

Grace *Today*

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Minister of Music

Featured

Men of the Word



Today at Grace

9 and 11 am

Worship Services
Fellowship Groups
Grace Kids
Spanish Ministries
Membership Class
(11 am only)

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
- Men of the Word

1 pm

Neighborhood Outreach
(Tower Basement)
Russian Outreach (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 live-streams for the 11 am and 6 pm services are available at gracechurch.org/live.

Morning Worship Service — 9 and 11 am

Two Antiphons

Stephen Sturz, Organist • Dupré

Call to Worship

Hymn 96 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Hymn 170 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Congregation

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Strings & Woodwinds Ensemble, Piano • Trad./Palmer-Oliver-Rice

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord

Worship Choir • Mendelssohn/Bock-Rice

Hymn 25 *The Perfect Wisdom of Our God*

Congregation

Announcements & Offering

I Bless Your Name

Emily Curtis, Caitlin Wade • Goodine/Rice

MESSAGE

A Tale of Two Daughters

Nathan Busenitz • Mark 5:21–43

Lift Up Your Heads

Organ Postlude • Bingham

Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

Prelude

Songs of Praise

Jonathan Nah

Baptism

Announcements & Offering

MESSAGE

The Things That Matter Most

Brad Klassen • Philippians 4:20–23

Postlude

INSTRUMENTAL PRAISE

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all the day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my star, my sun;
And in that Light of life I'll walk,
'Til traveling days are done.

Lyrics by Horatius Bonar (1846).

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

Essential Christian Doctrine

by John MacArthur

Doctrine not only equips you with more knowledge about God, it also shapes your affections toward Him and directs your actions for Him—but it can be difficult to know where to begin. This concise handbook, developed from Pastor John's larger work *Biblical Doctrine*, is an entry point for studying theology.

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



GRACE KIDS

Sunday School

9 and 11 am

Israel Rejects God's Prophet and Priest

Numbers 16–17

Main Idea: We should obey and respect the leadership that God has established.

Application: Value the leadership God has put in your life.

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

Review: Why did the people complain?

Next Week: Numbers 20:2–13; 21:4–9

Adventure Club

6 pm

Summer with the Savior:

A Study of the Gospel of Luke

Lesson 7: Lost & Found, Part 2

Memory Verse: Luke 15:32

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

THAT YOU MAY KNOW

A STUDY OF FIRST JOHN

"Am I truly saved? Is assurance of salvation ever possible? How can I have confidence that I am going to heaven?" Most likely, someone has asked you how to answer these questions. Undoubtedly, you have asked them yourself.

Some believe that answering such questions is impossible. They contend that assurance of salvation is nothing short of spiritual arrogance. In fact, if you were granted assurance, you would inevitably abuse it as a license for licentious living. Instead—they argue—God keeps you in the dark to motivate you to keep trusting and obeying.

Others believe that the questions should not even be asked. They contend that if you are a part of the right tradition, or if you have been baptized, or if you recited the prayer at the end of a gospel tract, then your destiny is automatically sealed. To even ask these questions is tantamount to blasphemy. You are free to live, even in sin, so that you can prove how grace abounds still more.

Both responses illustrate the extremes of man-made religion. The one embraces the lack of assurance as a manipulative tool. The other offers unqualified and unquestioned assurance as a convenient cover for sin.

To avoid these attractive yet destructive extremes, we must direct these questions to God Himself. They are some of the most important questions we will ever ask. And mercifully, He has not left us without a response.

The letter of 1 John was written primarily to answer questions like these. In fact, the Spirit-superintended writer of the letter—the apostle John—expresses his whole purpose for writing it with these words: “These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life” (1 John 5:13). God wants us to ask these questions, and He wants us to know the answers.

Beginning September 3, Men of the Word will embark on an important, year-long study of this letter and the light it sheds on the doctrine of assurance. For some, this study will provide the confidence they have been longing for. It will apply the balm for the soul that John so wishes for his readers. For others, this study will tear away false assurance. It will warn about the sinking sand of self-confidence and explain the way of escape. For everyone, this study will focus on the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ—a gospel that is intended to rescue sinners from sin, fear, and damnation and impart transformation, joy, and assurance. ●

Men of the Word

Wednesdays, 7–9 pm
Beginning September 3
Worship Center

Men of all ages are invited; no registration is necessary. To welcome back regular and new attendees to Men of the Word, we invite you to come early on the first Wednesday of the season, September 3, at 6 pm, to enjoy fellowship and refreshments on the patio. The regular meeting will then begin in the Worship Center at 7pm.

What Men of the Word Provides on a Wednesday Evening:

- **Biblical Instruction** – fifty minutes of in-depth study of God's Word each Wednesday.
- **Personal Discipleship** – the opportunity to discuss the practical implications of each study in a small-group setting.
- **Genuine Fellowship** – being part of a brotherhood joined together in pursuit of God's glory.
- **Spiritual Accountability** – a place to ask—and be asked—the most important questions in life.

To learn more about Men of the Word, including our schedule and special events for the upcoming year, visit gracechurch.org/motw or visit us at the Patio table today or over the coming Sundays.



The McCracken Family

*Tony & Santie, James, Ammie,
and David*

Serving in South Africa since 2003

Praise the Lord for the young men
He has raised up in our congrega-
tion. Pray for their continuing growth
in godliness and ministry skills.

| gracechurch.org/mccracken

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave
\$6,911. Thank you for your ongoing
support of our missionaries.

| gracechurch.org/fp

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, August 17, 1 pm, T370
gracechurch.org/armenian-outreach

Upcoming at Grace

- 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

HIGHLIGHTS

Service Opportunity: Safety Team

Volunteers are needed to patrol the parking
lots during several time slots: Sunday morning
services, Sunday evening services, and on
Wednesday nights. To apply, contact Ted
Matthews at tmatthews@gracechurch.org.

Grace to You

Radio: *Walk Worthy*

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

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

Sundays
in
JULY

Audio Now Available

All audio from this year's Sundays in
July sessions is now available on Apple
Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts,
and on our website. Our prayer is that
you will be equipped and encouraged
by these seminar sessions.

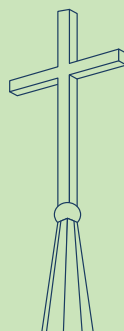
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Becoming a Member

For information on membership at Grace Church, visit our Member Center after either morning service, or visit gracechurch.org/membership.



Grace Equip Courses

Spanish Counseling Level 3

Mondays, August 18–November 17,
6:30–8:30 pm
Instructor: Manuel Herrera

Discipleship Counseling Level 1

Tuesdays, August 19–November 4,
6:30–8:30 pm
Instructors: Carl Hargrove, John Street, and
Grace Church Elders

Register: gracechurch.org/equip

Attend a Fellowship Group

Adult Fellowship Groups exist to glorify God by studying His Word, practically applying that truth to daily life, and providing God's people with opportunities for worship, ministry, and building relationships with each other.

Times and locations of Fellowship Groups are listed on the back page of *Grace Today*.

Job Opening

PT: Part-time; FT: Full-time

Grace Church

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.

• Nursery Supervisor, PT

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

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

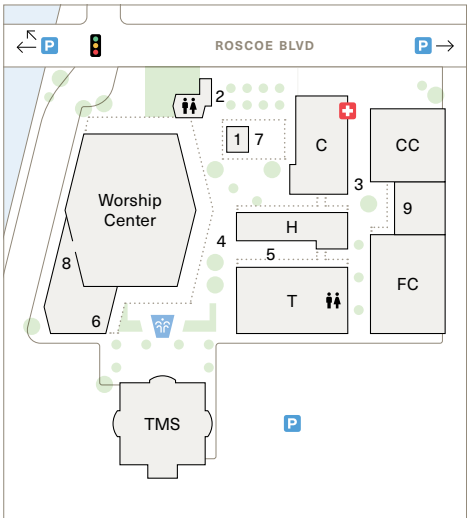
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Sun Valley, CA 91352
818-909-5500
gracechurch.org

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**
gti.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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