

Grace Today

April 19, 2026

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Volunteer for
Vacation Bible School



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

- Children's Hunger Fund
- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Hebrew Bible Distribution
- Local Outreach
- Short-Term Ministry Team
- VBS Volunteers

1 pm

Armenian Outreach (T370)
Korean Outreach (H222-224)
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

Scherzo from Symphony No. 2

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude • Vierne

Hymn 9 *Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

Hymn 166 *I Run to Christ*

Congregation

No, Not One

Strings & Woodwinds Ensemble, Piano • Hugg/Rice

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Worship Choir • Darwall/Pfohl-Krogstad

Hymn 404 *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*

Congregation

Announcements & Offering

The Faith by Which We Stand

Michael Bohr • Marino-Nelson/Keveren-Rice

MESSAGE

Stubborn Spirits and Feeble Faith

Nathan Busenitz • Mark 9:14–29

Postlude in Classic Style

Organ Postlude • Young

Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

Prelude

Hymn 403 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*

Hymn 80 *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Congregation

The Lord's Prayer • Kedrov

Holy Is He • Clydesdale

Sing Unto God • Handel

Be Thou My Vision • Knodler

The Master's Chorale, directed by Dr. Marius Bahnean

Announcements & Offering

I Sing Because I'm Happy

The Master's Chorale, Middle School Choir, & High School Choir • Gabriel/Paden-Dilworth

MESSAGE

Putting Sin to Death

Mike Riccardi • Colossians 3:5–11

Missionary Send-Off

Postlude

INSTRUMENTAL PRAISE

No, Not One

There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus —
No, not one! No, not one!
None else could heal all our soul's diseases —
No, not one! No, not one!
Jesus knows all about our struggles,
He will guide 'til the day is done;
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus —
No, not one! No, not one!

There's not an hour that He is not near us —
No, not one! No, not one!
No night so dark but His love can cheer us —
No, not one! No, not one!
Jesus knows all about our struggles,
He will guide 'til the day is done;
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus —
No, not one! No, not one!

Was e'er a gift like the Savior given?
No, not one! No, not one!
Will He refuse us a home in heaven?
No, not one! No, not one!
Jesus knows all about our struggles,
He will guide 'til the day is done;
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus —
No, not one! No, not one!

Words by Johnson Oatman, Jr. (1895). Music by George C. Hugg (1895).
Arranged by Mark Rice (1998).

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

The Redeemed Man

by Joel Beeke, Sinclair Ferguson,
Kevin DeYoung, and others.

This collection of pastor-theologians highlights what sets apart a redeemed man. Rooted in Scripture and shaped by decades of ministry experience, this book offers a clear, practical look at the core marks of godly manhood today.



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

GRACE KIDS

Sunday School

9 and 11 am

God Gives Solomon Wisdom

1 Kings 2:1–4; 3:1–15

Main Idea: We are unable to obey God without His help.

Application: Ask God for the wisdom to obey Him.

Featured Hymn: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (Hymn 2)

Review: What did Solomon ask for, and how did God give it to him?

Next Week: 1 Kings 8:1–9:9

Adventure Club

6 pm

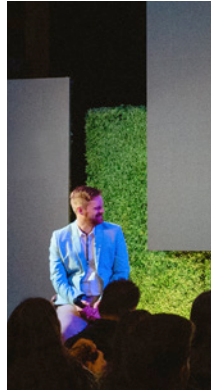
Lesson 23 & 24: Repentance & Faith

Memory Verse: Luke 5:32 &
Ephesians 2:8–10

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

FEATURED

MATH 3 MA SYMPOSIUM 2026



Math3ma is a twist on the Greek word mathema, which means “a lesson.” It is related to both mathematics and mathetes (learner, pupil), a Greek word used in the New Testament to refer to disciples or followers of Jesus. Math3ma thus represents the overlap of the two, reminding us of those who are committed to following the Lord Jesus Christ as they learn about and engage with His creation in the sciences and mathematics.

In the church, science is often viewed with suspicion or skepticism because of how it is twisted to establish a foundation for secular worldviews and used as a tool to prop up anti-God agendas. But when approached rightly through the lens of Scripture, science—and related fields such as mathematics, engineering, and technology—can be beautiful endeavors that greatly honor the Lord Jesus Christ, as they plumb the depths of what He has done in His created universe. Truly, the sciences can be a gift to the church that aids us in inclining our hearts to overflow with worship to our Creator.

The Lord has called a number of Christians to pursue careers in the sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics in a variety of roles—as graduate students, professors, research scientists, software engineers, and more. Working in these disciplines comes with unique opportunities to share the gospel with people who may otherwise remain unreached. At the same time, it is not uncommon for believers in these fields to feel particularly isolated in their work environments, especially if the Lord has placed them within secular institutions across academia, industry, and the government.



The Math3ma Symposium recognizes these unique challenges and seeks to strengthen and equip these believers to advance the gospel in their vocations through the encouragement of Scripture and fellowship with one another.



This event will include a series of talks and roundtable discussions to encourage meaningful interactions over a shared love for Christ and common interests in these fields. Speakers include Abner Chou, Matthew McLain (associate professor of biology and geology at TMU), Colin Eakin (orthopedic surgery specialist at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation), and Thomas Rosko (board-certified psychiatrist and former vice-chairman for psychiatry and medicine at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center).

We invite graduate students and professionals in the sciences, mathematics, engineering, and technology to join us for this time of refreshment as we pursue fidelity to Christ in our scientific vocations.



2026 Symposium

- Friday–Saturday, June 26–27
The Master's University
- Light breakfast, lunch, and dinner provided.
- For more information and to register, visit masters.edu/math3ma.
- Livestream will be available at masters.edu/live.



planting gospel seeds

An Invitation to Serve Our Children

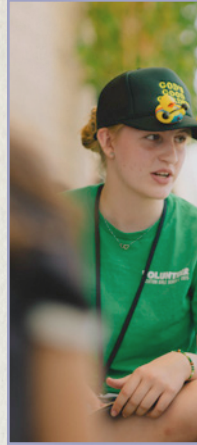
With Vacation Bible School coming up June 23–26, Grace Kids is excited to invite our church family to participate in the Great Commission as we minister to countless families and their children from our church and the surrounding community. We are eager to serve the families who will join us, praying that our message would be clear and that hearts would be receptive to the gospel.

At this year's VBS, children will discover the beauty of life and growth that God alone graciously provides. Our theme, "God of Light," highlights one of the glorious ways God reveals Himself to

us. From the opening pages of Scripture to its final words, God is consistently shown to be the God of Light.

Throughout the week, children will see that, in God's perfect plan, the Light has come into the world. At the same time, they will learn the sobering reality that mankind, in sin, rejects the light and chooses darkness. Yet the good news shines even brighter! It is our privilege to teach this to the children and show them that it is Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, who has come to rescue sinners and calls us to walk in His marvelous light. It is our prayer that this week will be filled with joy and gospel truth and that many would come to a saving knowledge of our Lord.

As we look ahead to our 11th VBS, we thank God for His continued kindness in growing our VBS year after year. VBS has become one of the most significant outreach events of our church, and we anticipate welcoming over 1,000 children to our campus once again. We would love for our church family to join us in this important work in three ways:





1. Pray — Please pray for the children, their families, and the members of our community who participate in VBS. Pray that the gospel of Jesus Christ would be communicated clearly and that hearts would be receptive to God's saving truth.

2. Volunteer — We are looking for volunteers to help during the week of VBS with set-up, small groups, games, crafts, food, and more—all with the goal of planting seeds for the gospel.

3. Give — If you are unable to volunteer but would still like to assist in the ministry, consider donating financially. VBS is free to all children who attend, and financial gifts help us to continue offering VBS at no cost to families.

We hope you will join us for VBS this summer. We are excited to see how the Lord will use this week to make an impact for eternity!

For volunteer registration or to give financially, visit gracechurch.org/vbs. To learn more, stop by the Patio table this morning.



The Ricedorff Family

Kyle and Christine, Jeremiah, Jonathan, Amelia, Aneta

Serving in Poland since 2019

Pray that we would delight in Christ. Pray for God's continued blessing on our church and school. Please also pray for stability in Christine's health.

| gracechurch.org/ricedorff

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$12,240**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

| gracechurch.org/fp

LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

Basketball Outreach

Every Monday night, the Family Center is transformed into Grace Gym for an evening of basketball and evangelism. Many people from the neighborhood come to play basketball, and at halftime there is a faithful gospel presentation. We would love for our church family to join us in modeling how to compete in a Christlike manner and in taking opportunities between games to personally engage our friends with the gospel.

| Mondays, 7:30 pm, Family Center
gracechurch.org/basketball-outreach

Upcoming at Grace

4/25 Parenting Conference
4/26 Right Hand of Fellowship

gracechurch.org/calendar

HIGHLIGHTS

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, before and after morning services today. 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

Grace Equip Course

Foundations of Christian Apologetics 2

Instructor: Massimo Mollica

Tuesdays, April 21–May 29, 6:30–8:30 pm

This course is offered at Grace Church and via Zoom.

| Register: gracechurch.org/equip

Parenting Conference

Join us for the second annual Parenting Conference for the families of Grace Community Church. This year's theme is "Gospel Parenting: Holding Fast to Timeless Truths." Nursery and child care will be available for registered children through sixth grade.

| Saturday, April 25, 9 am–4:30 pm
Cost: \$30 (Individual) • \$50 (Couple)
Register:
gracechurch.org/parentingconference

Giving to Summer Camps

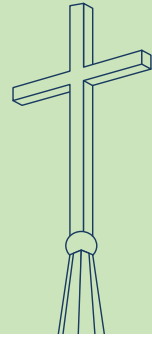
Bless a middle school or high school student by supporting their trip to camp this summer.

| gracechurch.org/give



Becoming a Member

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



Alzheimer's-Dementia Ministry

Families touched by dementia are invited to meet monthly for spiritual encouragement, helpful shepherding, and warm fellowship. Loved ones with dementia are welcome, and we offer activities and care for these family members during a portion of our meeting.

Saturday, April 25, 9 am, T370
Info: Pastor Rick McLean, 818-909-5519

One with Christ

One with Christ exists to strengthen widows as they walk worthy of their calling (Ephesians 4:1), seeing God's hand in their circumstances, and finding strength and hope in God's Word. All widows are welcome to join us as we begin our study of *Respectable Sins* by Jerry Bridges.

Monday, April 27, 9:30 am, T172
Info: 818-909-5521, womens@gracechurch.org
gracechurch.org/one-with-christ

Grace Education Curriculum Sample Giveaway

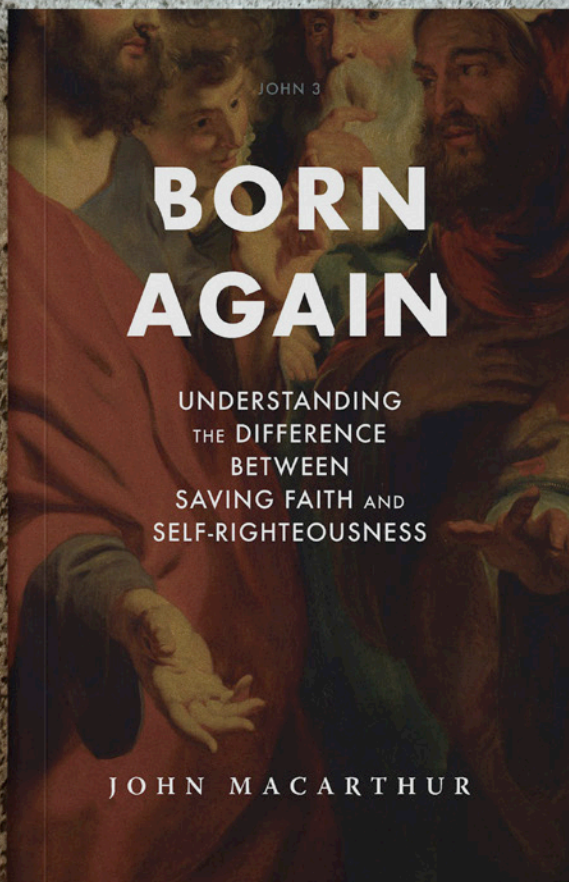
Grace Education will be giving away samples of their K-12 Bible curriculum next Sunday.

Sunday, April 26, before and after both morning services, Patio
graceeducation.org

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.



Equipping Believers
with Transforming Truth.



JOHN 3

BORN AGAIN

UNDERSTANDING
THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN
SAVING FAITH AND
SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS

JOHN MACARTHUR



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Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Grace Education is excited to invite K-12 classroom teachers to our second annual Teacher Appreciation Lunch, designed to encourage educational professionals who serve in a variety of school settings. The lunch will include updates on the state of education, opportunities to connect with other teachers, and prayerful motivation for this important work to impact young lives for truth.

Sunday, May 3, 1-2:30 pm, T260
RSVP by April 26:



Middle School Summer Camp

Students entering grades 7-8 this fall are invited to join us for summer camp this June.

June 19-22, Forest Home Ojai
Cost: \$399 (\$450 after May 10)
Register by June 5:
gracechurch.org/xchange

Women's Cancer Ministry

A prayer group for women whose lives or families have been touched by cancer and other health challenges. We meet via video call every first and third Tuesday from 8 to 9 pm.

For more information, call Sonjeh Drainer (510-648-9925), Jacalyn Williams (818-744-0728), or Gretchen Sibayan (818-818-7601).
gracechurch.org/womenscancer

Grace to You

Radio: *Reaching for the Prize* & "Run for Your Life"

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: "Confronting the Murderers of Christ, Part 2"

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

Project Food Pak

Children's Hunger Fund (CHF) is a Christian organization whose mission is to deliver hope to suffering children by equipping local churches for gospel-centered mercy ministry. Over the next few weeks, our church family has the opportunity to partner with CHF.

Here's how you can help:

- 1 Before you leave church today, pick up some empty Food Pak boxes from the distribution points around campus.
- 2 Take them home and fill them with non-perishable food items using the shopping list provided.
- 3 Bring the filled boxes back to church. We will have collection points at different areas around campus next Sunday, April 26.

CHF will then distribute these Food Paks through local gospel-centered churches, who will deliver them directly to children in need in their neighborhoods. Thank you for helping us extend mercy to these families.

gracechurch.org/chf

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.

- Dishwasher, PT
- Events Server, PT
- Grace Curriculum Customer Service Manager, FT
- Nursery Supervisor, PT
- Security Director, FT

For a full description of jobs 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)

Family Center
Pastor: Steve Crawford

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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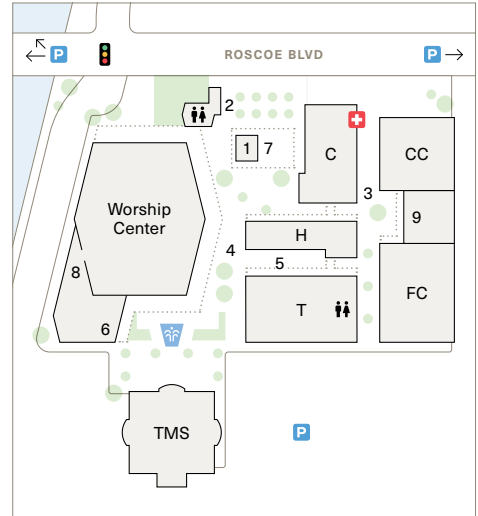
Public Wi-Fi:
Grace Church Wi-Fi

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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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