



Grace *Today*

Pastor
Nathan Busenitz
Installation Service

OCTOBER 11, 2026

Today at Grace

9 and 11 am

Installation 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

- Day of Prayer
- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Local Outreach

3 pm

Afternoon Service

4 pm

Plaza Fellowship

8 pm

Campus Closes

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 3 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
Bill Brandenstein, Minister of Music

Symphony I: Final

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude • Vienne

Hymn 53 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Hymn 176 *Be Thou My Vision*

Congregation

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Upon This Rock

Worship Choir, Congregation • Beck

Announcements & Offering

The Power of the Cross

John & Lisa Martin • Getty-Townend/Hamilton

Hymn 159 *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

Congregation

MESSAGE

Notes for a Pastor's Biography?

Sinclair Ferguson • 2 Timothy 3:10–4:5

Prayer of Dedication & Laying on of Hands

Chris Hamilton & Elders

Let the Whole Creation Cry

Organ Postlude • Johnson

Afternoon Worship Service — 3 pm

Prelude

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude

Hymns of Praise

Bill Brandenstein

Announcements & Offering

Interview with Nathan & Beth Busenitz

Postlude

There will be no evening service. Following the Plaza Fellowship, the campus will remain open until 8 pm, allowing plenty of time to fellowship and celebrate with our church family.

ANTHEM

Upon This Rock

Upon this rock I will build my church;
And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
Upon this rock I will build my church;
And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
I will give thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven,
And whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be
bound in heaven.
And whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be
loosed in heaven.
Upon this rock I will build my church.

Lo, the winter is past;
The rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of the singing of birds has come.

Arise, and come away; arise, and come away;
Arise, arise, arise!
Upon this rock I will build my church;
And the gates of hell, the gates of hell shall not
prevail against it.

Congregation joins:

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the word;
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His
holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life
He died.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One;
And mystic sweet communion with those whose
rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them the meek and lowly, on high may
dwell with Thee.

Choir:

Amen! Amen! Amen!

Lyrics based on Matthew 16:18–19 and Song of Solomon 2:11–13.
Music by John Ness Beck © 1967 by G. Schirmer, Inc. UBP. CCLI Lic. #32723.

TODAY

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.

Today's Speaker

Sinclair Ferguson is chancellor's
professor of systematic theology
at Reformed Theological Seminary;
associate preacher at St. Peter's
Free Church of Scotland, Dundee;
and the author of more than fifty
books. He and his wife, Dorothy,
have been blessed with three sons,
a daughter, and eleven
grandchildren.

GRACE KIDS

Sunday School

9 and 11 am

Jesus's Power over Death

John 11:1–44

Main Idea: Jesus has power over death.

Application: Trust in Jesus alone for
eternal life.

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

Review: How did Jesus show His power
over death?

Next Week: Review Sunday
(The Ministry of Jesus, Part 1)

Adventure Club

Adventure Club will not meet
this evening due to the
Pastoral Installation Celebration.

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

FEATURED





Grace Community Church Elders *Affirm Nathan Busenitz* as Senior Pastor

Originally published August 23, 2026

On Thursday evening, August 20, the elders of Grace Community Church unanimously affirmed Nathan Busenitz as our new senior pastor. Through this decision, the elders have entrusted to Nathan the responsibility of shepherding the flock (1 Peter 5:1–4) and upholding our church’s commitment to the faithful exposition of God’s Word (2 Timothy 4:2).

This announcement comes on the one-year anniversary of the memorial service for John MacArthur, who served as the pastor of Grace Community Church for fifty-six years. Pastor John’s ministry was marked by an uncompromising commitment to the lordship of Christ and the authority of His Word. Our elders remain steadfast in holding to those same priorities.

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PREACH THE WORD; BE READY
IN SEASON AND OUT OF
SEASON; REPROVE, REBUKE,
EXHORT, WITH GREAT
PATIENCE AND TEACHING.

2 TIMOTHY 4:2



In the months since Pastor John's homegoing, the elders have sought the Lord's wisdom with prayer, patience, and careful deliberation. Their unanimous decision reflects both their confidence in God's providence and their conviction that Nathan has been uniquely prepared by God to serve our church in this next season.

Having grown up at Grace, Nathan is already known and beloved by our church family. While studying at The Master's University and Seminary, he served as a Bible study shepherd in Crossroads (college ministry) and later as a co-pastor in the Cornerstone Fellowship Group. Nathan's giftedness for preaching and shepherding became evident in these ministries through his clear teaching and humble leadership.





For several years, Nathan served as Pastor John's personal assistant, helping him with editing projects and a variety of ministry responsibilities. This experience provided Nathan with a first-hand understanding of the blessings and demands of pastoral work. Since August 2025, he has served as our church's interim staff pastor.

In addition to his ministry at the church, Nathan has been serving as the executive vice president of The Master's Seminary and teaching as a professor of church history.

As Nathan steps into his new role and transitions from leading the seminary, the elders ask the congregation to faithfully lift up him and his family in prayer. We enter this new season of ministry with gratitude to God for His faithfulness in the past and with joyful confidence in His plan for the future.

To God be the glory,
The Elders of
Grace Community Church

The Busenitz Family
 (l-r) Austin, Isaac, Maddy,
 Beth, Nathan, Ashley,
 Bailey, Jordan, Sadie, Abby



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

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$13,921**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

| gracechurch.org/fp

LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

Chinese Outreach

Chinese Outreach Fellowship seeks to provide fellowship for Chinese-speaking believers in our church. Join us for prayer, worship, Bible study, and fellowship.

| Saturday, October 17, 10 am, T260
Info: Oliver Lan, 805-807-6881
gracechurch.org/chinese-outreach

Upcoming at Grace

- 10/15 Elders Meeting
- 10/16 Sam Britten Memorial
- 10/17 Day of Prayer
- 10/24 Family Fair
- 10/25 Grace for the Children & Plaza Fellowship
- 11/6-7 Sufficiency of Scripture Summit

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 today before and after both morning services. There is no greater gift that you could give to an unbelieving Jewish friend.

| Sunday, October 11, before and after both morning services, GraceWalk

Joint Heirs Ladies T.E.A.

All women are invited to join us as Janie Street teaches "Contending Together for the Gospel" from Philippians 1:12-30.

| Tomorrow, October 12, 6:45 pm, T270

TMS Preview Day

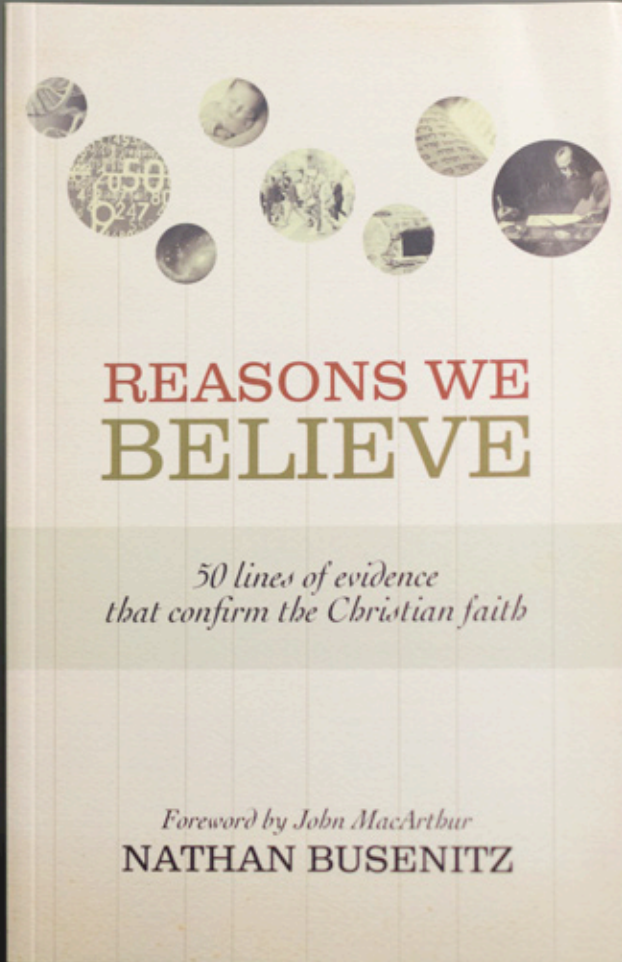
The Master's Seminary would like to invite the men of Grace Community Church to attend TMS Preview Day, a unique opportunity to explore the heart of The Master's Seminary and its mission to train faithful expositors of God's Word. Experience classes and chapel, connect with faculty and students, and see how TMS can equip you for gospel ministry.

| Tuesday, October 13. Sign up:



BOOK HIGHLIGHT

Reasons We Believe, by Nathan Busenitz, offers clear, biblical answers to questions about the Christian faith, examining the authority of Scripture and the person of Jesus Christ. It also considers how evidence outside Scripture affirms the Bible's claims, helping believers strengthen their faith and share the gospel with others.



Available today for 30% off retail
at Grace Books and the Scholar's Desk.

Grace for the Children Weekend

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CHILDREN

Join us **October 24–25** for a weekend of fellowship and worship focused on serving our children and families. As Jesus welcomed children, we desire to serve them faithfully, share the gospel with them, and support their families.



FAMILY FAIR

Saturday, October 24 • 12–4 pm • Grace Church campus • gracechurch.org/familyfair

Families from our church and community are invited to an afternoon of games, activities, food, and fellowship as we kick off Grace for the Children weekend. Game tickets and food will be available for purchase, and there will be plenty of prizes to win.

The Family Fair provides an opportunity to enjoy fellowship with our church family and welcome our neighbors to campus. Invite friends to join you and learn more about our ministries for children.



GRACE FOR THE CHILDREN SUNDAY

Sunday, October 25 • 9 and 11 am • Worship Center

Join us for a special message from Pastor Nathan Busenitz directed to the children and families of our church.

Ministries on the Patio

Visit the Patio to learn more about our ministries for children and adults. Ministry representatives will be available to answer questions about serving and participating.

Plaza Fellowship

Sunday, October 25 • 5–6 pm • Plaza

Before the evening service, join us on the Plaza for food and fellowship with our church family.

“Bring Your Parents to Adventure Club” Night

Sunday, October 25 • 6 pm • Worship Center

Our Adventure Club team will lead the evening service, featuring the Church Notes band and a message from Pastor Nathan Busenitz that continues the Adventure Club curriculum, *The Church's Beginning*.

Day of Prayer

Join us at any time on Saturday, October 17, for a day dedicated to prayer. Elders will open each hour with Scripture reading and prayer, and will invite you to pray for the specific needs of one another, our ministries, and the world. This will be a great opportunity for you to fellowship with elders and fellow believers, trusting together in the Lord through prayer.

Submit prayer requests at the Patio table today, or turn your cards in at the Office Center reception desk throughout the week.

Saturday, October 17, 6 am–6 pm,
T70 (Tower Basement)

The Great Fall Bake-Off!

All women are invited to enter their favorite pie or cookie recipes at the Great Fall Bake-Off during this year's Family Fair. Join us for a friendly competition and an opportunity to enjoy the baking talents of our church family.

Sign up by Monday, October 19, at
gracechurch.org/bakeoff.

The Sufficiency of Scripture Summit

Join us for The Master's University's two-day conference at Grace Church to better understand, embrace, and defend the sufficiency of God's Word. Nathan Busenitz, Abner Chou, and H.B. Charles Jr. will present a statement on the sufficiency of Scripture, and attendees will have the opportunity to become its initial signatories.

Friday–Saturday, November 6–7, Grace Church.
Register: masters.edu/sufficiency

Ladies for Haiti Boutique

This two-day fundraiser supports the training and equipping of pastors in Haiti. Men and women are needed to volunteer for this year's event, held November 13–14 in Santa Clarita. You can also help by donating high-end, gently used items; baking for the bake sale; shopping; or giving financially.

For more information, contact Thomas (818-675-7286) or Polonia Herrera (818-353-9586).

[pastorsofthecaribbean.org/ministries/
ladies-for-haiti](http://pastorsofthecaribbean.org/ministries/ladies-for-haiti)

With the Lord

Sam Britten, one of Grace Community Church's founding members, is in the presence of the Lord. We will have a memorial service in his honor this Friday, October 16, at 3 pm in the Worship Center. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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

Grace to You: Sermons Anytime, Anywhere

GTY provides easy access to John MacArthur's extensive sermon archive. Download the GTY app, subscribe to the podcast and YouTube channel, and find your local radio station or television broadcast by visiting gty.org.

GTY Featured Sermons

AUDIO: *A Faith That Pleases God*

VIDEO: "The Truth About Hell, Part 2"

| 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.

- Dishwasher, PT
- Nursery Supervisor, PT

For full job descriptions and benefits information,

| 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: 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

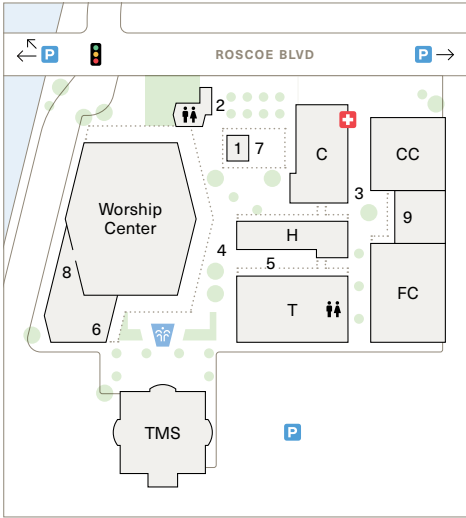
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gracechurch.org

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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