

Grace *Today*

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**The Master's
Seminary
Commencement**

Tonight at 6 pm

Today at Grace

8 am

Coffee and Donuts
(Chapel Plaza)

9 and 11 am

Worship Services
Fellowship Groups
Grace Kids
Spanish Ministries
Membership Classes

After Morning Services

Welcome Center
Member Center
Grace Books
Scholar's Desk
Steeple House Coffee

On the Patio

- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Local Outreach
- Short-Term Ministry Teams

1 pm

Neighborhood Outreach
(Tower Basement)
Russian Outreach (CC230)

5 pm

Prayer Meeting (H114)

6 pm

TMS Commencement

See back for building locations.

During the 11 am service,
interpreting in ASL is
available 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

Prelude in C Major

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude • Bach

Call to Worship

Hymn 23 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Congregation

The Fear of the Lord

Youth Choir, Dir. Susi Johnson • Walker/Duren

Scripture Reading & Prayer

See What Love Hath the Father

Worship Choir • Mendelssohn

Hymn 429 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Congregation

Announcements & Offering

Calvary's Love

Philip Webb • Nelson-McHughe

MESSAGE

Outsiders and Insiders, Part 2

Austin Duncan • Mark 3:7–19

Sonata II: Allegro Maestoso

Organ Postlude • Mendelssohn

Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

The Master's Seminary Commencement

Join us this evening as we celebrate the
thirty-ninth graduating class of
The Master's Seminary.

ANTHEMS

The Fear of the Lord

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
Life, hope, blessing and joy.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
So let us worship, let us bow down,
Let us fear our God.

To Him belongs eternal praise!
Glorious and righteous are His works, His ways!
To Him belongs all rev'rent praise!
Faithful and just are His works, His ways!
So let us worship, let us bow down,
Let us fear our God.

With our whole hearts we will thank You.
We will praise You, O God.
In the congregation, with Your people,
We remember Your worth.
In the congregation, with Your people,
We remember Your worth, Your worth!

So let us worship! Let us bow down!
So let us worship! Let us bow down!
Let us fear our God, our God,
Our God, Our God, our God!

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See What Love Hath the Father

See what love hath the Father bestowed on us in
His goodness,
That we should be called God's own children.

Words adapted from 1 John 3:1; music by Felix Mendelssohn (1836).

TODAY

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.

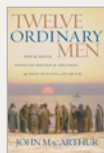
FEATURED BOOK

Twelve Ordinary Men

by John MacArthur

Pastor John takes the reader into the inner circle of the disciples—their selection, their training, their personalities, and their incredible impact.

Available today for
purchase at Grace
Books and the
Scholar's Desk.



GRACE KIDS

Sunday School

9 and 11 am

God Prepares Israel for the Covenant
Exodus 19

Main Idea: God is worthy of fear
and reverence.

Application: Obey God's Word
wholeheartedly.

Featured Hymn: *Savior, Like a
Shepherd Lead Us* (Hymn 170)

Review: What did God promise Israel?

Next Week: Exodus 20:1–21

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

Adventure Club

Adventure Club will not be meeting
tonight due to the TMS
Commencement Ceremony.

The Local Church: Home of the Seminary

A Biblical Model



It is rare to find a seminary that trains men within the context of a local church. But the benefits of connecting the classroom to the church are invaluable for future pastors. This close connection can be seen in some of the greatest seminaries in church history—like Calvin’s Academy in Geneva and Spurgeon’s Pastors’ College in London. More importantly, the apostle Paul modeled this approach while ministering in Ephesus on his third missionary journey.

In Acts 19:8–10, Luke described the training school that Paul founded in Ephesus:

He entered the synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the people, he withdrew from them and

took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. This took place for two years, so that all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

Paul met with a group of disciples every day for two years, reasoning with them from the Scriptures and teaching them the whole counsel of God. That is the basic paradigm of seminary education. Though the students met in a local lecture hall (the school of Tyrannus), their training was directly connected to the local church in Ephesus—a point Paul made clear when he addressed the Ephesian elders in Acts 20:24.

By meeting daily with these disciples for a period of two years, Paul demonstrated his commitment to train the next generation of spiritual leaders. The apostle invested time and energy to instruct these disciples. Within the context of this training school,



he made sacrifices to equip the next generation of Christian leadership. Those men from the early Ephesian church would continue on to become pastors and evangelists, extending gospel truth to the rest of Asia Minor.

In essence, this gathering of Ephesian believers constituted the first seminary. Throughout church history, faithful men have followed Paul's example by establishing training schools to equip leaders for ministry in the local church—leaders that would exposit the Word, strengthen the church, and proclaim the gospel to the lost. It is in that same legacy that Grace Church has sought to train the next generation of spiritual leaders through The Master's Seminary.

This evening, the thirty-ninth graduating class of The Master's Seminary will celebrate God's sustaining grace and receive their hard-earned degrees. These 121 men join more than 2,000 others who have preceded them and now serve Christ in countries all over the world.



Thank you, Grace Church, for your partnership in the lives of these men and their families. Your investment has been vital, and without it, the seminary and the lives of its men would not be what they are today. We invite you to join us this evening as we celebrate this year's graduating class and ask that you would continue to pray for them as they transition to their new places of ministry. ●

To learn more about The Master's Seminary, visit tms.edu.



The Coates Family

Leon & Nataly, Sophie, Emily

Serving in the United Kingdom since 2018

Pray for the Lord to bring more people to us, especially men to serve as elders and deacons. Pray also for the Lord's provision of an assistant pastor.

| gracechurch.org/quennevais

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$144,371**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

Armenian Outreach Bible Study

Every third Sunday afternoon, a group of Armenian believers from our congregation meets for fellowship, prayer, worship, and sound Bible teaching and discussion in their native tongue. If you speak Armenian, join us next Sunday. If you do not speak Armenian, but know someone who does, consider inviting them to our study.

Next Sunday, 1 pm, CC230
gracechurch.org/armenian-outreach

Upcoming at Grace

- 5/12 TMS Offices Closed
- 5/15 Elders Meeting
- 5/18 Communion
- 5/26 Memorial Day (Campus Closed)

gracechurch.org/calendar

HIGHLIGHTS

Project Food Pak

Please note, we will not be collecting or distributing Food Pak boxes today in honor of Mother's Day. Collection points for filled boxes will be available at different points on campus Sunday, May 18 and 25.

| gracechurch.org/ghp

Vacation Bible School

Registration

At this year's VBS, our kids will embark on an adventure to learn of the goodness of our Creator in the work of salvation. Registration is now open for kids going into grades K–6 this fall.

June 17–20, 9 am–12:30 pm
Register by June 2: gracechurch.org/vbs

Volunteers

If you are a member of Grace Church, consider serving at VBS, June 17–20. Volunteer registration will close today, May 11. For more information or to sign up, visit gracechurch.org/vbs.



Joint Heirs Ladies T.E.A.

Joint Heirs Ladies T.E.A. (Teaching, Edification, and Application) is a women's ministry that meets monthly at Grace Church. All women are invited to join us tomorrow as Lori Patton helps answer the question, "It's So Easy to Obsess About My Appearance: What Does God Say about It?"

| Tomorrow, May 12, 6:45 pm, CC230

Children's & Youth Choir Spring Concert

Join us for a night of performances from our Preparatory, Primary, Junior, and Youth Choirs. All are welcome as we come together to support our children and join with them in worship through song.

Friday, May 16, 7 pm, Worship Center
Info: music@gracechurch.org

Math3ma Symposium

The Math3ma Symposium, hosted by The Master's University, invites Christians faithfully serving in various disciplines within the sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics for a time of fellowship and encouragement. This year's conference will take place June 6–7, featuring speakers Abner Chou, Mike Riccardi, David Beaman (SpaceX), Barry Wilmore (NASA Astronaut), and more.

Register: math3ma.institute/symposium

Faith PSP Homeschool Used Curriculum Sale

This sale is open to the public to buy and sell used homeschool curriculum (PreK–12) as well as reading books, TMU/TMS textbooks, teaching supplies, and educational tools. Deadline to sign up to sell is May 28.

Saturday, June 7, 10:30 am–1 pm, Family Center
Info: faithpsp.org, ucs@faithpsp.org,
424-307-5040

Grace to You

Radio: *Making a Case for the Bible*

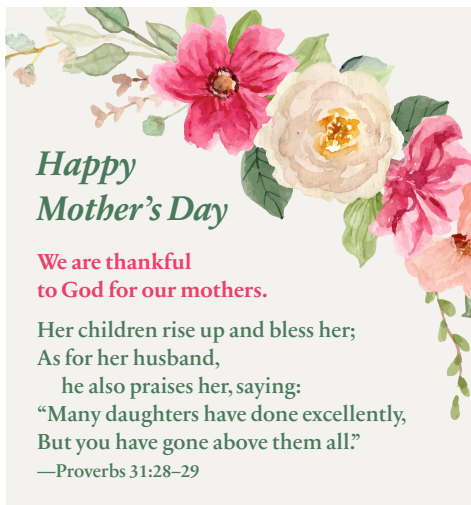
KKLA 99.5FM LA / M–F 6:30 am & 7:30 pm
KDAR 98.3FM Oxnard-Ventura / M–F 2 & 10 am; Sun 2 am
KABC 790AM LA / Sat 7:30 am

TV: "Divine Wisdom for the Family"

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.

gty.org



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 by emailing childrens@gracechurch.org. Sign-ups close May 30 or when capacity is met.

Sunday, June 8, 6 pm, Worship Center

Serve in Music Ministry

Summer is a great time to get involved with the Worship Choir or Orchestra. For more information, email music@gracechurch.org.

Good Neighbors

As a courtesy to our neighbors, please avoid parking in front of the houses surrounding Grace Church. Instead, use one of the designated parking lots. If street parking is unavoidable, we urge you to be especially attentive to and considerate of our neighbors' comfort and property.

Thank you for faithfully partnering in the ministry of our church as an act of worship to our Lord. Give during any of today's services or at gracechurch.org/giving.



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**
Pastor: Carl Hargrove
- Cornerstone T370**
Pastors: Nathan Busenitz, Mark Tatlock
- GraceLife Family Center**
Pastors: Phil Johnson, Mike Riccardi
- Steadfast T270**
Pastors: Brian Biedebach, Brian Milam
- Xchange (Middle School) 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 Adults) Family Center**
Pastor: Austin Duncan
- Joint Heirs T360**
Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street
- Sojourners T370**
Pastors: Abner Chou, Joe Zhakevich

9 and 11 am

- Grace Kids**
For room locations, visit Children's Check-in.
Pastor: Jay Lennington
- Developmentally Disabled CC130E**
Pastor: Rick McLean
- Spanish Adult Sunday School T260**
Pastor: Josiah Grauman
- Spanish Worship Services Chapel**
Pastors: Josiah Grauman, Rubén Pidal, Tom Rios

Campus Map

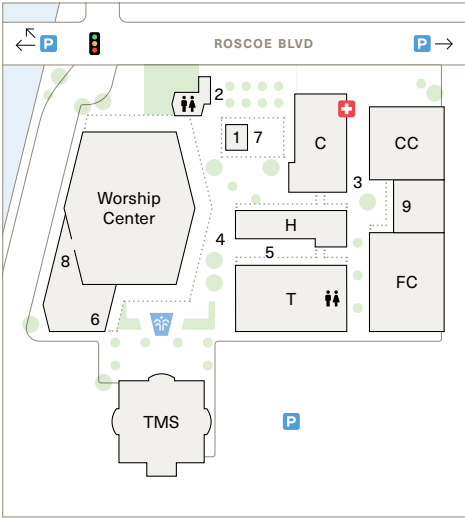
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Public Wi-Fi:
Grace Church Wi-Fi
Password:
Proverbs3:5-6

Please note that today's worship services are being livestreamed and recorded. In addition, your likeness may be recorded or photographed while on campus. Your presence on campus constitutes your permission to Grace Community Church to use images or video of your likeness.

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
9 Well-Baby Cry Room
- PM Location:
Welcome Center



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**
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- The Master's Academy International**
tmai.org
- John MacArthur Trust**
jmacarthurtrust.org

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