

# Grace *Today*

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# 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

- Christmas in September
- Day of Prayer
- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Hebrew Bible Distribution
- Local Outreach
- Safety Team
- Women's Fall Event

## 1 pm

Korean Outreach (H222-224)  
Neighborhood Outreach  
(Tower Basement)

## 4:45 pm

Junior Choir (T360)  
Middle School Choir (T260)  
High School Choir (T270)

## 5 pm

Prayer Meeting (H114)  
Primary Choir (Chapel)

## 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).

We preach Christ,  
continuing the legacy of  
Pastor John MacArthur  
(served 1969-2025).

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## Morning Worship Service — 9 and 11 am

Bill Brandenstein, Minister of Music

### *Dorian Toccata*

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude • Bach

### Call to Worship

Hymn 355 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Hymn 381 *The Solid Rock*

Congregation

### *Come, All Christians, Be Committed*

Brass & Percussion Ensemble, Organ • Trad./Rice

### Scripture Reading & Prayer

### *Upon This Rock*

Worship Choir • Beck

Hymn 352 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

Congregation

### Announcements & Offering

### *A Charge to Keep I Have*

Men's Quartet • Mason/Rice

### MESSAGE

### Christ Is Building His Church

Joel Beeke • Matthew 16:18

### *Recessional*

Organ Postlude • Cundick

## Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

### Prelude

### Songs of Praise

Michael Bohr

### Baptism

### Announcements & Offering

### MESSAGE

### The Merciful King

Brian Biedebach • Matthew 18:23-35

### Postlude

## INSTRUMENTAL PRAISE

### *Come, All Christians, Be Committed*

Come, all Christians, be committed  
To the service of the Lord.  
Make your lives for Him more fitted,  
Tune your hearts with one accord.  
Come into His courts with gladness,  
Each his sacred vows renew,  
Turn away from sin and sadness,  
Be transformed with life anew.

Of your time and talents give ye,  
They are gifts from God above,  
To be used by Christians freely  
To proclaim His wondrous love.  
Come again to serve the Savior,  
Tithes and off'rings with you bring.  
In your work with Him find favor,  
And with joy His praises sing.

Come in praise and adoration,  
All who on Christ's name believe.  
Worship Him with consecration,  
Grace and love will you receive.  
For His grace give Him the glory,  
For the Spirit and the Word,  
And repeat the gospel story  
'Til all men His name have heard.

Words by Eva B. Lloyd (1966); music from *The Sacred Harp* (1844).  
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## 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

### *Meet the Puritans*

Revised & Expanded Edition

by Joel Beeke

The greatest introduction to the greatest era in church history. This collection of biographies and book summaries of the Puritans has been expanded and comprehensively revised.

"A priceless treasure. An encyclopedic wealth... distilled here in a simple, readable, understandable, and wonderfully useful compendium."

—John MacArthur

"It will persuade you that giants for Christ did once exist. Here are their stories." —Sinclair Ferguson

"This is an indispensable tool."  
—Paul Washer

Available today for  
**40% off** retail at  
Grace Books and the  
Scholar's Desk.



## GRACE KIDS

### Sunday School

9 and 11 am

**God Reveals His Might at the Jordan**

Joshua 3:1–5:1

**Main Idea:** Believers are to remember God's might and obey Him out of godly fear.

**Application:** Remember the Lord's mighty acts.

**Featured Hymn:** *O Worship the King* (Hymn 135)

**Review:** Why did God have Joshua set up stones from the Jordan River?

**Next Week:** Review Sunday

### Adventure Club

6 pm

**Lesson 5:** Marriage and Family  
**Memory Verse:** Genesis 2:24

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

# The Joy and Privilege of Serving our Church



**G**race Community Church is not a place we merely attend; it is a body to which we belong. Scripture reminds us that “God has so composed the body...that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another” (1 Corinthians 12:24–25). Every believer has been gifted by God to serve, and when we neglect that calling, the body is weakened. Pastor John often said that the church flourishes not when it entertains spectators, but when it equips saints for the work of ministry.

The believer’s service in the church, therefore, is not optional—it is the

natural outflow of genuine salvation. Paul exhorts us, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10). To be redeemed by Christ is to be set apart for His purposes. Serving in the church is one of the clearest demonstrations that our faith is real, alive, and working through love (Galatians 5:6).

To this end, our service strengthens assurance. When we labor in love for the sake of the gospel, we see evidence of God’s transforming power within us. As Pastor John often emphasized, good works are certainly not the root of salvation, but they are always the fruit. A believer who resists service resists the very purpose for which he was redeemed. On the other hand, those who serve willingly find joy, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

Christ Himself declared that “the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). If our







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1 Peter 4:10



Lord humbled Himself to wash the feet of His disciples (John 13:14–15), then we should joyfully embrace any tasks for the good of His body. Christ's example demonstrates that true greatness in the kingdom is measured not by how many serve us, but by how faithfully we serve others.

The New Testament church thrived because believers devoted themselves to this kind of service toward one another. They prayed, gave, taught, and cared sacrificially (Acts 2:42–47). That same model remains our standard today. A healthy church is not sustained by a few leaders carrying the entire load, but by every member functioning according to God's design. “As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God” (1 Peter 4:10).

When the body of Christ serves one another like this, we magnify Christ to a watching world. Jesus said, “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one

another” (John 13:35). The church's testimony is weakened when believers sit idle, but it shines brightly when each member gladly gives of their time, talent, and treasure.

Service in the church is not a burden but a privilege. It is the pathway of Christian obedience, the evidence of grace, and the reflection of Christ's own heart. May we, then, heed the words of Romans 12:11: “not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.” ●

God has uniquely gifted each of us to serve, and there are ample opportunities here at Grace for you to make a difference. Whether it's greeting guests, helping with kids, caring for our campus, or supporting behind the scenes, your time and talents matter. Consider how you might steward your gifts by signing up to serve at [gracechurch.org/serve](https://gracechurch.org/serve) or by contacting the Membership Department at 818-909-5644 or [membership@gracechurch.org](mailto:membership@gracechurch.org).





## The Gonzalez Family

*David & Laura, Noa, Cloe, and Aria*

### Serving in Spain since 2018

Pray for the Lord to call men into the ministry and that He would equip them to meet biblical requirements and be faithful instruments in leading His church. Pray also that the Lord would grant us a larger space to gather and proclaim the Word.

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

## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$8,408**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

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

### LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

## God's Word in Hebrew

Are you praying for the salvation of an unbelieving Jewish friend? Jerry & Nancy Sands, representatives with the Society for Distributing Hebrew Scriptures, will be offering a limited supply of free, bilingual, Hebrew/English Old & New Testament Bibles, today before and after both morning services. There is no greater gift that you could give to an unbelieving Jewish friend in your life.

| Today, before and after both morning services, GraceWalk

## Upcoming at Grace

- 10/12 Grace en Español 50th Anniversary
  - 10/16 Elders Meeting
  - 10/18 Day of Prayer
  - 10/19 Communion
  - 10/25 Family Fair
  - 10/26 Grace for the Children  
Right Hand of Fellowship
- [gracechurch.org/calendar](https://gracechurch.org/calendar)

### HIGHLIGHTS

## Grace en Español 50th Anniversary

To celebrate God's faithfulness in giving Grace en Español 50 years of ministry, we will be having a special Plaza Fellowship on Sunday, October 12, immediately following the evening service. All are invited as we thank the Lord for these decades of ministry to the Spanish-speaking members of our church and community.

## Day of Prayer

Join us at any point during the day for a day dedicated to prayer on Saturday, October 18. Elders will open each hour with Scripture reading and prayer, and will invite you to pray for the specific needs of one another, our ministries, and the world. This will be a great opportunity for you to fellowship with elders and fellow believers, trusting together in the Lord through prayer.

To commit to pray at a specific time, or to submit your own prayer requests, visit the Patio table today or visit [gracechurch.org/dayofprayer](https://gracechurch.org/dayofprayer).

| Saturday, October 18, 6 am–6 pm,  
T70 (Tower Basement)

## Women's Ministries Fall Event

This year's fall event will focus on the theme, "Jesus Is Coming Back, Are You Ready?" We invite all women to join us as we look at God's big picture through His prophecies, purposes, and promises. For the first time at a women's event, we also invite children ages 5–15 to register to attend alongside their mothers.

| Saturday, November 8, 8:30 am–2:30 pm,  
Worship Center  
Register: [gracechurch.org/fallevent](https://gracechurch.org/fallevent)

## TMS Preview Day

The Master's Seminary would like to invite the men of Grace Community Church to attend TMS Preview Day, a unique opportunity to explore the heart of The Master's Seminary and its mission to train faithful expositors of God's Word. Experience classes and chapel, connect with faculty and students, and see how TMS can equip you for gospel ministry.

Tuesday, October 21.

Scan the code to sign up:



## Family Fair

Families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of games, bounce houses, food, fellowship, and more on Saturday, October 25 from 12 to 4 pm. Game tickets and lunch will be available for purchase.

### Volunteers Needed

If you are a member and would like to volunteer, sign up at [gracechurch.org/familyfair](http://gracechurch.org/familyfair). A volunteer meeting will take place next Sunday, October 12 at 1 pm in T370.

## Women's Fall Bake-Off

As part of our annual Family Fair, Women's Ministry is excited to host "The Great Fall Bake-Off." All women are invited to put their culinary skills to the test as you compete in a pie competition designed to showcase your creativity and expertise.

Sign up by Saturday, October 18:  
[gracechurch.org/familyfair](http://gracechurch.org/familyfair)

## Grace to You

Radio: *If God's Will Is So Important, Why Can't I Find It?* & "Principles of Christian Freedom"

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: "The Church Is One Body, Part 1"

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](http://gty.org)

## Christmas in September

Visit the Patio table today for information about how to send a digital card, or to handwrite a card for our missionaries. You can also give a financial gift on our website.

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



## Service Opportunities

### Safety Team

Volunteers are needed to provide security during our Sunday worship services, and in particular our Sunday evening service. Volunteers should be members of Grace Church who are active or retired law enforcement, firefighters, paramedics/EMTs, or prior military (retired in the last 10 years).

To apply, visit the Patio table this Sunday morning or contact Safety Team Director, Ted Matthews, at [tmatthews@gracechurch.org](mailto:tmatthews@gracechurch.org).

## Job Openings

*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](mailto:hr@gracechurch.org) or 818-909-5672.*

- Barista, PT
- Nursery Supervisor, PT

For a full description of job and benefits, visit [gracechurch.org/jobs](http://gracechurch.org/jobs).

### The Master's University

- Assistant Athletic Trainer, FT

For a full description of jobs and to apply, visit [masters.edu/jobs](http://masters.edu/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](http://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](http://gracechurch.org/ministries).



## 9 am

- Anchored T360**  
Pastor: Carl Hargrove
- Cornerstone T370**  
Pastors: Nathan Busenitz, Mark Tatlock, Mark Zhakevich
- 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**
- 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

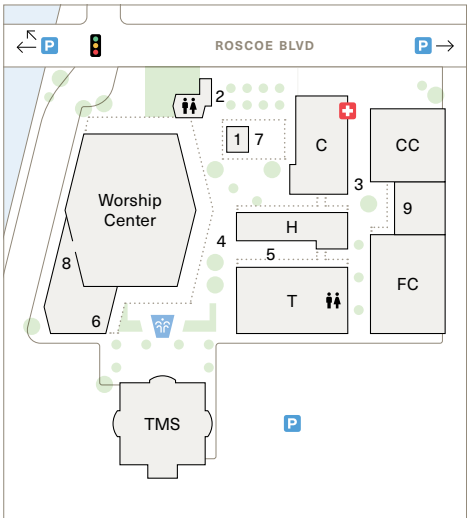
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818-909-5500  
[gracechurch.org](http://gracechurch.org)

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 (1)



**Pastor John MacArthur** was pastor-teacher of Grace Community Church for 56 years (1969–2025). His weekly verse-by-verse exposition of God's Word firmly rooted our church family in truth. Grace Church continues that legacy, seeking to glorify God by proclaiming the gospel.

## Family of Ministries

- Grace to You**  
[gtv.org](http://gtv.org)
- The Master's Seminary**  
[tms.edu](http://tms.edu)
- The Master's University**  
[masters.edu](http://masters.edu)
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- John MacArthur Trust**  
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