

grace FOR THE CHILDREN



GRACE TODAY
SPECIAL EDITION

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TODAY AT GRACE

8 am

Coffee and Donuts
(Chapel Plaza)

9 and 11 am

Worship Services
Fellowship Groups

After Morning Services

Welcome Center

Member Center

Grace Books

Scholar's Desk

Steeple House Coffee

Ministry Tables on the Patio

- Grace Kids
- Grace Education
- Women's Fall Event
- Alzheimer's-Dementia Ministry

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
livestreams for the 11 am and
6 pm services are available
at 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

His Mercy Is More

Church Notes, Instrumental Prelude • Boswell-Papa

Doxology

Rejoice

Congregation

His Mercy Is More

Primary Choir, dir. Angie Torres & Lisa Martin • Boswell-Papa/Wall-Adams

Scripture Reading & Prayer

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Worship Choir • Rutter

Hymn 26 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Hymn 302 *Nothing but the Blood*

Congregation

Announcements & Offering

The Fear of the Lord

Youth Choir, dir. Susi Johnson & Middle School Choir, dir. Kellie Cunningham &
Junior Choir, dir. Danielle Bohr • Walker/Duren

MESSAGE

The Man Who Had Almost Everything

Jay Lennington • Luke 18:18–30

God's Good Garden

Congregation

Postlude in G Major

Stephen Sturz, Organ Postlude • Handel

Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

Prelude

Songs of Praise

Chris Burnett

Parent Dedication

Announcements & Offering

MESSAGE

Parental Guidance Suggested:

Solomon's Powerful Proverbs for Parenting

Tom Patton • Proverbs 3:1–10

Right Hand of Fellowship

Postlude

Welcome to Grace for the Children Sunday!

For both 9 and 11 am services,
overflow is available in the
Family Center.

This Sunday's worship services reflect the heart of our church in ministering to our children.

This special edition of *Grace Today* highlights some of the ministries designed to strengthen and support our families. Be sure to also pick up an Activity Book for your child from a Grace Kids volunteer.

ANTHEM

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.
Each little flow'r that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

The purple headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky;
The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them ev'ry one.

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

Words by C.F. Alexander, music by John Rutter.

SONGS OF PRAISE

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

His cleansing blood was shed for me,
For Christ alone hath set me free.
And now I'll walk in step with Thee;
Your Word and Spirit guideth me.

Great is the Lord! We praise Your name.
Beautiful God in heav'n enthroned;
Your wings a refuge they shall be.
Praise Him! O blessed Trinity.

Traditional; additional lyrics by Josh Villatoro.

REJOICE

Rejoice in the Lord, now and always;
Sing it again, we rejoice.
Delight in the love He has shown us,
Gratefully lift up your voice.
His gentleness among us
Will join our hearts with praise.
We gather in His goodness,
A family of grace.

*With each breath He's given, praise the Lord!
In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord.
Throughout ev'ry season, I am sure
We have ev'ry reason to praise the Lord.*

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing,
Praying for all that you need.
Come with a song of thanksgiving;
Lay your requests at His feet.
His peace will fall upon us
To guard our hearts and minds
In Christ, who reigns eternal,
The Shepherd of our lives.

Rejoice in the Lord, now and always;
Tell of the good He has done.
Worship the Lord to remember
All of the joy yet to come.
The hope that burns within us
The dark cannot destroy.
With praise that's never ending,
We say again, "Rejoice!"

Words and music by Ben Shive, Bryan Fowler, Keith & Kristyn Getty, Skye Peterson.
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Be Essential Songs; bryanfowersongs. CCLI Song #32723.

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Words and music by Robert Lowry.

GOD'S GOOD GARDEN

*We're singing: Oh, no more tears to be found!
We're singing: Oh, no more sin!
We're singing: Oh, to be with our Lord,
In God's Good Garden.*

Creator of the universe,
From the tallest trees to smallest birds,
Everything You made was to give You praise,
Not a bad thing to be found.

But they took and ate the forbidden fruit,
All of God's good gifts rotten to the root.
But our hope was found when the Lord,
He had said that the curse would be reversed.

Now we stood condemned, nowhere else to go;
Always wandering like sheep,
Till Messiah came like He said that He would.
Our resurrected King!

Words and music by Josh Villatoro.

Gospel Parenting: Holding Fast to Timeless Truths

“God’s truth abideth still.” These words belong to Martin Luther’s well-known hymn, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.” Luther’s hope in all the attacks from the world and the Roman Church was that God’s truth would continue to abide and triumph over all. This reminds us that God’s truth is timeless, and that whatever culture, time period, or crisis you may be in, God’s truth continues to abide and be sufficient for all your needs.

As parents, it is vital that we do not get so focused on current trends in parenting that we forget the timeless truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ that provides the only firm footing in every age. We desperately need to learn to hold fast to this truth and not be swayed by whatever goes on around us. What does it look like to parent in a way that is shaped by the gospel? In sum, the gospel provides the foundation, strength, and goal of biblical parenting.

It provides the foundation because biblical parenting is impossible if you have not first been transformed by the gospel. When God saves you, He makes you into a new creation and gives you the Holy Spirit who is constantly helping you to follow Christ. How can you raise your children to be followers of Christ if you are not one first? Is your walk with the Lord what shapes your life? If it is, you will want nothing more than to parent in a way that pleases Christ. The gospel must be the foundation of your life.

The gospel also provides the strength for biblical parenting. This is encouraging because parenting is a task beyond our strength. Parenting never stops and it can be exhausting—spiritually and physically. It can be all the more exhausting and discouraging if we get so caught up in trying to do parenting right that we forget what God intends our weakness to teach us. Remember what Christ said to Paul when he asked for his thorn in the flesh to be taken away: “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor 12:9). When Christ saves us, He does not leave us to ourselves for our sanctification. Rather, because of our union with Him, He is the vine, and we are the branches (John 15:1–17). Apart from Him, we can do nothing (John 15:5). If we abide in Him, we will grow in bearing fruit for Him. As we look to Jesus, the “author and perfec-



tor of our faith," we are strengthened to run the race of the Christian life. Our parenting cannot be an exception to this principle. It must be strengthened by Christ and our relationship with Him.

Finally, the gospel provides the goal of parenting. Why are we here on this earth? The Great Commission (Matt 28:18–20) makes it clear: we are here to make disciples of Christ. For parents, our most important mission field is our children. We cannot save our children. Only Jesus can. But the Holy Spirit is pleased to use faithful parenting as the environment where countless children are saved. If "faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ" (Rom 10:17), should we not ensure that our homes are filled with the word of Christ? Should we not only strive to have the word of Christ heard but also lived in the home? Our children should

know that there is nothing more important than their soul's relationship to Christ. J. C. Ryle says in *The Duties of Parents*, "To pet and pamper and indulge your child, as if this world was all he had to look to, and this life the only season for happiness—to do this is not true love but cruelty. . . . It is hiding from him that grand truth, which he ought to be made to learn from his very infancy, that the chief end of his life is the salvation of his soul." Parenting is not about behavioral modification. It is about reaching their heart and soul through holding the gospel high in your home.

In a life and culture filled with change, it can be tempting to think that parenting must change. But the truth is that, while the context in which we raise children has changed much in the last 100 years, the biblical principles of parenting have not changed. It is essential to our parenting that we hold fast to the timeless truths of Scripture which are rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Join us for the second annual Parenting Conference, a one-day event focused on the theme "Gospel Parenting: Holding Fast to Timeless Truths." Registration begins mid-January.



**Parenting
Conference**

Gospel Parenting: Holding Fast to Timeless Truths

Saturday, April 25, 2026

8 am–5 pm

Family Center

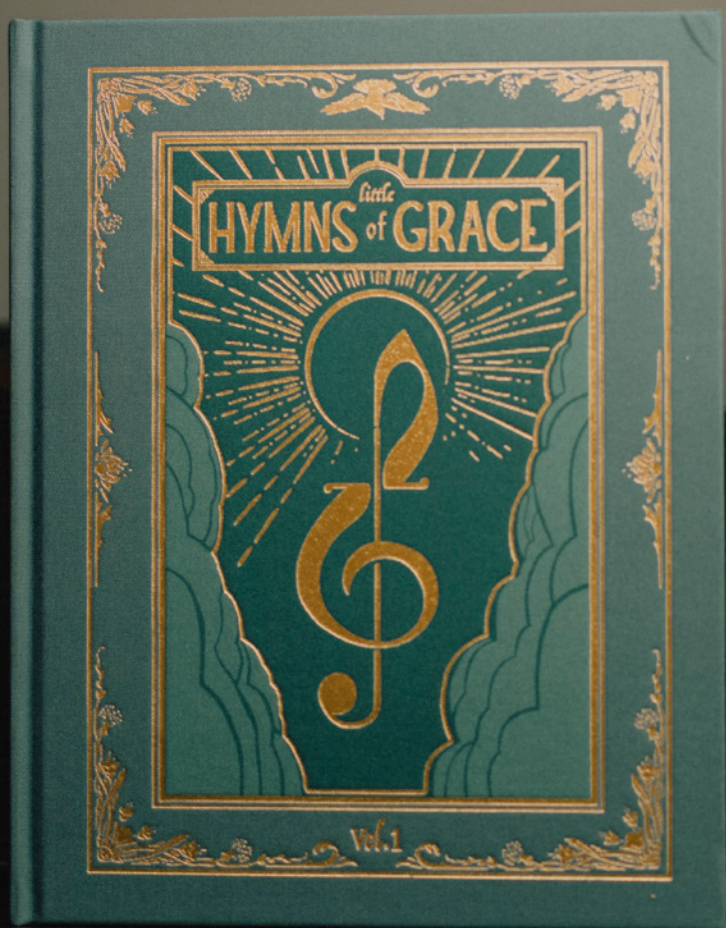
gracechurch.org/children



BOOK HIGHLIGHT

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

Little Hymns of Grace is a new children's songbook that contains 24 hymns, old and new, each with chords, a melody line, a short story, a Scripture verse, and a beautiful illustration.



EQUIPPING PARENTS

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

gracechurch.org/women

Women's Ministries at Grace Church seeks to encourage women to worship our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ through the study and application of Scripture and the deepening of relationships with other women for fellowship and accountability. Several women's Bible studies are offered to this end.

These groups are an opportunity to get to know women in different seasons and circumstances of life and to be encouraged and sharpened in your love for the Lord and His people. Whether you are single, a mom with children at home, a widow, or anywhere in between, you will see that whatever your situation—in any and every season of life—there is a spiritual home and sweet fellowship for you here at our church.

MEN OF THE WORD

Wednesdays, 7 pm, Worship Center
gracechurch.org/motw

Men of the Word exists to glorify God by equipping and encouraging men to fulfill their God-ordained roles as leaders in the home, the church, and the world. This is accomplished by providing biblical instruction, personal discipleship, genuine fellowship, and spiritual accountability, centered around weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Worship Center at Grace Church.

This year, Men of the Word is studying 1 John and its contribution to our understanding of the doctrine of assurance. In addition, Men of the Word is also offering a mini-series throughout the year on the topic of marriage. Men of all ages are invited to join us; no registration is necessary.

DISCIPLING STUDENTS

XCHANGE MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

gracechurch.org/xchange

Xchange is our Middle School Ministry, designed for students in sixth through eighth grade and packed with purposeful fun and discipleship. Our ministry desires to point students to the glory of the gospel of Jesus Christ in the hope that they would be saved by faith in Christ and begin to embrace the benefits of committing to the local church. We meet on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights.

180 HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

gracechurch.org/180

At 180, the High School Ministry of Grace Church, we teach students that life is about Christ (Colossians 1:28–29). Our desire is to see students come to true saving faith in Jesus Christ and grow in love, obedience, delight, evangelistic zeal, and service for His glory. We seek to accomplish this through the regular preaching of God's Word and small group discipleship, which takes place weekly through our Sunday morning service and Wednesday evening Bible studies.

Through intentional investment, we strive to walk with young people as they mature into adulthood and see this season in a teenager's life as vital toward forming spiritual convictions through understanding, applying, and cherishing God's Word.



TEACHING CHILDREN

THE MASTER'S KIDS

gracechurch.org/tmk

The Master's Kids is a pre-kindergarten ministry that allows mom and child to spend dedicated time together before the formal education process begins. Children learn pre-kindergarten level material and spiritual truths through lesson times, crafts, field trips, and much more.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday Morning

gracechurch.org/sundayschool

Sunday School provides age-appropriate Bible lessons and learning activities that are both fun and spiritually rich for children aged three through second grade. The children learn about the character of God, the work of Christ, and the means of living in right relationship to Him.

Our ultimate goal is to come alongside parents in fulfilling the command “to tell the generation to come the praises of the Lord and His strength and His wondrous works that He has done” (Psalm 78:4).

ADVENTURE CLUB

Sunday Evening

gracechurch.org/adventureclub

Adventure Club is a high-energy program for children age three through sixth grade. This program is a fun, Bible-centered experience for kids while their parents worship during the evening service.

Adventure Club consists of corporate teaching time, games, small groups, and music. All of this is for the ultimate purpose of evangelizing our children, encouraging our parents, and edifying our volunteers.

GRACE EDUCATION

graceeducation.org

Grace Education serves as a banner of care and leadership over an exciting K–12 Christian education portfolio. Grace Education works to support and advance these educational programs as part of Grace Church’s ongoing commitment to faithful teaching, biblical leadership, and the provision of ongoing spiritual refuge and truth for families. Grace Education supports:

Grace Academy: Hybrid classroom and home-based learning, K–8 graceacademy.org

Faith Christian PSP: Flexible, primarily home-based option, K–12 faithpsp.org

Legacy Christian Academy: Private Christian school, K–12 legacy-christian.com

GET INVOLVED

To get more information about any of these ministries, visit their respective websites.

To get more information about any of our Grace Kids programs, whether for your child or to volunteer, visit the Patio Table today.

SAFETY FOR OUR CHILDREN

Grace Kids is well known for its emphasis on teaching children the truth of God's Word. However, we also highly prioritize the safety of the children in our ministries, both on Sunday and throughout the week.

Our policies and standards include:

- Secure check-in and check-out system for all children's programs
- Restrooms designated for children only
- Live Scan background checks for all Grace Kids volunteers and staff
- Mandatory volunteer training on child abuse awareness and policies
- Regular CPR training available
- Regular volunteer training on classroom and safety policies
- Training on identifying and reporting suspicious behavior
- Radios issued to Grace Kids staff for immediate communication
- Safety team on duty during ministry hours
- Camera monitoring in classrooms and outdoor areas
- Direct emergency dialing from each classroom to Safety team
- Nurse on duty during ministry hours

THANK YOU
for being a part
of what God is
doing in the next
generation of
our church.



Sunday Ministries

Please note that, in order for families to participate together in Sunday's worship services and to provide overflow, GraceLife, Crossroads, Grace Kids, and Xchange will not be meeting. Nursery will continue to be available for children three and under.



9 am

Anchored T360

Pastor: Carl Hargrove

Cornerstone T370

Pastors: Nathan Busenitz, Mark Tatlock, Mark Zhakevich

GraceLife

(not meeting)

Pastors: Phil Johnson, Mike Riccardi

Steadfast T270

Pastors: Brian Biedebach, Brian Milam

Xchange (not meeting)

T70 (Tower Basement)
Pastor: Jay Lennington

11 am

180 (High School)

T70 (Tower Basement)

Pastor: Isafas Muñoz

Commissioned T270

Pastors:

Rodney Andersen, Brad Klassen

Crossroads

(College & Young Adults)
(not meeting)

Joint Heirs T360

Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street

Sojourners T370

Pastors: Abner Chou, Joe Zhakevich

9 and 11 am

Sunday School

(not meeting)

For room locations, visit Children's Check-in.

Pastor: Jay Lennington

Developmentally

Disabled CCI30E

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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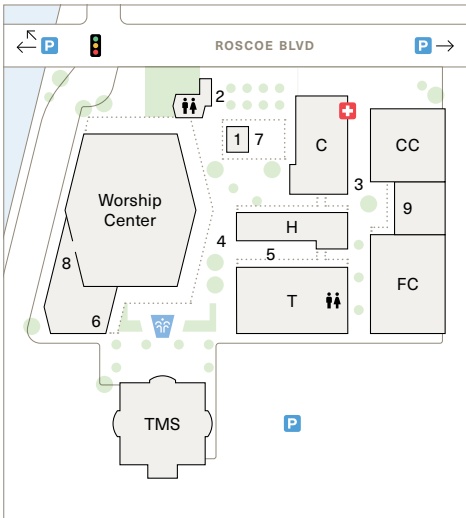


Public Wi-Fi:
Grace Church Wi-Fi
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Proverbs3:5-6

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
- 9 Well-Baby Cry Room

PM Location:
Welcome Center



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.

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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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