

Grace *Today*

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Celebrating 50 Years of
Special Ministries



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
- Local Outreach
- Titus 2

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.

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

Prelude in G Minor

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude • Dupré

Call to Worship

Hymn 6 *The God of Abraham Praise*

Hymn 24 *O My Soul, Bless God the Father*

Congregation

If Ye Love Me

Worship Choir • Tallis

Scripture Reading & Prayer

All Ye Saints Be Joyful

Worship Choir • Davis

Hymn 113 *Join All the Glorious Names*

Congregation

Announcements & Offering

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

Jaz Hoffman & Lisa Martin • Peace/Getty

MESSAGE

Bread from the Children's Table

Nathan Busenitz • Mark 7:24–30

Alleluia

Organ Postlude • Bach

Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

Prelude

Songs of Praise

Jonathan Nah

Baptisms

Announcements & Offering

MESSAGE

The Supremacy of Jesus Christ, Part 2

Mike Riccardi • Colossians 1:18–20

Postlude

ANTHEMS

If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another Comforter,
that He may abide with you forever,
E'en the Spirit of truth.

Text from John 14:15–16, choral setting by Thomas Tallis.

All Ye Saints Be Joyful

O praise ye the Lord, O praise His holy name.
O praise ye the Lord, O praise His holy name.
All ye saints be joyful, be joyful with singing,
Come and adore before His throne.
All ye saints be joyful, be joyful with singing,
Come and adore before His throne.
For He is a shield and stay, for He is the Lord always,
He is God forevermore.
For He is a shield and stay, for He is the Lord always,
He is God, now and evermore, now and evermore.
Sing a joyful song to the Lord our God forevermore.
Sing a joyful song to the Lord our God forevermore.

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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



Annual Bible Sale

All Bibles are discounted **30–50%** off retail, while supplies last.

Sale ends December 7th.

GRACE KIDS

Sunday School

9 and 11 am

God Is Rejected by Israel

Judges 1:1–3:6

Main Idea: Believers are to obey God and fear the devastating consequences of sin.

Application: Pray that God will reveal idols in your heart.

Featured Hymn: *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners* (Hymn 206)

Review: What was the cycle of Israel's disobedience and God's response?

Next Week: Judges 6:1–8:34

Adventure Club

6 pm

Lesson 9: Sin's Definition

Memory Verse: 1 John 3:4

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

50 Years of God's Faithfulness in Special Ministries



2025 marks the 50th anniversary of Special Ministries at Grace Community Church. It was back in 1975 that the Lord brought together a group of special men who had the desire to reach the disabled community. Dr. Sam Britten, who was a professor at Cal State University Northridge and an elder at Grace Church, was instrumental in starting this ministry. Sam, with the help of a few others, first desired to start sign language interpretation for the worship services. He also developed a training program to teach a beginning-level ASL class.

In 1977, Gene Newman asked Dr. Britten about the possibility of starting a class for the developmentally disabled here at Grace. In 1978, through the efforts of Sam Britten, Gene Newman, and Greg Barshaw, a training meeting was scheduled and amazingly, 70 people showed up. Later that year, Gene started a training course on how to serve those with disabilities, after which he and Wayne Foglesong started a Tuesday night outreach for the mentally disabled called GRACE Club (which stands for Grace Recreational Activity Center for the Exceptional). That first year, the ministry served eight students.

In 1979, Joni Eareckson arrived in Los Angeles for the filming of her movie, "Joni." She lived in the house next to our campus, where the Facilities building is now located. During that time, Joni would become a real blessing to Special Ministries, leading by example in her faith and encouraging the precious people in our ministry. In a special moment at our Thanksgiving service in 1979, Grace Church presented her with a new wheelchair van with the necessary modifications for her to be able to drive it.

In 1980, Steve Miller started a Bible study for the deaf in the home of Steven and Tari Kelley. Also in 1980, a second class for the developmentally disabled began. Later in 1980, Debbie Stone came to Grace Community Church to become the secretary of Special Ministries and coordinator for ministries to the physically disabled. Debbie, who had polio, blessed every life she touched in this ministry.

In 1981, Connie Jacobs and Diane Sabol helped start our transportation ministries. They served for many years with us before going home to be with the Lord.

In 1982, Sam Britten and Greg Barshaw asked Wayne Foglesong and Gene Newman to think about



starting a summer camp ministry. This opened great opportunities to take our disabled friends to many beautiful national and state parks in California.

The decade that spanned 1984 to 1994 represents the growing years of Special Ministries. Stan Carder was called to become the pastor. The Lord used Stan's energy and enthusiasm to create excitement, growth, and refinement in the ministry. From what we know, he was possibly the first pastor ever to be appointed over a ministry to those with disabilities.

In 1987, Karen Bolyard started the Grace on Wheels program. This would involve Saturday activities, outings, and parties for the physically disabled. For those who were able to come to church, worship assistants would sit with them, fellowship with them, and help them hold their Bibles and hymnals.



In 2002, Rick McLean was called to be the Pastor of Special Ministries, a role in which he has now served for 23 years. The ministry encompasses Sunday School classes for both children and adults, the continuation of GRACE Club as an outreach ministry, and many special events throughout the year for both individuals with disabilities and their parents.

Throughout all these years of Special Ministries at Grace Church, what has been ever constant and readily evident through this ministry is the faithfulness of God. This has been most plainly demonstrated by committed people who have served continuously, some who have served for over 30 years. It is exciting to see how God continues to bring a steady stream of faithful men and women year after year to minister to these dear friends.

We have also seen God's faithfulness in the lives of our disabled friends, many of whom have now been attending this church for many years. Many have come to embrace Grace Community Church as their family. Praise the Lord!



To learn more about Special Ministries, visit gracechurch.org/special.



The Ellingson Family

David & Ashley, Isabella, Lydia, Anna, and Clara

Serving in Madagascar since 2019

Pray for peace and that God would protect people's lives in the midst of such tumultuous times. Also pray that God would purify the leaders in Madagascar so they can rule justly and without corruption.

| gracechurch.org/ellingson

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$14,676**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

| gracechurch.org/fp

LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

Chinese Outreach

Chinese Outreach Fellowship seeks to provide fellowship for Chinese-speaking believers within our church. Join us for prayer, worship, Bible study, and fellowship at our final meeting of the year.

Saturday, November 15, 10 am, T260
Info: Oliver Lan, 805-807-6881
gracechurch.org/chinese-outreach

Upcoming at Grace

- 11/13 Elders Meeting
 - 11/23 Thanksgiving Communion Service, 6 pm
 - 12/18–21 Christmas Concerts
- gracechurch.org/calendar

HIGHLIGHTS

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 Ann Bradley teaches on "Faithfulness: Putting on the Armor of God" from Ephesians 6:10–20.

| Tomorrow, November 10, 6:45 pm, T270

Titus Two

All women are invited to join us as we focus on the topic, "Emulating Christ's Example of Godly Emotions."

Tuesday, November 11, 7 pm
For locations, email titus2@gracechurch.org.
gracechurch.org/t2t

Christmas Concert Tickets

Christmas Concert tickets will be available on the Patio on Sunday mornings, beginning next Sunday, November 16. The concert series will run from Thursday, December 18 through Sunday, December 21. The concert weekend is always a highlight for our church family and a great opportunity to invite unsaved friends and family to hear the gospel as we celebrate the birth of Christ through music.

| gracechurch.org/music

With the Lord

Carol Showalter is now in the presence of the Lord. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Precious in the sight of Yahweh is the death of His holy ones. —Psalm 116:15

Primary Christmas Party

Students grades 1–2 are invited to our Primary Christmas Party. Children should dress in game-appropriate attire and bring a sack lunch, along with canned goods for needy families. Drinks and desserts will be provided.

Saturday, December 6, 9:45 am–12 pm
Info: childrens@gracechurch.org or
818-909-5631

Juniors Winter Camp

Students grades 3–5 are invited to join us for winter camp this January, focused on the theme, “Bigger than You Think: A Look at God’s Greatness.” Registration opens today, November 9.

January 9–11, Forest Home \$295
(\$340 after November 23)
Register: gracechurch.org/gracekids/juniors

Xchange Winter Camp

Students grades 6–8 are invited to join us for winter camp this January. Registration opens today, November 9.

January 9–11, Forest Home \$295
(\$340 after November 23)
Register: gracechurch.org/xchange

Grace to You

Radio: *John MacArthur’s Most Memorable Sermon*

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: “Hearers and Doers”

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

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 or 818-909-5672.

- **Nursery Supervisor, PT**

| gracechurch.org/jobs

The Master’s University

- **Assistant Athletic Trainer, FT**

| masters.edu/jobs

The Master’s Academy International

- **Donor Relations Manager, PT**

| tmai.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, 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

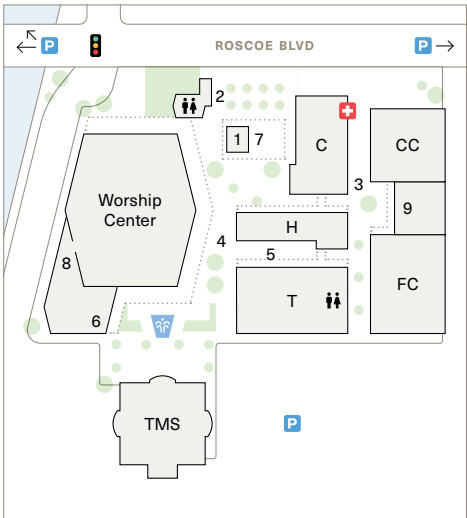
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gracechurch.org

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
- 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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