

Grace *Today*

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Today at Grace

9 and 11 am

Worship Services
Fellowship Groups
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
- Local Outreach
- Missionary Calendars

1 pm

Neighborhood Outreach
(Tower Basement)

5 pm

Prayer Meeting (H114)

6 pm

Evening Service

See back for building locations.

During the 11 am and 6 pm services, 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 Major

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn 135 *O Worship the King*

Hymn 328 *Praise Ye the Triune God*

Congregation

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Brass & Percussion Ensemble/Organ • Moore/Rice

Scripture Reading & Prayer

With a Voice of Singing

Men's Quartet • Traditional/Erb-Rice

Hymn 4 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Congregation

Announcements & Offering

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Men's Quartet • Traditional

MESSAGE

The Resolutions of the King

Tom Patton • Psalm 103

O Worship the King

Organ Postlude • Haydn/Sturz

Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

Prelude

Songs of Praise

Michael Bohr

Baptism

Announcements & Offering

MESSAGE

Declaration of Dependence

Rodney Andersen • James 4:13–17

Postlude

ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it
be heard, Alleluia!

Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth:
The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!
The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honor of His name,
Make His praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing declare ye this,
and let it be heard, Alleluia!
Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Words adapted from Isaiah 48:20; Music by Martin Shaw. © 1923 by J.
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TODAY

Holiday Schedule

Please note that the church campus, including Grace Books and Steeple House, will be closed tomorrow through Saturday, January 3. For questions about a specific ministry, contact your ministry leader.

2026 Missionary Calendar

The new Missionary Calendar is available on the Patio this morning. One per family, please.

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

A Devotional for the New Year

Wonderful Things from Your Law

Edited by Abner Chou

Foreword by John MacArthur

"This devotional is an exceptional tool to help every believer delve deeper into God's Word. Each devotion is a theological and practical meditation on a word or phrase that enriches our understanding of the Scriptures."

—John MacArthur

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



GRACE KIDS

Sunday School

9 and 11 am

The Son of Man Is Presented

Luke 2:21–38

Main Idea: Jesus is the only Savior.

Application: Believe that Jesus is the only Savior.

Featured Hymn: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (Hymn 242)

Review: What people testified that Jesus is the Savior?

Next Week: Review Sunday

Adventure Club

6 pm

Adventure Club will not be meeting this week due to the holidays, but will resume next Sunday, January 4.

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

FEATURED

S H E P H E R D S C O N F E R E N C E 2 0 2 6



SERVANT OF THE WORD

THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF JOHN MACARTHUR

“Remember your leaders, who spoke the word
of God to you; and considering the result
of their conduct, imitate their faith. Jesus Christ
is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

HEBREWS 13:7-8

For 56 years, Pastor John dedicated himself to the study and proclamation of the Word of God. John's steadfast defense of both the Lordship of Christ and the sufficiency of Scripture defined his theological commitments and formed an approach to ministry that became an example to multiple generations of pastors around the world.

Shepherds Conference 2026 will celebrate the biblical convictions and pastoral priorities that characterized the life and ministry of our pastor, friend, and fellow worker in the gospel, John MacArthur. This conference will reflect on John's example and, ultimately, point to the Chief Shepherd, who is building His church through the ministry of faithful shepherds under His charge.

Since its inception in 1980, the mission of Shepherds Conference has been to "provide the opportunity for men in church leadership to be challenged in their commitment to biblical ministry and to find encouragement together as servants of our Chief Shepherd." This year's conference is an amazing opportunity to celebrate Pastor John's life and legacy with friends and ministry partners from all over the world, and at the same time to continue this mission of challenging and encouraging these men by exploring the convictions and commitments that marked Pastor John's ministry. As with every Shepherds Conference, these three days will be filled with biblical preaching, heartfelt worship, and meaningful fellowship.

We appreciate your prayers and your continued service in the truth. As we enter a new season of ministry here at Grace Church, let's continue to remain faithful to the Word of God in every respect and run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEERS

We invite you to prayerfully consider joining the Shepherds Conference volunteer team this year.

- Volunteer registration begins Sunday, January 4 and closes on Sunday, January 18. Registration will only be available during this time (no exceptions).
- First-time volunteers must register in person on January 4, 11, or 18 at the Patio table, which will be available after each of the morning services.
- Returning volunteers must register online between January 4 and January 18 at gracechurch.org/shepherdsconference.
- To volunteer, you must be a member of Grace Church. The entire membership process must be fully completed prior to serving at the conference.
- While the conference will be held from Wednesday, March 4 to Friday, March 6, volunteers are needed for the entire week, including setup and tear-down in the days before and after the conference. You are welcome to volunteer for as many days as you are available.
- A prayer meeting for all volunteers will be held on Sunday, January 25, in the Family Center from 1 to 2:30 pm. This meeting is mandatory for all volunteers.



The Luciano Family

*Allan & Sandi, Jakob, Trevor,
Noah, Samuel*

**Serving in the Philippines
since 2014**

Pray for the member training schools in TMAI, that they would successfully implement the plans and strategies discussed at the recent summit in the Philippines. Pray for our family as we are in a season of support raising—that the Lord would continue to supply our needs as He has these past eleven years.

| gracechurch.org/luciano

LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

Neighborhood Outreach

This ministry brings the good news of God's grace to our local community on Sunday afternoons. After a potluck meal, participants go out into the neighborhood to present the gospel, invite our neighbors to church, and learn about any needs our church may be able to meet. The ministry also does street evangelism at the North Hollywood Metro Station.

Sundays, 1 pm, T70 (Tower
Basement)
[gracechurch.org/
neighborhood-outreach](https://gracechurch.org/neighborhood-outreach)

Upcoming at Grace

- 12/24–1/3 Christmas Break (Campus closed)
- 1/15 Elders Meeting
- 1/16 Special Ministries 50th Anniversary
- 1/25 Shepherds Conference Volunteer Meeting

gracechurch.org/calendar

HIGHLIGHTS

Grace Equip Classes

Consejería Bíblica Nivel 1 (Spanish Discipleship Counseling)

Mondays, January 12–April 13, 6:30–8:30 pm
Instructor: Manuel Herrera

Discipleship Counseling 2

Tuesdays, January 13–March 10, 6:30–8:30 pm
Instructors: Carl Hargrove, John Street, and
Grace Church Elders

Foundations of General Apologetics

Tuesdays, January 13–February 17,
6:30–8:30 pm
Instructor: Massimo Mollica

| Register at gracechurch.org/equip

Walk through the Bible Seminar

All are invited to the Walk through the Bible seminar, hosted by Cornerstone and taught by Hal Hays. This seminar focuses on the people, events, key themes, and flow of the Old Testament and is designed to give you a foundational understanding of its story in just a few hours.

January 4, 1–5:30 pm, T370
General registration is closed.
Walk-up registration (without lunch)
is available for \$20.
Info: gracechurch.org/cornerstone

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.



Upcoming Winter Camps

Juniors

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.”

January 9–11, Forest Home
Cost: \$340
Register: gracechurch.org/juniors

Xchange

Students grades 6–8 are invited to join us for winter camp this January.

January 9–11, Forest Home
Cost: \$340
Register: gracechurch.org/xchange

Giving to Winter Camps

Bless a Juniors or middle school student by supporting their trip to camp this winter.

gracechurch.org/give

The Master’s University Winter 5K

All are invited to join the annual winter 5K at TMU on Saturday, January 17. This year’s race will include a Kids 1K, a competitive 5K race (the 5K Challenge), and a 5K Run/Walk. The course is scenic and flat with varying terrain, perfect for participants of all ages and abilities. All participants are invited to stay after for food and fun.

Register: gomustangs.com/5k

Shepherds Conference Scholarships

Help a pastor in financial need attend the Shepherds Conference with a gift of any amount.

gracechurch.org/scholarship

Joyful Givers

All contributions for calendar year 2025 must be received by the church no later than today’s offering or postmarked no later than December 31, 2025. Contributions received or postmarked after Wednesday, December 31, 2025, will be recorded in 2026. The church campus will be closed for the holidays from December 24, 2025 through January 2, 2026, excluding Sundays, when we are open for our worship services.

We invite you to opt in to receive your 2025 Giving Statement via email if you have not already done so. The elders, pastors, and church staff thank each of you for faithfully and sacrificially giving to the Lord.

gracechurch.org/opt-in



Grace to You

Radio: *A Practical Path to Spiritual Maturity*

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 Life-Giving Shepherd”

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

gtv.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**

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

The Master’s University

- **Assistant Athletic Trainer, FT**

For a full description of jobs and to apply, visit masters.edu/jobs.

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) not meeting 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

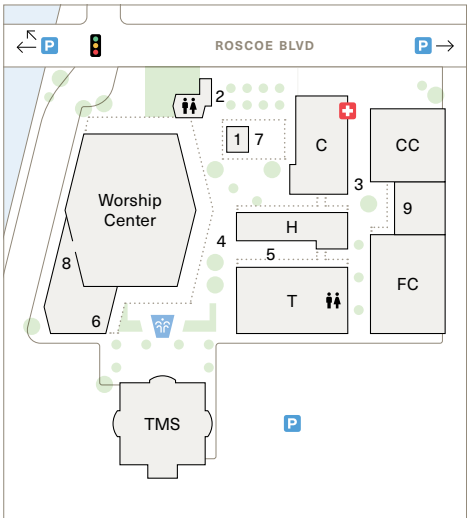
13248 Roscoe Blvd
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gracechurch.org

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**
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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