

# Grace *Today*

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# Today at Grace

## 9 and 11 am

Worship Services  
Sundays In July  
Grace Kids  
Spanish Ministries

## After Morning Services

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

## On the Patio

- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Grace Academy
- Hope Bible Study
- Local Outreach

## 1 pm

Neighborhood Outreach  
(Tower Basement)

## 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 live-streams for the 11 am and 6 pm services are available at [gracechurch.org/live](http://gracechurch.org/live).

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## Morning Worship Service — 9 and 11 am

### *Fugue in G Minor*

Stephen Sturz, Organist • Bach

### Call to Worship

Hymn 161 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hymn 136 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Congregation

### *Shepherd's Song / Brother James' Air Medley*

Jason Kennedy, Oboe; Beth Busenitz, Piano • Coates-Hodges-Bain/Rice

### Scripture Reading & Prayer

### *Your Grace Still Amazes Me*

Worship Choir • Craig-Harrington/Allen

### Hymn 19 *To God Be the Glory*

Congregation

### Announcements & Offering

### *Free from Guilt and Free from Sin*

Philip Webb • Hall & Hall/Krogstad

## MESSAGE

### The Lord versus the Legion

Nathan Busenitz • Mark 5:1–20

### *Postlude in G*

Organ Postlude • Cappelen

## Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

### Prelude

### Songs of Praise

Philip Webb

### Baptism

### Announcements & Offering

## MESSAGE

### Giving and the Gospel

Tom Patton • Philippians 4:14–19

### Postlude

## INSTRUMENTAL PRAISE

### *Shepherd's Song / Brother James' Air* Medley

Like a shepherd caring for his sheep  
My God provides for my ev'ry need.  
Pastures green and quiet waters  
Are beside me as I walk His way.  
He leads in paths of righteousness  
As I'm walking with my Lord each day.

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.  
He leadeth me, He leadeth me,  
The quiet waters by.

Goodness and mercy all my days  
Will surely follow me;  
And in my Father's house alway  
My dwelling place shall be.  
And in my heart forevermore  
Thy dwelling place shall be.

Lyrics based on Psalm 23 by William Whittingham, Scottish Psalter (1650); words and music to "Shepherd's Song" by Lynn Hodges and John E. Coates (1985); "Brother James' Air" by J. L. Macbeth Bain (1915). "Shepherd's Song" © 1985 SpiritQuest Music (ASCAP) and Songs of Joy (SESAC). International Copyright Secured. All rights reserved. Used by permission. CCLI 323723.

## TODAY

### Membership Classes

If you're interested in becoming part of our church family, a new cycle of Membership Matters classes begins today. Our three membership classes are designed to introduce you to Grace Church, covering topics like "Distinguishing GCC from Other Churches" (101), "Why Membership Is Biblical" (102), and "How to Be an Effective Member at GCC" (103). For more information on the membership process, visit the Member Center any Sunday after either morning service.

Beginning today, 11 am, TMS Library (West)  
[gracechurch.org/membership](http://gracechurch.org/membership)

## FEATURED BOOK

### *MacArthur's Quick Reference Guide to the Bible*

by John MacArthur

A book-by-book overview of essential Bible information.

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



#### SCHOLAR'S DESK

##### Sundays in July Book Sale

- Recommended seminar books
- \$2, \$3, and \$5 section
- Complimentary book: *The Whole Christ* by Sinclair Ferguson, free with any purchase

## GRACE KIDS

### Sunday School

9 and 11 am

**Israel Rejects God's Plan**  
Numbers 13–14

Main Idea: Israel rejects God's plan.

Application: Trust that God's plan is best.

Featured Hymn: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (Hymn 104)

Review: What kind of report did the spies bring back?

Next Week: Numbers 16–17

### Adventure Club

6 pm

**Summer with the Savior:**  
**A Study of the Gospel of Luke**

Lesson 6: Lost & Found, Part 1

Memory Verse: Luke 15:7

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

# From Bondage to Freedom

## The Transforming Power of the Gospel

The world diagnoses life-dominating sins as “addictions”—diseases to be managed indefinitely. But Scripture teaches us to think of them instead as a matter of idolatry (Romans 1:25; 1 Corinthians 10:14) and as sins that enslave (John 8:34; Romans 6:16). At Hope Bible Study (HBS), we hold fast to the truth that real hope, lasting change, and spiritual freedom come not from behavior modification or self-help, but through the regenerating and transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

HBS is a discipleship ministry committed to walking with people who feel stuck and weary from cycles of sin—whether sexual immorality, drugs, alcohol, anger, anxiety, gambling, or other habitual patterns that entangle. Whether you are a believer seeking spiritual renewal or a non-believer curious about real freedom, the message is the same: God changes people. The gospel does more than forgive our sins; it also transforms us and makes us more like Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). That is why HBS

is structured as an intensive in both the gospel and sanctification.

Drawing from biblical truth, HBS helps individuals identify the false worship at the heart of their habits and leads them to the soul-satisfying power of the risen Christ. Every ensnaring behavior is rooted in a deeper spiritual issue—a ruling desire or idol that has replaced Christ. The issue isn't what's happening around us; it's what's ruling within us. The key isn't a better method; it's a transformed heart.

This is why HBS doesn't emphasize external control but internal renewal—salvation for the unbeliever, and the renewal of the mind for the believer (Romans 12:1–2). This is the process of putting off old patterns, being renewed in the spirit of the mind, and putting on new godly habits through the power of the Word (Ephesians 4:22–24).

Hope Bible Study is not a 12-step program; it's a community of biblical care where we expose sin's lies, exalt the Savior's grace, and help one another grow in holiness. Through weekly meetings, we hear clear teaching from Scripture on God's power to change lives. In smaller care groups, we share burdens, offer accountability, and walk in the light together. One-on-one biblical counseling is available to address specific patterns and apply God's Word directly to personal struggles. We also share in regular fellowship events—opportunities to live life unmasked in the company of fellow strugglers saved by grace.

This ministry is designed for two types of people: the unbeliever enslaved to sin who needs to be born again (John 3:3), and the believer who has grown weary in the fight against the flesh and needs to be renewed in hope and holiness (Galatians 6:1–2).

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In either case, the answer is the same: the gospel faithfully applied. The heart is not just wounded; it is wayward. And because sin is not a sickness to be managed but rebellion to be repented of, we find true freedom when we confess our sins and cling to Christ. As Paul reminded the Corinthian church after listing several enslaving sins: "And such were some of you; but you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ..." (1 Corinthians 6:11).

If you or someone you know is ready to confront this kind of life-dominating sin in a biblical manner, join us on Monday evenings at 7 pm in H221. Come as you are, bring your burdens, and come ready to be changed—not by your own power, but by the mighty grace of God working through His Word, His Spirit, and His people.

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For more information or to get connected, visit the Patio table today, email Trent Jackson at [hbs@gracechurch.org](mailto:hbs@gracechurch.org), or call/text 818-909-5770.



## Fernando & Julia Jaimes

Serving in Colombia since 2016

Pray for the purity of our church—its leadership, members, and regular attenders. Pray also that our faithfulness to the Lord and our dependence on Him would grow, and that the way we respond to various trials would be a testimony to those around us.

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

## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$10,291**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

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

### LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

## 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 as we pray about how to reach the Russian-speaking community in Los Angeles with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Next Sunday, August 10, 1 pm,  
CC230

| [gracechurch.org/russian-outreach](http://gracechurch.org/russian-outreach)

## Upcoming at Grace

- 8/5 Burton Michaelson Memorial
- 8/6 Wednesday Morning Zoom Prayer
- 8/17 Communion
- 8/21 Elders Meeting
- 8/23 **Pastor John MacArthur Memorial**
- 8/24 TMU Week of Welcome Sunday  
Right Hand of Fellowship

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

### HIGHLIGHTS

## Short-Term Ministries Highlight

### Team Monterrey, Mexico

Pray for our Monterrey, Mexico team, which is serving through August 9. Team Monterrey, Mexico is running a VBS and a marriage conference.

*Team Members: Anderson Aguilar, Axel Garcia, Carmen Liberato, Christian Cuvi, Daniel Ajalla, Fanny Gonzalez, Roberto Liberato Sr., Tammy Rodriguez, Tomas Gonzalez, Veronica Liberato*

| For more information or to support a team, visit [gracechurch.org/stm](http://gracechurch.org/stm).

## Grace Equip: Preaching and Poetry

This course will explore poetic meter and its use in Scripture, preaching, and sacred music. It aims to trace history from the early church fathers to modern poets like Martin Luther, Miles Coverdale, Richard Baxter, John Bunyan, Isaac Watts, and many others.

| Instructor: Philip Webb

Monday, August 4–Friday August 8, 1–5 pm

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

## Grace to You

Radio: *Heaven*

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: “Christ’s Ministry to His True Church”

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

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



## Today's Schedule

# Sundays in JULY

### 9 am

#### Creating a Tech-Wise Home

**Vahid Pourhabib, Christian Mena**

*T270*

#### Exiles for Christ

The Compelling History of the Modern Missions Movement

**Chris Burnett**

*T360*

#### Truth that Transforms

The Biblical Prescription for Genuine Change

**George Crawford**

*T370*

#### America's First Megachurch and the Rise of Militant Fundamentalism

The Controversial Legacy of J. Frank Norris

**Phil Johnson**

*Family Center*

#### Dios y el gobierno

El muro doctrinal que rige nuestro pensar *Spanish*

**José Soria**

*T260*

### 11 am

#### For Life and Godliness

The Sufficiency of Scripture as the Basis for Effective Counseling

**John Street**

*T360*

#### Prayer and Providence

If God Is Sovereign, Why Should We Pray?

**Carl Hargrove**

*T370*

#### How the Story Ends

An Overview of Eschatology from the Book of Revelation

**Kevin Zuber**

*Family Center*

#### Thomas Brooks

Remedios preciosos contra las artimañas de Satanás *Spanish*

**Esteban Gaviria**

*T260*



For past weeks' recordings,  
visit [gracechurch.org/sij](https://gracechurch.org/sij).

# Sunday Ministries

During our Sundays in July seminars, our Sunday morning Fellowship Groups go on hiatus for a time of fellowship and equipping with our church family as a whole.

## 9 am

**Anchored** *not meeting*  
Pastor: Carl Hargrove

**Cornerstone** *not meeting*  
Pastors: Nathan Busenitz, Mark Tatlock

**GraceLife** *not meeting*  
Pastors: Phil Johnson, Mike Riccardi

**Steadfast** *not meeting*  
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** *not meeting* Pastors: Rodney Andersen, Brad Klassen

**Crossroads** (College & Young Adults)  
*not meeting*  
Pastor: Austin Duncan

**Joint Heirs** *not meeting* Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street

**Sojourners** *not meeting*  
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** *not meeting*  
Pastor: Josiah Grauman

**Spanish Worship Services Chapel**  
Pastors: Josiah Grauman, Rubén Pidal, Tom Rios

# Campus Map

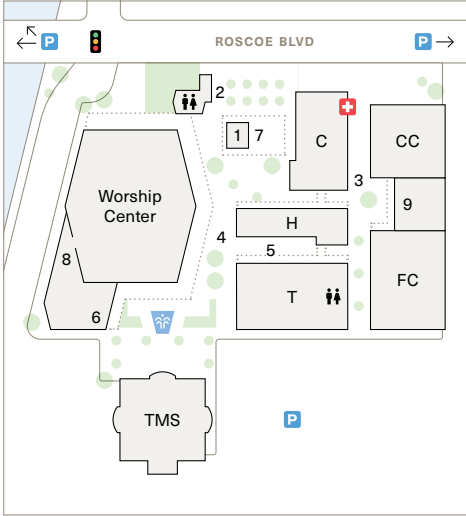
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Proverbs3:5-6

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**  
gty.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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