

Grace Today

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Vacation Bible School
Registration Now Open

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

- Faith Promise
- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Local Outreach
- Short Term Ministry Team
- VBS Registration

1 pm

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).

Morning Worship Service — 9 and 11 am

Bill Brandenstein, Minister of Music

Two Antiphons

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude • Dupré

Hymn 96 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Congregation

Thine Is the Glory

Brass & Percussion, Organ • Handel/Zimmerman-Rice

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Hymn 410 *The Lord's Prayer*

Congregation

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Junior Children's Choir, Danielle Bohr, Supervisor • Perry/Gassman

Announcements & Offering

Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices

Worship Choir • Courtney/Rice

Hymn 355 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Congregation

MESSAGE

Rivals, Rewards, and Rebel Spirits

Nathan Busenitz • Mark 9:38–41

Lift Up Your Heads

Organ Postlude • Bingham

Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

Prelude

Songs of Praise

Riley Seid

STM Send-Off

Announcements & Offering

MESSAGE

Putting on Christ: The Christian's Proper Attire

Mike Riccardi • Colossians 3:12–14

Postlude

ANTHEM

Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices

Hark, ten thousand harps and voices
Sound the note of praise above!
Jesus reigns, and heav'n rejoices,
Jesus reigns, the God of Love;
See, He sits upon the throne;
Jesus rules the world alone.
Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.
Allelu! Alleluia! Amen!

Jesus, hail! whose glory brightens
All above and gives it worth;
Lord of life, Thy smile enlightens,
Cheers, and charms Thy saints on earth;
When we think of love like Thine,
Lord, we own it love divine.
Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.
Allelu! Alleluia! Amen!

Savior, hasten Thine appearing;
Bring, O bring the glorious day
When, the mighty summons hearing,
Heav'n and earth shall pass away.
Then with all the saints we'll sing,
"Glory, glory to our King!"
Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.
Allelu! Alleluia! Amen!

Amen!

Words by Thomas Kelly. Music by Craig Courtney.
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TODAY

STM Send-Off

Join us this evening as we introduce and pray for our fifteen Short-Term Ministry teams for 2026. Teams will be assisting in a variety of ministry activities, including building projects, conference support, local outreach, Vacation Bible Schools, and youth camps. To learn more about this year's teams, visit gracechurch.org/stm.

New Here?

Visit the **Welcome Center** for more information about the ministries of our church. If you would like to learn more about membership and baptism, visit the **Member Center**.

See back for locations.

FEATURED BOOK

How to Lead Your Family

by Joel Beeke

Being a godly husband and father isn't about one big heroic moment—it's about showing up every day. This book is a simple, biblical plan to help you stay faithful in the daily grind of leading your family.

"This book is a masterpiece." —Ted Tripp

"Read it over and over until you are shaped by it." —Paul Washer

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



All children's titles on sale
up to **30% off** retail.

GRACE KIDS

Sunday School

9 and 11 am

God Punishes Solomon

1 Kings 11

Main Idea: We should love God
wholeheartedly.

Application: Rejoice that God is faithful.

Featured Hymn: *All Creatures of Our
God and King* (Hymn 11)

Review: How was God faithful in
today's lesson?

Next Week: Review Sunday

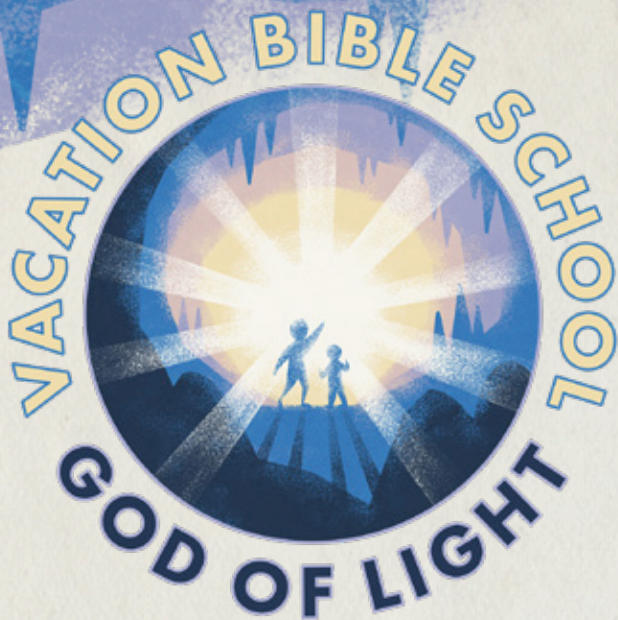
Adventure Club

6 pm

Lesson 26: Justification

Memory Verse: Romans 3:28

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



Perhaps one of the greatest privileges for the believer is the opportunity to share the good news of the gospel with those who do not yet know the Lord. In God's kindness, we have this amazing opportunity every single Sunday in Grace Kids as we evangelize the children of our church. From its inception, Grace Kids has been shaped by a conviction to teach children the truth about their need for Christ. Over the years, it has become one of the great joys of our church to faithfully proclaim the gospel in every classroom and to be purposeful with every interaction we're given with the next generation. Each summer, our weekly efforts give way to one of our favorite gospel opportunities in Grace Kids—our annual Vacation Bible School.

This year's VBS, June 23–26, promises to be a rich week as we welcome hundreds of children from both our church and the surrounding community. As we prepare, our prayer has been simple and earnest: that many of these precious children would come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

At this year's VBS, children will explore the beauty of life and growth that God alone graciously gives. Our theme, "God of Light," highlights one of the glorious ways God reveals Himself in Scripture. From the opening words of Genesis to the final pages of Revelation, He is shown to be the God of light. At the same time, children will be confronted with the sobering reality that, in our sin, we reject the light and love the darkness. Yet the good news shines all the brighter—Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, has come to save sinners and calls us to walk in His marvelous light. The children will hear clearly that this salvation is made



possible only by God's grace, through the sending of His Son, who died on the cross and rose again.

As a church, we have the joyful responsibility of sowing these seeds of truth into young hearts, trusting the Lord to bring the growth in His perfect time. We are grateful for the opportunity to labor together in this work.

Registration for VBS is now open. We anticipate more than 1,000 children on our campus for this amazing week. We look forward with great anticipation to how the Lord will work, and we pray that the week would be rich in gospel truth while also creating joyful, lasting memories for every child who attends.

As families begin registering, we invite you to join us in prayer—for the children, for their families, and for all who will serve. Pray that the gospel would be proclaimed with clarity, and that the Lord would continue to use our church to add to His marvelous kingdom of light.

Registration Now Open!

Tuesday–Friday, June 23–26
9 am–12:30 pm

For children entering grades K–6
this fall. Register by June 2 at
gracechurch.org/vbs.



The Dormi Family

Sixto & Jessica, Sebastian, Nathan, Nicholas

Serving in Ecuador since 2015

Pray that we will faithfully nurture our children in the ways of Christ. Pray for our church's remodeling project. Please also pray for the men we are training in different regions of Ecuador, that they would exalt the Lord and His Word in their respective churches.

| gracechurch.org/guayaquil

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$44,873**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

| gracechurch.org/fp

LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

Russian-Speaking Outreach Bible Study

If you speak or understand Russian, know someone who does, or have a heart to see Russian-speaking people saved, join us as we pray about how to reach the Russian-speaking community in Los Angeles with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

| Next Sunday, May 10, 1 pm, CC230
gracechurch.org/russian-outreach

Upcoming at Grace

- 5/10 TMS Commencement, 6 pm
- 5/17 Communion
- 5/24 Right Hand of Fellowship
- 5/25 Memorial Day (Campus closed)

gracechurch.org/calendar

HIGHLIGHTS

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

Titus Two

All women are invited to join us for our final meeting of the season as we close out this year's study of "Emulating Christ's Example in our Lives."

| Tuesday, May 5, 7 pm, Family Center
Info/RSVP: gracechurch.org/t2t
titus2@gracechurch.org

The Master's Seminary 40th Commencement Ceremony

Join us next Sunday evening as we celebrate the 40th graduating class of The Master's Seminary. These men join more than 2,000 others who have preceded them and now serve Christ in countries all over the world.

This will be a time of worship as our graduates celebrate God's sustaining grace and receive their hard-earned degrees. The Master's Chorus will lead us in a time of singing, and our elders will dedicate these men to service through prayer.

| Sunday, May 10, 6 pm, Worship Center

Vacation Bible School Volunteers

If you are a member of Grace Church, consider serving at this year's VBS, June 23–26. Volunteer registration will close May 10.

For more information or to sign up, visit gracechurch.org/vbsvolunteer.

Math3ma Symposium 2026

The Math3ma Symposium, hosted by The Master's University, June 26–27, invites Christians faithfully serving in various disciplines within the sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics for a time of fellowship and encouragement.

Register: math3ma.institute/symposium

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

Giving to Summer Camps

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

Middle School: gracechurch.org/xchange
High School: gracechurch.org/180

Grace to You

Radio: *God's Design for a Successful Woman* & "Shade for Our Children"

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: "Providing Shade for Our Children, Part 1"

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

gty.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.



Faith Promise



One of the most important ways our church body supports missionaries is through the Faith Promise initiative. Please prayerfully consider what amount the Lord might provide for you to contribute over the next twelve months, above your regular giving. You may also submit a pledge card online at gracechurch.org/fp. Most importantly, please pray for the gospel to continue to go forth around the world.

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 Academy International

- Donor Relations Manager, PT

For a full description of jobs and to apply, visit tmai.org/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

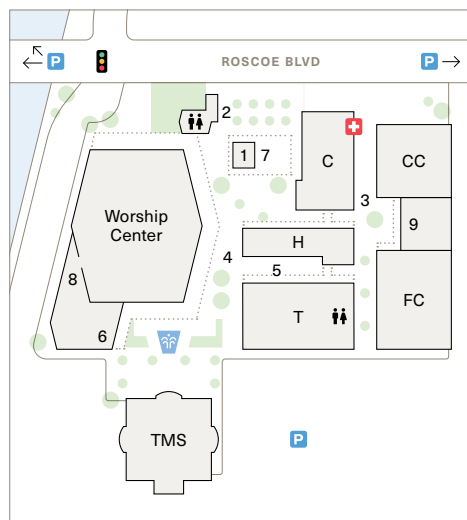
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gracechurch.org

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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