

Grace *Today*

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Featured

The Transforming
Power of the Gospel



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

- Christmas in September
- Family Book Giveaway
- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Hope Bible Study
- Local Outreach
- Titus Two

1 pm

Neighborhood Outreach
(Tower Basement)
Russian Outreach (CC230)

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

Nathan Busenitz, Pastor-Teacher
Michael Bohr, Guest Director

Prelude in C Major

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude • Bach

Hymn 135 *O Worship the King*

Hymn 102 *Jesus Is Lord*

Congregation

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Organ/Brass & Percussion • Traditional/Marvin-Rice

Scripture Reading & Prayer

A Servant's Prayer

Worship Choir • Slaughter-Mason/Kirkland-Rouse

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

Congregation

Announcements & Offering

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Men's Quartet • Elvey/Erb-Rice

MESSAGE

The Question of Authority

Nathan Busenitz • Mark 11:27–33

Sonata II: Allegro Maestoso

Organ Postlude • Mendelssohn

Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

Prelude

Songs of Praise

Michael Bohr

Baptism

Announcements & Offering

MESSAGE

Righteous Wrath Outpoured:

A Survey of the Tribulation

Steve Crawford • Selected Scriptures

Postlude

A Servant's Prayer

Heavenly Father, Holy One,
awesome are the works You've done.
High and lifted up You reign,
yet You know this one by name,
Yet You know my name.

Blessed Jesus, Lord of grace,
mighty is Your hand to save.
For my sin You are the cure,
firm foundation strong and sure,
Firm and strong and sure.

Holy Spirit, Comfort, Friend,
breathe on me without, within.
Vanish all impurity, grant me power,
give me peace,
Grant me power and peace.

Holy, holy is Your name! Worthy, worthy all proclaim!
Alleluia now we sing to our Master, Lord, and King,
Master, Lord, and King!

Alleluia, allelu! Alleluia, allelu!
Alleluia, allelu! Alleluia, allelu!
Amen, Amen!
Amen, Amen! Amen, Amen, Amen!

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TODAY

Membership Classes

If you're interested in becoming part of our church family, a new cycle of Membership Matters classes begins today. For more information on the membership process, visit the Member Center on any Sunday after either morning service.

Beginning today, 11 am, TMS Library (West)
gracechurch.org/membership

New Here?

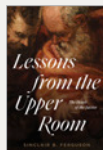
Visit the **Welcome Center** for more information about the ministries of our church. If you would like to learn more about membership and baptism, visit the **Member Center**.

See back for locations.

Lessons from the Upper Room

by Sinclair Ferguson

Someone's final words are often important. In *Lessons from the Upper Room*, Dr. Sinclair Ferguson draws us into Jesus's final intimate hours with His disciples to discover His final words and deepest desires before His death and resurrection.



Available today for
50% off retail
at Grace Books and
the Scholar's Desk.

GRACE KIDS

Sunday School

9 and 11 am

The Birth Narratives

Luke 1:26–38; 2:1–20

Main Idea: God fulfills His promises miraculously.

Application: Worship Jesus for being God and man.

Featured Hymn: *The Solid Rock* (Hymn 381)

Review: What made Jesus's birth miraculous?

Next Week: Luke 3:1–22

Adventure Club

6 pm

Lesson 1: Angels

Memory Verse: Hebrews 1:14;
Luke 2:13–14

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

From Bondage *to* Freedom

The Transforming Power of the Gospel



The world diagnoses life-dominating sins as “addictions”—diseases to be managed indefinitely. But Scripture teaches us to think of them instead as a matter of idolatry (Romans 1:25; 1 Corinthians 10:14) and as sins that enslave (John 8:34; Romans 6:16). At Hope Bible Study (HBS), we hold fast to the truth that real hope, lasting change, and spiritual freedom come not from behavior modification or self-help, but through the regenerating and transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

HBS is a discipleship ministry committed to walking with people who feel stuck and weary from cycles of sin—whether sexual immorality, drugs, alcohol, anger, anxiety, gambling, or other habitual patterns that entangle. Whether you are a believer seeking spiritual renewal or an unbeliever curious about real freedom, the message is the same: God changes people. The gospel does more than forgive our sins; it also transforms us and makes us more like Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). That is why HBS

is structured as an intensive in both the gospel and sanctification.

Drawing from biblical truth, HBS helps individuals identify the false worship at the heart of their habits and leads them to the soul-satisfying power of the risen Christ. Every ensnaring behavior is rooted in a deeper spiritual issue—a ruling desire or idol that has replaced Christ. The issue isn't what's happening around us; it's what's ruling within us. The key isn't a better method; it's a transformed heart.

This is why HBS doesn't emphasize external control but internal renewal—salvation for the unbeliever, and the renewal of the mind for the believer (Romans 12:1–2). This is the process of putting off old patterns, being renewed in the spirit of the mind, and putting on new godly habits through the power of the Word (Ephesians 4:22–24).

Hope Bible Study is not a twelve-step program; it's a community of biblical care where we expose sin's lies, exalt the Savior's grace, and help one another grow in holiness. Through weekly meetings, we hear clear teaching from Scripture on God's power to change lives. In smaller care groups, we share burdens, offer accountability, and walk in the light together. One-on-one biblical counseling is available to address specific patterns and apply God's Word directly to personal struggles. We also share in regular fellowship events—opportunities to live life unmasked in the company of fellow strugglers saved by grace.

This ministry is designed for two types of people: the unbeliever enslaved to sin who needs to be born again (John 3:3), and the believer who has grown weary in the fight against the flesh and needs to be renewed in hope and holiness (Galatians 6:1–2).

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In either case, the answer is the same: the gospel faithfully applied. The heart is not just wounded; it is wayward. And because sin is not a sickness to be managed but rebellion to be repented of, we find true freedom when we confess our sins and cling to Christ. As Paul reminded the Corinthian church after listing several enslaving sins: "And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 6:11).

If you or someone you know is ready to confront this kind of life-dominating sin in a biblical manner, join us on Monday evenings at 7 pm in H221. Come as you are, bring your burdens, and come ready to be changed—not by your own power, but by the mighty grace of God working through His Word, His Spirit, and His people.

For more information or to get connected, visit the Patio table today, email Trent Jackson at hbs@gracechurch.org, call/text 818-909-5770, or visit gracechurch.org/hope-bible-study.



The Cardoza Family

Angel & Yamel, Noa, Abi, Anu,
Manu, Mateo

Missionaries since 2016

Serving in the Dominican Republic

Pray that the Lord would give us wisdom and strength as we balance family, ministry, teaching, and the other responsibilities He has entrusted to us. As we continue to move forward with the construction of our church building, pray that it would be a place where His Word is faithfully taught, the gospel is proclaimed, and many people are discipled for years to come.

| gracechurch.org/cardoza

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$9,572**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

| gracechurch.org/fp

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

Upcoming at Grace

- 9/7 Labor Day (Campus Closed)
- 9/11-12 Spanish Expositors Conference
- 9/17 Elders Meeting
- 10/10 Crossroads Conference
- 10/11 Nathan Busenitz Pastoral Installation Service
- 10/16 Sam Britten Memorial
- 10/17 Day of Prayer
- 10/24 Family Fair
- 10/25 Grace for the Children

gracechurch.org/calendar

HIGHLIGHTS



Family Book Giveaway

Families with children age three through grade five can stop by one of the book giveaway stations today (Fountain Plaza, Tower Stairs, or Chapel Plaza) to receive a free copy of the new *Generations of Grace Year 3 Family Devotional*. This morning, children in Sunday School and Juniors begin their yearlong journey through the New Testament using the updated GOG curriculum. The family devotional helps families study Scripture throughout the week, expanding on each Sunday's teaching.

Titus Two

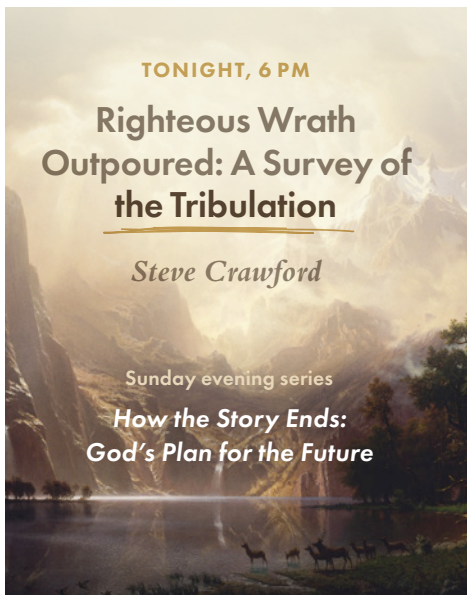
All women are invited to join us as we begin a new year of Titus Two, studying the *Life and Times in Church History: Why Church History Matters to Us as Women Today*.

Tuesdays, beginning September 8, 7 pm
For locations, email titus2@gracechurch.org.
gracechurch.org/t2t

Open House with Missionary Ellen Parker

Join us for a time of fellowship and ministry updates from Ellen Parker, a missionary serving in Mexico City. A light lunch will be provided, while supplies last.

Sunday, September 13, 1 pm, T370
gracechurch.org/parker



Christmas in September

Every September, we gather notes of encouragement and financial gifts from our church family, which are then compiled and given to our missionary families in December.



Visit the Patio table today for information about how to send a digital card, instructions on sending a card to our classified missionaries, or to handwrite a card for our missionaries.

To create a digital Christmas card, visit gracechurch.org/sendacard.

To give a financial gift, visit gracechurch.org/cis.

Family Fair Volunteers Needed

Volunteer registration for this year's Family Fair is now open. Sign-ups close September 13 or when capacity is met.

If you are a member and would like to volunteer, sign up at gracechurch.org/familyfair.

Learn Biblical Hebrew Through Grace Education

Grace Education is excited to offer an online Biblical Hebrew course series designed for students in sixth grade and up. A separate cohort of this class is available for adults. These short-term online courses include video lessons, student assignments, and periodic live sessions with an engaging instructor.

Biblical Hebrew 1A

This ten-week module provides a strong foundation as the first of ten modules in Grace Education's multiyear Hebrew sequence. By the end of Hebrew 1A, students will be able to confidently read, write, and pronounce any word in the Hebrew Old Testament, while mastering approximately fifty vocabulary words.

September 14–November 20, cost: \$250
Register:
graceeducation.org/hebrew-curriculum

Grace to You

Radio: *Wisdom for the Workplace* & "Standing Firm in Unstable Times"

KKLA 99.5 FM LA / M–F 6:30 am & 7:30 pm
KDAR 98.3 FM Oxnard-Ventura / M–F 2 & 10 am; Sun 2 am
KABC 790 AM LA / Sat 7:30 am

TV: "The Saving Power of Scripture, Part 1"

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

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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.

- Barista, PT
- Dishwasher, PT
- Nursery Supervisor, PT
- Security Patrol, PT

For a full description of jobs and benefits,

visit 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.



9 am

- Anchored T360**
Pastor: Carl Hargrove
- Cornerstone T370**
Pastors: 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 Ministries Chapel**
Pastor: Josiah Grauman

Campus Map

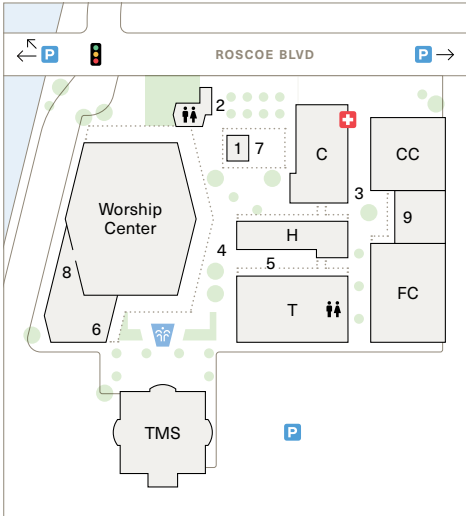
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818-909-5500
gracechurch.org

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)



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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