Whatever therefore one undertakes for salvation apart from the Word is in vain. God will not respond to that. He will not have it. He will not tolerate any other way. Therefore, let His book in which He speaks to you be commended to you. For He did not cause it to be written to no purpose.”

—Martin Luther

Our current Digital Age has brought us to the point of information overload in nearly every aspect of life. In 2024, with more knowledge and resources available to us than in any time in human history, the blessing of abundant information has become a burden on the clarity of many aspects of church life and ministry—perhaps none more so than global missions. Influenced by the world around us to discard once foundational practices in favor of what is new, clever, and convenient, Christians find themselves tempted to favor a ministry philosophy of missions that prioritizes efficiency, novelty, and utility rather than one that is biblically grounded.

Thus, Christians who desire to obey Christ's call to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:18–20) are confronted by an array of voices and methodologies. Understandably, it is difficult to know who to listen to or where to start. Churches have begun turning to algorithms, statistics, and “growth” strategies in an effort to develop successful missions programs, often at the expense of



## International Symposium

Tuesday, March 5, 9 am–5:30 pm,  
Grace Baptist Church, Santa Clarita  
\$60 (\$75 after February 6)

— Register: [tmai.org/symposium](https://tmai.org/symposium)

### Volunteer

Many volunteers are still needed  
for the International Symposium.  
To volunteer, you must be a Grace  
Church member or a TMUS student.

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

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



reverence and truth. This manner of thinking would suggest to us that psychology, programs, podcasts, or a myriad of other sources have something to offer that Scripture lacks. Large conferences that include popular speakers and a dominating social media presence in turn espouse and expand these ideas to the farthest reaches of global missions.

In light of this, it is vital for Christians who desire that all the nations would hear and proclaim the name of Jesus to remember that Scripture is the only essential tool a missionary needs. Its relevance, sufficiency, and authority will never be surpassed. The Word of God was breathed out by the Spirit through His servants—it satisfies every need and answers every question. Indeed, we cannot take an approach to the God-honoring work of missions that isn't itself directly derived from the Bible.

Faithful saints who have gone before us are instructive in their example. Missionaries like William Carey, Adoniram Judson, and Elisabeth Elliot dedicated their lives to translating the Bible into the

native languages of the people they served and evangelized. They recognized that the Bible is central to all missions work, and their commitment to Scripture is seen in the salvation of whole people groups and in millions of people who still proclaim Christ to this day. As Martin Luther aptly wrote, “The authority of Scripture is greater than the comprehension of the whole of man’s reason.”

This is why TMAI’s 2024 International Symposium is focused on the theme, “The Bible and Missions.” Our desire is to help you recognize the unlimited, sufficient resource that the Bible is for missionaries, supporting missions, and all of life. Join us on March 5 as we grow together in being more Bible-focused and missions-minded. ●





## The McCracken Family

*Tony & Santie, James, David, Ammie*

### Serving in Africa since 2003

Pray for the men at our pastoral training center as they seek to develop their giftedness for ministry and that the Lord will raise up these men for the future leadership of the church. Pray also for Tony as he nears the end of his Doctor of Ministry studies.

| [gracechurch.org/mccracken](http://gracechurch.org/mccracken)

## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$3,443**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

### LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

## Korean Outreach Bible Study

The Korean Outreach Bible Study seeks to provide fellowship for Korean-speaking members of Grace Church, as well as to reach out to the Korean community in Los Angeles. Korean Outreach meets every first and third Sunday for fellowship, prayer, worship, and Bible study.

Next Sunday, February 4, 12:30 pm,  
H223-224

| Info: Jong Yi, 818-634-5987

## Upcoming at Grace

- 2/4 Pastor John's 55th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration
- 2/15 Elder's Meeting
- 2/18 Communion

### HIGHLIGHTS

## Children's Mobile Kiosk Coming Soon

Beginning Sunday, February 11, parents can use their phones to check their children into Nursery, Sunday School, and Adventure Club. Once mobile check-in is complete, parents will receive a QR code to scan at the Mobile Kiosk station to receive the sticker for their child.

| Learn about the new Mobile Kiosk:  
[gracechurch.org/kioskinfo](http://gracechurch.org/kioskinfo)

## STM Applications Open

Short-Term Ministries are an amazing way to serve our missionaries and take part in what God is doing around the world. Applications are 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](http://gracechurch.org/stm)  
| Info: [stm@gracechurch.org](mailto:stm@gracechurch.org)

## 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

*Great is Thy  
Faithfulness*

Join us next Sunday, February 4,  
as we celebrate Pastor John's 55th  
Pastoral Anniversary with special  
morning worship services and a  
Q&A with our pastor in the evening.

## Faith PSP Homeschool Co-op Open House

Families interested in enrolling their students in this K-12 homeschool program for the 2024-2025 school year are invited to experience a day at Faith PSP. Learn what Faith PSP provides and how they can come alongside you in your homeschooling journey.

Friday, February 23, 8:30 am-12:30 pm  
RSVP: [faithpsp.org](mailto:faithpsp.org), [julies@faithpsp.org](mailto:julies@faithpsp.org),  
424-307-5040

## 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](https://masters.edu/songsofsummer)

## Grace to You

Radio: *Love, No Matter What*

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: "Sanctification: The Honorable Obsession"

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

[gty.org](https://www.gracetoyou.org)

## Memorial Service Schedule Change

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

## 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
- Print Shop Technician, 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](https://gracechurch.org/jobs).



## Ministry Highlight

### Hope Bible Study

Hope Bible Study is a transitional ministry that labors to encourage those who have been beset by life-dominating sins, such as drugs and alcohol, with the hope of Christ, the changing power of His Word, and the fellowship of His church. We aim to come alongside these men and women to spur them on to an ever-increasing love for Jesus Christ, to aid them in putting off sin and putting on righteousness, and to equip them for effective ministry within the church. If you or someone you know could benefit from this ministry, email [hbs@gracechurch.org](mailto:hbs@gracechurch.org) or call 818-909-5721.

Mondays, 7 pm, H221-222

# 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 Biedebach

**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

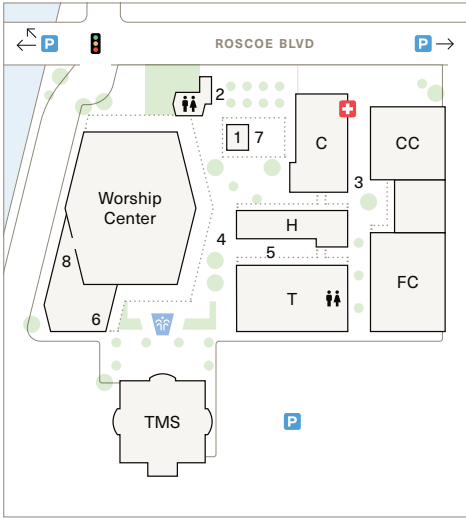
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Network:  
Grace Church Wi-Fi  
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Proverbs3:5-6

## 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**  
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