

# 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

- GMI Exploratory Trip
- Local Outreach
- Short Term Ministry Team

## 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](http://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

### *Dorian Toccata*

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude • Bach

### Hymn 143 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

### Hymn 352 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

Congregation

### *Be Still, My Soul*

Strings & Woodwinds Ensemble, Piano • Sibelius/Maddux-Rice

### Scripture Reading & Prayer

### *Achieved Is the Glorious Work*

Worship Choir • Haydn

### Hymn 106 *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

Congregation

### Announcements & Offering

### *God and God Alone*

David Costanzo • McHugh/Clydesdale

### MESSAGE

### Christ Divided

Josiah Grauman • 1 Corinthians 1:10–17

### *Recessional*

Organ Postlude • Cundick

## Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

### Prelude

### Songs of Praise

Jonathan Nah

### Announcements & Offering

### MESSAGE

### The Gospel Goes Home: Family Life in Christ

Mike Riccardi • Colossians 3:18–21

### Right Hand of Fellowship

### Postlude

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## INSTRUMENTAL PRAISE

### *Be Still, My Soul*

Be still, my soul! The Lord is on thy side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In every change, He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul! Your best, your heavenly Friend  
Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul! Your God doth undertake  
To guide the future, as He has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Words by Katharina von Schlegel (1752).  
Music by Jean Sibelius (1899).

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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.*

### Our Mission

To glorify God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, for the salvation of the lost and edification of the church.

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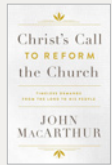
## FEATURED BOOK

### *Christ's Call to Reform the Church*

by **John MacArthur**

God's Word reveals our collective blind spots as a church. This book walks us through those biblical principles, shining a light on problems we didn't know we had. May it be embraced by Christians everywhere, spurring them on toward the God-honoring, grace-driven work of continued reformation.

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



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## GRACE KIDS

### Sunday School

9 and 11 am

**God Punishes Judah**

2 Kings 21–25

Main Idea: God hates and punishes all sin.

Application: Hate sin as God does.

Featured Hymn: *It Is Well with My Soul* (Hymn 407)

Review: What did God promise would happen after Israel repented?

Next Week: Jonah 1–4

### Adventure Club

6 pm

Lesson 27: Adoption

Memory Verse: John 1:12

For Sunday School and Adventure Club room locations, visit Children's Check-In. [gracechurch.org/gracekids](http://gracechurch.org/gracekids)

# How to Destroy Grace Church

by  
John MacArthur

In the four-part sermon series, *How to Destroy Grace Church*, John MacArthur examines the spiritual dangers and internal sins that can slowly destroy a healthy church from within. Each message serves as both a warning and a call for believers to protect the church through holiness, unity, faithful ministry, and unwavering devotion to Christ. The following are the points from that series.

## 1. Abandon a Commitment to Faithful Leadership

A church can be destroyed when its leaders become proud, worldly, divided, unqualified, or morally compromised. Satan attacks leadership first because weakened shepherds eventually weaken the entire flock. (Hebrews 13:7, 17)

## 2. Lower the Standard of Holiness

The church loses its power and testimony when sin is tolerated, excused, or normalized among its people. When holiness no longer matters, worldliness slowly replaces godliness. (1 Peter 1:15–16)

## 3. Lose Sight of Spiritual Goals and Vision

A church begins to die when it becomes comfortable, complacent, and satisfied with past success. Losing urgency for spiritual growth and for kingdom purpose leads to stagnation and decline. (Philippians 3:13–14)

## 4. Neglect Discipleship

A church is weakened when believers stop growing spiritually and stop helping others grow. Christianity becomes shallow when people attend services but never mature into faithful disciples. (1 Corinthians 4:16–17; Matthew 28:19–20)

## 5. Create a Spectator Church

The church deteriorates when ministry is left only to pastors and staff while everyone else watches passively. Spiritual vitality fades when believers stop serving and using their gifts. (1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:11–16)

## 6. Fail to Pursue Unity

Bitterness, gossip, criticism, jealousy, and unforgiveness fracture the body of Christ from within. Satan often destroys churches more effectively through division inside the church than persecution outside it. (Philippians 2:1–4; Ephesians 4:3)

## 7. Turn the Church Inward

A church loses its mission when it becomes consumed with its own comfort, preferences, and internal concerns. Neglecting evangelism causes the church to become isolated and spiritually lifeless. (Matthew 28:19–20; Acts 1:8)



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## 8. Disregard God's Plan for the Family

When marriages weaken, parents neglect spiritual leadership, and families drift from biblical priorities, the church itself suffers. The breakdown of the home eventually produces the breakdown of the congregation. (Ephesians 5–6)

## 9. Refuse Necessary Change

A church can cripple its effectiveness by confusing biblical truth with human tradition or preferred methods. Refusing to adapt nonessential forms can hinder ministry and alienate future generations. (1 Corinthians 9:19–23)

## 10. Operate Without Faith

Fear, self-protection, and dependence on human wisdom suffocate spiritual boldness. A church that no longer trusts God for great things gradually settles into safe, powerless routine. (Hebrews 11:6)

## 11. Eliminate Sacrifice

Comfort, materialism, and self-interest slowly erode commitment to Christ and His church. When people stop sacrificing time, money, energy, and convenience, ministry becomes weak and ineffective. (Romans 12:1)

## 12. Replace Worship of God with Self-Focus

A church declines when entertainment, personalities, preferences, or success replace the glory of God as the central focus. Worship becomes shallow when people come primarily to consume rather than adore God. (John 4:23–24)

## 13. Abandon Strong Bible Preaching

The surest way to destroy a church is to minimize, dilute, or abandon the faithful teaching of Scripture. Without strong biblical preaching, the church loses its authority, discernment, conviction, and spiritual life. (2 Timothy 4:2)

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As we reflect on this charge from Pastor John amidst a new season for our church family, may we together heed the call to strengthen and protect the church. We do this, trusting the Lord, knowing that He has promised to build His church and the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18)

Listen to the sermon series *How to Destroy Grace Church* at [gracechurch.org/destroy](http://gracechurch.org/destroy).

## Pray for Our Missionaries

Pray for our missionaries as they endeavor to make disciples of all nations, to the glory of God

| [gracechurch.org/outreach](http://gracechurch.org/outreach)

## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$16,261**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

| [gracechurch.org/fp](http://gracechurch.org/fp)

### LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

## Hope Bible Study

Hope Bible Study is a transitional ministry that labors to encourage those who have been beset by life-dominating sin, such as drugs and alcohol, with the hope of Christ, the changing power of His Word, and the fellowship of His church. If you or someone you know could benefit from this ministry, email [hbs@gracechurch.org](mailto:hbs@gracechurch.org) or call 818-909-5770.

| Mondays, 7 pm, H221-222  
[gracechurch.org/hope-bible-study](http://gracechurch.org/hope-bible-study)

## Upcoming at Grace

- 5/25 Memorial Day (Campus closed)
  - 6/23-26 Vacation Bible School
  - 7/12 70th Anniversary Celebration
- [gracechurch.org/calendar](http://gracechurch.org/calendar)

### HIGHLIGHTS

## Short-Term Ministries Highlight:

### Team New Zealand

Pray for our New Zealand team, which departs for the field tomorrow, May 25, and returns June 4. Team New Zealand will host a VBS during a Bible conference to help the church reach its local community.

Team Members: Amanda Pidal, Audrey McLeod, Audrey Prinzing, Christian Mena, CJ Santos, Elijah Orellana, Elizabeth Knoester, Enoch Knoester, Isabella Mena, Marcus Pidal, Nicole Amezcuita, William McLeod

| [gracechurch.org/stm/teams](http://gracechurch.org/stm/teams)

## OAPC Baby Bottle Campaign

Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic is a local clinic that ministers to those who are facing unplanned pregnancies by offering pregnancy testing, ultrasound exams, prenatal and parenting education, and material resources. Through the month of June, OAPC will be handing out baby bottles for their annual fundraiser. Beginning June 7, pick up a baby bottle, fill it with change, and return it to the Welcome Center. This is a great way to raise support for the vital ministry of OAPC.

| Each Sunday in June  
[openarmspregnancy.com](http://openarmspregnancy.com)

## Vacation Bible School Registration

At this year's VBS, our kids will learn about how God reveals Himself in Scripture as the God of Light. Registration is open for kids going into grades K-6 this fall.

| Tuesday-Friday, June 23-26, 9 am-12:40 pm  
Register by June 2: [gracechurch.org/vbs](http://gracechurch.org/vbs)

## New Members

These new members  
received the Right Hand of  
Fellowship in April

Kevin Abac  
Sadie Ausbrooks  
Carlos & Karla Becerra  
Esteban Bonilla  
Martha Araceli Castillo  
Joshua Chang  
Chris Crooms  
Álvaro Rodríguez &  
Ana Beatriz Cruz Díaz

Gino & Jennifer Duarte  
Matt & Christina Floor  
Claudia Franco  
Nestor Gómez  
Trey Hedberg  
Alyssa Lewis  
Joshua Li  
Chi & Muse Mak  
Maddie McLaughlin  
Sulma Mejicanos  
Robyn Renee Molina  
Víctor Manuel & Milagros  
Navarrete

Rachel Ocegueda  
Wilma Ramirez  
Michael & Mirna Raneses  
Angel Gabriel Rios  
Ashley Sakhkalyan  
Brandon Sandoval  
Maria Tobon  
Maria Rosa Trypucko  
Susannah Tsai  
  
membership@gracechurch.org  
gracechurch.org/membership

## Grace Education Biblical Hebrew Online Course

Grace Education is excited to debut a new online course series on biblical Hebrew, designed for students sixth grade and up. These short-term online courses include recorded video lessons, student assignments, and periodic live sessions with an engaging instructor. These courses are a useful resource for building an early foundation and love for biblical languages.

A special two-week preview course begins June 10.

Cost: \$50. Register:  
[graceeducation.org/hebrew-curriculum](http://graceeducation.org/hebrew-curriculum)

## Grace Community Church 70th Anniversary Celebration

Join us on Sunday, July 12, as we commemorate our church's 70th anniversary. Sunday morning worship services will include a time reflecting on our church's history and a commemorative video, followed by lunch for all in attendance. The day will conclude with a vesper service. We look forward to celebrating God's faithfulness together as a church family!

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](http://gracechurch.org/giving).



## Grace to You

Radio: *Richer than You Think*

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 Promise of Peace in a Worried World"

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](http://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](mailto:hr@gracechurch.org) or 818-909-5672.*

- Barista, PT
- Dishwasher, PT
- Grace Academy K-8 Teachers, PT/FT
- Grace Academy K-8 Teacher Assistants, PT
- Livestream Camera Operator, PT
- Nursery Supervisor, PT
- Security Director, FT
- Security Patrol, PT
- Steeple House Manager, PT

| For a full description of jobs and benefits, visit [gracechurch.org/jobs](http://gracechurch.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](http://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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Sun Valley, CA 91352  
818-909-5500  
[gracechurch.org](http://gracechurch.org)

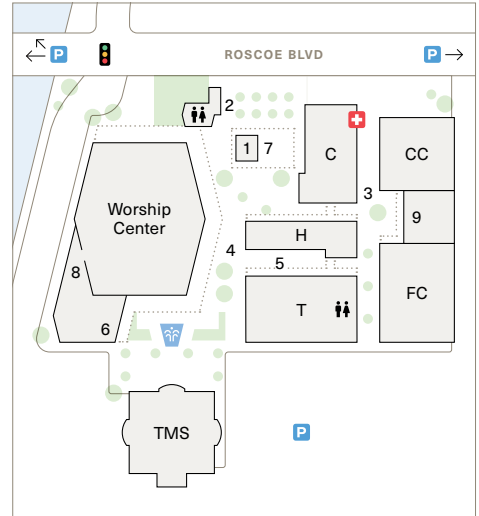
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Proverbs3:5-6

*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](http://gty.org)

**The Master's Seminary**  
[tms.edu](http://tms.edu)

**The Master's University**  
[masters.edu](http://masters.edu)

**The Master's Academy International**  
[tmai.org](http://tmai.org)

**John MacArthur Trust**  
[jmacarthurtrust.org](http://jmacarthurtrust.org)

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