

Grace *Today*

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Featured
Men of the Word

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
- Men of the Word

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.

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 • Bach

Hymn 8 *We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer*

Hymn 89 *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound*

Congregation

If You Will Only Let God Guide You

Brass & Percussion, Organ • Neumark/Rice

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Worship Choir • Traditional/Kirkland

Hymn 136 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Congregation

Announcements & Offering

Blessings

Grace Chung • Story/Rice

MESSAGE

A Sight to Behold

Nathan Busenitz • Mark 10:46–52

O Worship the King

Organ Postlude • Haydn/Sturz

Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

Prelude

Songs of Praise

John Martin

Baptism

Announcements & Offering

MESSAGE

How Should We Think About Israel?

Abner Chou • Selected Scriptures

Postlude

INSTRUMENTAL PRAISE

If You Will Only Let God Guide You

If you will only let God guide you,
And hope in Him through all your ways,
Whatever comes, He'll stand beside you,
To bear you through the evil days;
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that cannot move.

Only be still, and wait His leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er the Father's pleasure
And all discerning love have sent;
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known
To Him who chose us for His own.

Sing, pray, and swerve not from His ways,
But do your part in conscience true;
Trust His rich promises of grace,
So shall they be fulfilled in you;
God hears the call of those in need,
The souls that trust in Him indeed.

Words and music by Georg Neumark (1641).

TODAY

How the Story Ends

Tonight at 6 pm, our Sunday evening series, *How the Story Ends: God's Plan for the Future*, continues with "How Should We Think About Israel?"

In the coming weeks, we will also consider biblical prophecy, Christian nationalism, the Rapture, the Tribulation, artificial intelligence, and more, concluding with a Q&A panel on October 4.

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

How to Lead Your Family: A Guide for Men Wanting to Be More

by Joel Beeke

Becoming a godly husband and father isn't about one heroic moment—it's about showing up, every single day. This fast-selling title offers a clear, biblical roadmap rooted in the life of Jesus Christ.

Available today
for **\$9** at Grace
Books and the
Scholar's Desk.



GRACE KIDS

Sunday School

9 and 11 am

God Uses Esther to Protect the Jews
Esther 1–10

Main Idea: Believers trust in God's power, plan, and protection.

Application: Praise God, who controls every event.

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

Review: What events led to God's protection of the Jews?

Next Week: Nehemiah 1–7

Adventure Club

6 pm

**Summer with the Savior: A Study
of the Gospel of John**

Lesson 5: I AM the Resurrection

Memory Verse: John 11:25

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

Ekklesia

A Study of the Doctrine of the Church

What is the church? Ask this question to your neighbors, and you are bound to hear a variety of responses. For some, the church is that brown brick building down the street with a steeple. It's a place where religious people go to do religious things.

For others, the church is a website. They "do church" online, streaming live most Sunday mornings from the comfort of their favorite sofa, coffee cup and breakfast sandwich in hand. For them, it is something to watch and, hopefully, something entertaining.

Some will respond that the church is an institution, something into which one is born or baptized as a baby. It is a spiritual form of citizenship—it determines your lifelong religious identity and loyalty, whether you like it or not and whether you understand it or not.

For still others, church is a tradition. It is the ritual of putting on one's Sunday best, sitting and standing on cue, enduring lengthy sermons, and smiling and speaking politely until one can rush off to a favorite restaurant for lunch.

But are any of these what Jesus meant when He promised to build His church (Matthew 16:18)? Thankfully, no! Jesus was not talking about bricks and mortar, an internet viewing audience, a superficial religious identity, or a once-a-week tradition. He was talking about a living congregation—a people redeemed by His grace from the domain of darkness, gathered together by His sovereign design into one faith, transformed by His Spirit to live in newness of life, ordered and instructed by His all-sufficient Word, and equipped by His power to serve as His representatives to the world and to each other. In short, the church is something extraordinary!

Beginning Wednesday, September 2, Men of the Word will embark on a year-long study of this extraordinary doctrine. The series will provide biblical answers to questions such as: How is the church to be governed? What is baptism? Why is church membership important? What is the Lord's Supper? What is my spiritual gift? What role do I play in the Great Commission?

Men of all ages are invited; no registration is necessary. Just show up at the Worship Center for the beginning of this study on Wednesday evening, September 2.

To welcome back returning attendees and those who are new to Men of the Word, we invite you to come early on the first Wednesday of the season, September 2, at 6 pm, to enjoy fellowship and refreshments on the Patio. The regular meeting will then begin in the Worship Center at 7 pm. ●

Wednesdays, 7-9 pm
Beginning September 2
Worship Center

2026-2027 Men of the Word Mini-Series

Throughout the 2026-2027 season, Men of the Word will periodically depart from our study of the doctrine of the church to look at another crucial topic for men: *God's Design for Dads*. The series will cover six important themes related to fatherhood: leadership, love, provision, protection, wisdom, and prayer. Whether you are a new dad, an experienced dad, or an aspiring dad, this series will provide vital instruction for understanding and fulfilling that role.

The Mission of Men of the Word

Men of the Word exists to provide:

- **Biblical instruction**—an hour of in-depth study of God's Word.
- **Personal discipleship**—the opportunity to discuss the practical implications of each study in a small-group setting.
- **Genuine fellowship**—a brotherhood joined together in pursuit of God's glory.
- **Spiritual accountability**—a place to ask—and be asked—the most important questions in life.

To learn more about Men of the Word, including the schedule and special events for the upcoming year, visit gracechurch.org/motw or stop by our Patio table this Sunday.



The McConnell Family

Tom & Kathy, Joy, Julia

Missionaries since 2003

Serving in England

Pray for the Lord's help in identifying the right man to join us in serving Christ at Grace Bible Church Rugby. Pray for our son and daughter-in-law, Joshua and Jasmin, as they are expecting our first grandchild. Please also pray for the salvation of Tom's elderly mother, Harmony.

| gracechurch.org/McConnell

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$22,629**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

| gracechurch.org/fp

LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

Korean Outreach Bible Study

The Korean Outreach Bible Study seeks to provide fellowship for Korean-speaking members of Grace Church, as well as to reach out to the Korean community in Los Angeles. Korean Outreach meets every first and third Sunday for fellowship, prayer, worship, and Bible study.

Next Sunday, August 16, 1 pm,
H222-224
Info: Jong Yi, 818-634-5987

Upcoming at Grace

- 8/11 TMS Semester Begins
- 8/16 Communion
- 8/20 Elders Meeting
- 8/23 TMU Week of Welcome Sunday
- 8/30 Right Hand of Fellowship

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 and continues through August 23.

Our three membership classes are designed to introduce you to Grace Church, covering topics like "Distinguishing GCC from Other Churches" (Class 1), "Why Membership Is Biblical" (Class 2), and "How to Be an Effective Member at GCC" (Class 3). 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

An Evening of Classical Music

Join us for an evening of classical music hosted by the Music Department, featuring a quartet of string and flute musicians from the Grace Community Church Orchestra. This evening is open to the public and free of charge. Enjoy the blessing of common grace with our church family as the musicians perform pieces by Mendelssohn, Mozart, Puccini, and Smetana.

Friday, August 21, 8 pm, Worship Center
music@gracechurch.org

Worship Choir Openings

As the summer comes to an end, there are several opportunities to serve in the Worship Choir. If you can sing, read some music, and would like to be a part of this ministry, contact music@gracechurch.org.



New TMS Students

Fifty-six new TMS students begin their training this Tuesday. Pray that the Lord would prepare them for the refinement and formation that their time in seminary will bring. Please also join us in welcoming them and their families to Grace Church.

Short-Term Ministries Highlights:

Team Armenia

Pray for our Armenia team as they are on the field through August 14. Team Armenia is conducting youth and children's retreats for Armenian churches and providing biblical teaching, discipleship, and encouragement.

Team members: Alice Galoian, Angela Ling, Charles Qin, Christopher Aintablian, Courtney Simpson, Emily Abadzhyan, Gregory Keldjian, Israel Medina, Michael Westerland, Taleen Keldjian, Vahagn Geozalian, Yadid Del Rey

For more information or to support a team, visit gracechurch.org/stm/teams.

Sundays in July Audio Now Available

All audio from this year's Sundays in July sessions is now available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and our website. Our prayer is that you will be equipped and encouraged by these seminar recordings.

gracechurch.org/sij

With the Lord

Laura Sanchez is now in the presence of the Lord. There will be a memorial service in her honor on Saturday, August 15, at 11 am in the Chapel.

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

Grace to You

Radio: *The Gospel According to God*

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 History of the Future, Part 2"

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

| 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.

- Background Check Coordinator, PT
- Barista, PT
- Dishwasher, PT
- Sunday Service Livestream Tech, PT
- Grace Academy, K-8 Teachers, FT/PT
- Grace Academy Nurse, PT

For a full description of jobs and benefits,

| visit gracechurch.org/jobs.

Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic

Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic is seeking qualified candidates for three paid positions:

- Registered Nurse, FT/PT
- Client Services Associate, FT
- Manager of Development, PT

To request the job descriptions or apply, email debi@openarmspregnancy.com. Please include a cover letter and resume when applying.

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: Adam Bossom

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: Trent Mabs
- 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

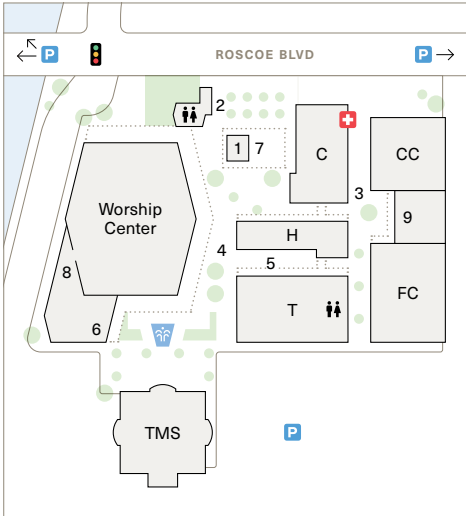
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Public Wi-Fi:
Grace Church Wi-Fi
Password:
Proverbs3:5-6

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)



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.

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.

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