

grace FOR THE CHILDREN



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TODAY AT GRACE

9 and 11 am

Worship Services
Fellowship Groups
Overflow Seating (9 am only)
in the Family Center
Spanish Ministries

After Morning Services

Welcome Center
Member Center
Grace Books
Scholar's Desk
Steeple House Coffee

Ministry Tables on the Patio

- Grace Kids
- Grace Education
- Student Ministries:
Xchange (Middle School)
180 (High School)

1 pm

Neighborhood Outreach
(Tower Basement)

3:30 pm

Afternoon Service
Bring Your Parents to
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 9 am, 11 am, and 3:30 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

Rejoice

Church Notes, Instrumental Prelude • Getty-Shive-Peterson-Fowler

Rejoice

God Always Keeps His Promises

Congregation

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Junior Choir, dir. Lisa Martin, with Worship Choir • Thomerson/Dewar-Forrest-Rice

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Everything

Primary Choir, dir. Whitney Lucas • Getty

Hymn 302 *Nothing but the Blood*

Congregation

Announcements & Offering

He's Got the Whole World/This Is My Father's World

Youth Choir, dir. Susi Johnson; Middle School Choir, dir. Kellie Cunningham;
Junior Choir, dir. Lisa Martin; Primary Choir, dir. Whitney Lucas • Raney/Mulder

Hymn 381 *The Solid Rock*

Congregation

MESSAGE

A Tale of Two Houses

Nathan Busenitz • Matthew 7:24–27

God of Light

Doxology • Congregation

Prelude in Classic Style

Gene Roberson, Guest Organist • Young

Afternoon Worship Service — 3:30 pm

BRING YOUR PARENTS TO ADVENTURE CLUB

Prelude

Songs of Praise

Josh Villatoro & Church Notes

Baptism

Announcements & Offering

MESSAGE

The Church's Beginning

Nathan Busenitz • Acts 2

Postlude

Join us for a Plaza Fellowship following the 3:30 pm service.
There will be no evening service at 6 pm.

Welcome to Grace for the Children Sunday!

*For the 9 am service,
overflow seating is available
in the Family Center.*

This Sunday's worship services reflect the heart of our church in ministering to our children.

This special edition of *Grace Today* highlights some of the ministries designed to strengthen and support our families. Be sure to also pick up a Kids' Grace Today Activity Book for your child from a volunteer.

HYMN

REJOICE

Rejoice in the Lord, now and always;
Sing it again, we rejoice.
Delight in the love He has shown us,
Gratefully lift up your voice.
His gentleness among us
Will join our hearts with praise.
We gather in His goodness,
A family of grace.

*With each breath He's given,
praise the Lord!
In these times we live in, we will
praise the Lord.
Throughout ev'ry season, I am sure
We have ev'ry reason to praise the Lord.*

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing,
Praying for all that you need.
Come with a song of thanksgiving;
Lay your requests at His feet.
His peace will fall upon us
To guard our hearts and minds
In Christ, who reigns eternal,
The Shepherd of our lives.

Rejoice in the Lord, now and always;
Tell of the good He has done.
Worship the Lord to remember
All of the joy yet to come.
The hope that burns within us
The dark cannot destroy.
With praise that's never ending,
We say again, "Rejoice!"

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HYMN

GOD ALWAYS KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Oh, God He always keeps His promises.
He said the sons of Abraham
Would be more than the grains of sand.
And so, his family grew underneath the Pharaoh's rule.

Oh, God He always keeps His promises.
He said the blood upon the door
Would keep the Israelites secure.
And so, He stayed His hand
And led them to the Promised Land.

*Our God is good and true.
He cannot lie to me and you.
We can be sure of this:
God always keeps His promises.*

Oh, God He always keeps His promises.
He gave us laws to be obeyed,
And we broke every one He made.
But when we ran from Him,
God said He'd take care of our sin.

Oh, God He always keeps His promises.
He said His Son would set us free
Through His death at Calvary.
He suffered in our place,
And then He rose up from the grave.

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ANTHEM

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The light of my life is Jesus.

*In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
Who opened the way to the Father. *[Refrain]*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. *[Refrain]*

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DOXOLOGY

GOD OF LIGHT

This is the gospel, and now we declare it to you:
God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.
Christ is all we need.

You're stuck in your old ways, rejecting the Light of the World,
But there is no life, only sadness and sin to be found.
Christ is all we need.

*Ooh, oh, let the light lead the way.
Ooh, Jesus gives life for today.
Ooh, oh, let the light lead the way,
Running as children of light,
Following after the God, the God of Light.*

The only solution has come; He's the Light of the World.
Was buried and died,
But He rose! Death is dead! He's alive!
Christ is all we need.
[Chorus]

He calls you to follow, leaving the darkness behind.
So walk in the light, growing upward and onward for life,
'Cause Christ is all we need.
Christ is all we need.
[Chorus twice]

Words and music by Josh Villatoro.

FEATURE

2027

PARENTING
CONFERENCE

*Parenting in
the Proverbs*

Grace
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Saturday, April 24
9 am–4:30 pm

gracechurch.org/parentingconference

For parents, every stage of our child's life is filled with decisions that require careful thought and often leave us wondering what the right course is. How do you help your child make good friends, and how do you keep them from the bad ones? When do you make your child do the hard things they don't want to do, and when do you let them do the fun things they want to do? When do you discipline, and when do you give mercy? When do you carefully guide them, and when do you give them some independence? What we need as parents, day in and day out, is God-given wisdom. God has designed parenting to be beyond our ability to navigate on our own. He wants us to seek Him for wisdom. Proverbs 2:6 says, "For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding" (ESV). The wisdom we need to be pleasing to the Lord as parents and do what is best for our children can only be found in Him.

The good news is that God gives wisdom generously to those who seek it (Proverbs 2:4) and ask Him for it (James 1:5). That wisdom is found in His Word (Psalm 19:7–11). While all of God's Word is filled with wisdom for parents, the book of Proverbs is an especially rich source of truth as we raise our children. Proverbs has several sayings well-known to Christians, like "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6, ESV) and "Whoever spares

the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him" (Proverbs 13:24, ESV). But Proverbs has so much more to teach parents about wisdom than its sayings directly about parenting. The book does not merely teach wisdom by giving us helpful verses here and there—it calls us to put God's wisdom to work and see just how completely God speaks to all the details and complexities of life. Proverbs doesn't just teach us what God's wisdom is; it teaches us how to apply it in all areas of life.

For this reason, the theme of the 2027 Parenting Conference is "Parenting in the Proverbs." The conference will explore what it means to walk in wisdom as parents, beginning with the fear of the Lord (Proverbs 9:10), and covering topics applicable to parents at every stage of their journey, including disciplining and training young children, wisdom for parenting teens, and more. Even if you've been to a Parenting Conference before, we encourage you to make it an annual event for your family, as it provides a unique opportunity to get to know other parents, connect with Children's and Student Ministries pastors, and be refreshed and encouraged as a couple. We hope to see you there and pray that it will be a refreshing and helpful time around God's Word.

Join us April 24 for the third annual Parenting Conference, a one-day event focused on the theme "Parenting in the Proverbs." Registration begins mid-January. ●



GRACE BOOKS HIGHLIGHT

Doxa Games are interactive Bible-learning board and card games designed to make Scripture memorable through play.

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



EQUIPPING PARENTS

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

gracechurch.org/women

Women's Ministries at Grace Church seeks to encourage women to worship our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ through the study and application of Scripture and the deepening of relationships with other women for fellowship and accountability. Several women's Bible studies are offered to this end.

These groups are an opportunity to get to know women in different seasons and circumstances of life and to be encouraged and sharpened in your love for the Lord and His people. Whether you are single, a mom with children at home, a widow, or anywhere in between, you will see that whatever your situation—in any and every season of life—there is a spiritual home and sweet fellowship for you here at our church.

MEN OF THE WORD

Wednesdays, 7 pm, Worship Center
gracechurch.org/motw

Men of the Word exists to glorify God by equipping and encouraging men to fulfill their God-ordained roles as leaders in the home, the church, and the world. This is accomplished by providing biblical instruction, personal discipleship, genuine fellowship, and spiritual accountability, centered around weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Worship Center at Grace Church.

This year, Men of the Word is studying the doctrine of Scripture. In the fall, we are focusing on the qualities which define God's Word. In the spring, our study will focus on the practical process of studying God's Word. Men of all ages are invited to join us; no registration is necessary.

DISCIPLING STUDENTS

XCHANGE MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

gracechurch.org/xchange

Xchange is our Middle School Ministry, designed for students in sixth through eighth grade and packed with purposeful fun and discipleship. Our ministry desires to point students to the glory of the gospel of Jesus Christ in the hope that they would be saved by faith in Christ and begin to embrace the benefits of committing to the local church. We meet on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights.

180 HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

gracechurch.org/180

At 180, the High School Ministry of Grace Church, we teach students that life is about Christ (Colossians 1:28–29). Our desire is to see students come to true saving faith in Jesus Christ and grow in love, obedience, delight, evangelistic zeal, and service for His glory. We seek to accomplish this through the regular preaching of God's Word and small group discipleship, which take place weekly through our Sunday morning service and Wednesday evening Bible studies.

Through intentional investment, we strive to walk with young people as they mature into adulthood, and we see this season in a teenager's life as vital toward forming spiritual convictions through understanding, applying, and cherishing God's Word.



TEACHING CHILDREN

THE MASTER'S KIDS

gracechurch.org/tmk

The Master's Kids is a pre-kindergarten ministry that allows mom and child to spend dedicated time together before the formal education process begins. Children learn pre-kindergarten level material and spiritual truths through lesson times, crafts, field trips, and much more.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday Mornings

gracechurch.org/sundayschool

Sunday School provides age-appropriate Bible lessons and learning activities that are both fun and spiritually rich for children ages three through second grade. The children learn about the character of God, the work of Christ, and the means of living in right relationship to Him.

Our ultimate goal is to come alongside parents in fulfilling the command to “recount to the generation to come the praises of Yahweh, and His strength and His wondrous deeds that He has done” (Psalm 78:4).

ADVENTURE CLUB

Sunday Evenings

gracechurch.org/adventureclub

Adventure Club is a high-energy program for children age three through sixth grade. This program is a fun, Bible-centered experience for kids while their parents worship during the evening service.

Adventure Club consists of corporate teaching time, games, small groups, and music. All of this is for the ultimate purpose of evangelizing our children, encouraging our parents, and edifying our volunteers.

GRACE EDUCATION

graceeducation.org

Grace Education serves as a banner of care and leadership over an exciting K–12 Christian education portfolio. Grace Education works to support and advance these educational programs as part of Grace Church's ongoing commitment to faithful teaching, biblical leadership, and the provision of ongoing spiritual refuge and truth for families. Grace Education supports:

Grace Academy: Hybrid classroom and home-based learning, K–8 graceacademy.org

Faith Christian PSP: Flexible, primarily home-based option, K–12 faithpsp.org

Legacy Christian Academy: Private Christian school, K–12 legacy-christian.com

GET INVOLVED

Visit the Patio tables after today's morning services to learn more about Grace Kids, Student Ministries (middle and high school), and Grace Education schools, including opportunities to volunteer.

SAFETY FOR OUR CHILDREN

Grace Kids is well known for its emphasis on teaching children the truth of God's Word. However, we also highly prioritize the safety of the children in our ministries, both on Sunday and throughout the week.

Our policies and standards include:

- Secure check-in and check-out system for all children's programs
- Restrooms designated for children only
- Live Scan background checks for all Grace Kids volunteers and staff
- Mandatory volunteer training on child abuse awareness and policies
- Regular CPR training available
- Regular volunteer training on classroom and safety policies
- Training on identifying and reporting suspicious behavior
- Radios issued to Grace Kids staff for immediate communication
- Safety Team on duty during ministry hours
- Camera monitoring in classrooms and outdoor areas
- Direct emergency dialing from each classroom to Safety Team
- Nurse on duty during ministry hours

THANK YOU
for being a part
of what God is
doing in the next
generation of
our church.



Sunday Ministries

To allow families to worship together this Sunday, Grace Kids (Sunday School and Juniors) and GraceLife Fellowship Group will not be meeting. Overflow will be available in the Family Center at 9 am only.

Nursery care will continue to be available for children ages three and under.



9 am

- Anchored T360**
Pastor: Carl Hargrove
- Cornerstone T370**
Pastors: Mark Tatlock, Mark Zhakevich
- GraceLife**
(not meeting)
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: Isafas 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**
(not meeting)
For room locations, visit Children's Check-In.
Pastor: Trent Mabs
- Developmentally Disabled CCI30E**
Pastor: Rick McLean
- Spanish Ministries Chapel**
Pastor: Josiah Grauman

Campus Map

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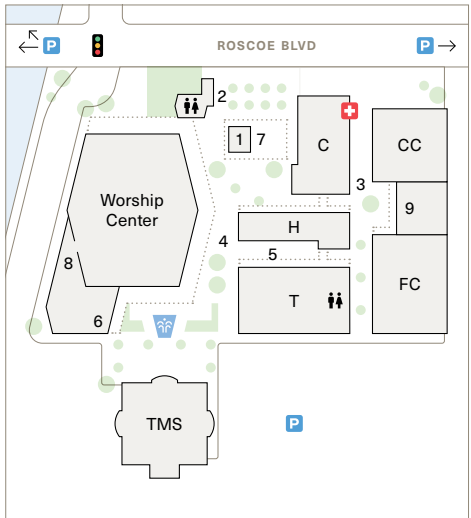
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Grace Church Wi-Fi

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Proverbs3:5-6

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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



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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