

GRACE TODAY

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John MacArthur
PASTOR-TEACHER

Clayton Erb / Minister of Music

Welcome to the Lord's day
worship service at Grace Church.

We are truly blessed to be here
this morning as we open God's
Word together, sing His praises,
and enjoy a time of fellowship
in His presence.

Be sure to take advantage of
the many fellowship and ministry
opportunities available to
our church family today and
throughout the week.



8:30 & 10:30* am

Light Has Dawned • Fonda • The Master's College Orchestra

Glory to God in the Highest from Gloria • Rutter • The Master's College Collegiate Singers
Only You Alone Are Holy from Gloria • Rutter

Hallelujah • Handel

Christmas Carol Mvmt. 5 • arr. Kelly • The Master's College Orchestra

O Come, All Ye Faithful • Wade/Forrest • The Master's College Collegiate Singers

Hymn 132 Angels We Have Heard on High • Congregation

MESSAGE: **THE DAY THE LIGHT WENT OUT**
 John MacArthur • John 12:34–50

Doxology Hymn • Congregation

Good King Wenceslas • Trad./Sturz • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing • Mendelssohn/Mott-Galbraith • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Baptism • Josh Petras

Who Is He in Yonder Stall? • Hanby • Offertory

MESSAGE: **JOHN MACARTHUR Q&A, PART 2**
 with Austin Duncan

Angels We Have Heard on High • Trad./Sturz • Organ Postlude

* Interpreting for the deaf is provided during the 10:30 a.m. service.

Arabic translation for the 10:30 a.m. service is available at gracechurch.org/live.

Anthem

Glory to God in the Highest

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will.
 We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
 We give thanks to you because of your great glory.
 Glory to God in the highest.

Only You Alone Are Holy

Only you alone are holy, You alone are Lord.
 You alone are the highest,
 Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit in the Glory of God the Father.
 Amen.

Doxology Hymn

Hymn 141 • O Little Town of Bethlehem

O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
 Cast out our sin, and enter in; Be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
 O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.

Welcome The Master's College Collegiate Singers & Orchestra

The Master's College Collegiate Singers, under the direction of Dr. Paul T. Plew, is a non-auditioned, campus community choir of 150 members. The choir performs a wide variety of classical and contemporary sacred music, including an annual Christmas production ("Come, ChristmasSing") and Easter concerts at Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

The 70-member Master's College Orchestra personnel come from a mixture of both talented college students and accomplished instrumentalists from the northern Los Angeles area, many of whom are professional musicians. Under the direction of Dr. Stephen R. Opfer, they perform concerts with musical literature ranging from classical and sacred to film scores and musicals.

Campus Ministries

THE WELCOME CENTER hosts a reception for visitors following each Sunday-morning service. Enjoy refreshments and find helpful people with answers to any questions you have about our church. You'll also receive one of Pastor MacArthur's books as a thank you for being with us today.

THE MEMBER CENTER has information about membership and baptism. It is located on the north side of the Heritage Building, across from the Welcome Center.

Next Membership Class • January 4
101 • 10:30 a.m. • T66 (basement)

THE PRAYER ROOM is staffed with counselors, ready to offer pastoral care. It is open after every service, and is adjacent to the Worship Center.

Generations of Grace Children's Sunday School

The following lesson was taught **today** in Sunday School (Preschool through Juniors)



MESSAGE God Reveals the Messiah

PASSAGE Matthew 1:18–25; Luke 1:26–38

PRINCIPLE Jesus is Savior and Lord and deserves all our worship.

HYMN OF THE MONTH "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ASK YOUR CHILD What did the angel tell Mary about the baby that she would have?

APPLY By obeying Jesus Christ as Lord and God.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Matthew 1:18–25; Luke 1:26–38

NEXT WEEK Luke 1:5–25, 57–67, 76–80

On GraceWalk

- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Grace Books Express
- Local Outreach

On the Patio

- Logos Institute
- Shepherds' Conference
- Spanish Ministries (by the Chapel)

Bookstore

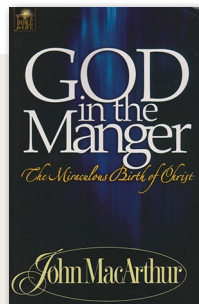
The Bookstore is open after each service and during the week. It is located on the south side of the Worship Center.

HIGHLIGHT

GOD IN THE MANGER: THE MIRACULOUS BIRTH OF CHRIST

by John MacArthur

EXPRESS CHECK-OUT on GraceWalk



Grace to You

RADIO gtv.org/radio

Back to Basics

- KKLA 99.5 FM LOS ANGELES M–F 6:30 am & 7:30 pm
- KDAR 98.3 FM OXNARD-VENTURA M–F 2:00 & 10:00 am; Sun 2:00 am
- SiriusXM CHANNEL 131 M–F 2:00 am & 8:00 pm

TELEVISION gtv.org/television

"Simply Believe"

- NRB Network CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

ONLINE gtv.org

- Sunday sermons
- Audio archive: John MacArthur's pulpit ministry
- Resource library: books, study guides, videos, Q&As

All audio is available for free listening or downloading.

SEMINARY AT CHURCH:

Irv Busenitz • Dean, The Master's Seminary

Paul's final words to Timothy—"Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction" (2 Timothy 4:2)—have been the bedrock for The Master's Seminary since its inception. Even before the seminary was established, the conviction to train men for the work of the ministry fortified this vision. For many years, Dr. John MacArthur envisioned a program that would train men for ministry in the context of the local church. The fulfillment of this vision began in 1977 when Talbot Theological Seminary began offering seminary courses through an extension program on the Grace Church campus. Within ten years, that

extension campus became The Master's Seminary (TMS).

In 1986 TMS was launched with ninety-five students and four full-time faculty members for the inaugural degree, the Master of Divinity. Today the faculty has expanded to seventeen full-time members spread across five degree programs (Bachelor of Theology, Master of Divinity, Master of Theology, Doctor of Ministry and Doctor of Theology). God has blessed our pastor's vision of more than thirty years ago with a current student body of nearly 400 students and over 1,400 alumni ministering in more than forty countries.

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– 2 Timothy 4:2

A SYMBIOTIC UNION

The goal for The Master's Seminary has always been to equip men of God for Bible exposition in the local church. This is to be accomplished through an educational program in an environment of spiritual fellowship that emphasizes the worship of God, submission to the authority of Scripture, a life of personal holiness, the priority of the local church, and the mission of penetrating the world with the Truth.

In an effort to make seminary education more convenient and accessible for men who are balancing career and family responsibilities, TMS will offer classes at night starting in January 2015 with an

Old Testament survey course. Although these classes will be offered for credit for students enrolled in the Master of Divinity degree, all church members are invited to participate as part of the Logos Institute at the rate of \$99 per class.

If you would like to explore seminary education on a part-time basis, consider enrolling for next Spring. It's a great opportunity to take your spiritual education to the next level. ■

For more information, stop by the patio table this morning or contact Scott Basolo at 818-909-5686 or sbasolo@tms.edu. For additional information about Logos Institute, visit gracechurch.org/logos, email logosinstitute@gracechurch.org, or call 818-909-5671.

Old Testament Survey I: Genesis—Esther

January 13—May 5 (Tuesdays) • 6:00—9:30 p.m.

Instructor: Mark Zhakevich



Christmas Concert

December 18–21

Thursday & Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, 2:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

Worship Choir • Symphonic Orchestra
Vocal Solos & Ensembles • Handbell Choir Children's Choir

Call 818-909-5670 or go to gracechurch.org/concert for more information. Child care is available for children five years old and younger.



2015 Missionary Calendar

The 2015 Missionary Calendar is available on the patio this morning. One per family, please.

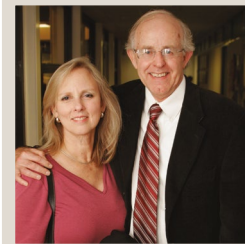
Grace Around the World

Cecil & Kathy Stalnaker

Serving Since 1978

Prayer / Praise

- Pray for wisdom and insight as we focus our ministry on the raising up of the next generation of missionaries through training and counsel.
- Pray that my teaching on "Discipleship Missions" in local churches, at The Master's College, and at Tyndale Theological Seminary in Holland (in 2015) will give those taking the course an intense desire for the making of disciples in all the nations.



So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

—Romans 10:17

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$11,597**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionary families.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Basketball Outreach

Mondays • 8:30 p.m. • Family Center

Every Monday night the Family Center is transformed into Grace Gym for an evening of basketball and evangelism. The neighborhood comes to play basketball in our newly renovated gym, and at halftime there is a faithful gospel presentation. We would love for our church family to join us in modeling how to compete in a Christlike manner, and in taking opportunities between games to personally engage our friends with the gospel.

Communion

December 14 • 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. —1 Corinthians 11:26

Shepherds' Conference

Scholarships

Information about providing a scholarship for the 2015 Inerrancy Summit is available at the patio table this morning or gracechurch.org/scholarship.

Volunteer Sign-Ups

To sign up to volunteer to serve during the summit, stop by the patio table this morning or visit gracechurch.org/volunteer.

Logos Institute

Discipleship Counseling: Level 2

January 14–April 8 • 6:30–8:30 p.m. • T370s

Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders

Cost: \$75

For more information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/logos.

Unequally Yoked

Tuesday, December 9

Bible study primarily for women married to unbelieving husbands. For information, call 818-909-5521.

High School Winter Retreat

January 2–4 • Forest Home

For details, visit gracechurch.org/oneighty.

Junior High Winter Retreat

January 2–4 • Thousand Pines Christian Camp

For details, visit gracechurch.org/xchange.

Joyful Givers

2014 Tax Information

All contributions for calendar year 2014 must be received by the church no later than our December 28 offering or postmarked no later than December 31, 2014. The church campus will be closed for the holidays December 24–26, 2014, and December 29, 2014–January 2, 2015. Contributions received after Sunday, December 28, 2014, or postmarked after December 31, 2014, will be recorded in 2015. The elders, pastors, and church staff thank each of you for faithfully and sacrificially giving to the Lord.

With the Lord

Jan Van Lydegraf and **Alan Webberly** recently went to be with the Lord. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones. —Psalm 116:15

8:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School
Visit the Welcome Center
for room locations.
Pastor: Matt White

Cornerstone

(All ages) T371
Pastors: Nathan Busenitz,
Justin Harris, Tom Patton,
Mark Tatlock

Doulos (20s & 30s) T361
Pastor: Carl Hargrove

FaithBuilders (All ages) T261
Pastor: Bill Shannon

GraceLife (All ages)
Family Center
Pastors: Phil Johnson,
Mike Riccardi

Junior High (Grades 7–8)
T73 (Basement)
Pastor: Andrew Curry

Mentally Disabled
CC130 (east)
Pastor: Rick McLean

**Spanish Adult Sunday
School** H221-222
Teachers: Josiah Grauman,
Heber Torres

Spanish Worship Service
Chapel
Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,
Michael Mahoney

10:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School
Visit the Welcome Center
for room locations.
Pastor: Matt White

Crossroads
(College & young adults)
Family Center
Pastor: Austin Duncan

High School (Grades 9–12)
T73 (Basement)
Pastor: Josh Petras

Joint Heirs (All ages) T261
Pastor: John Street

Mainstream (All ages) T361
Pastor: Rich Gregory

Mentally Disabled
CC130 (east)
Pastor: Rick McLean

Sojourners (All ages) T371
Pastor: William Varner

**Spanish Adult Sunday
School** H221–222
Teachers: Josiah Grauman,
Ruben Pidal, Heber Torres

Spanish Worship Service
Chapel
Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,
Michael Mahoney

12:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Outreach
T273

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Night Prayer Group
Grace Grill
(next to the Children's Center)

6:00 p.m.

Discovery (Grades 1–6)
Family Center

Discovery Kids (Ages 3–5)
CC134-136

Visit our website at

GRACECHURCH.ORG

Fridays 7:30 p.m.

The Guild (Single adults)
T361
Pastor: Don Carr

Mondays 9:00 a.m.

Monday Morning Prayer Group
Welcome Center

Building Abbreviation Key

T = Tower

H = Heritage

CC = Children's Center

MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Administration
818-909-5500

Children
818-909-5631

Equipping
818-909-5671

Membership
818-909-5644

Men
818-909-5537

Outreach
818-909-5700

**Pastoral Care &
Counseling**
818-909-5537

Prayer
818-909-5519

Spanish
818-909-5722

Special Ministries
818-909-5519

Student
818-909-5593

Women
818-909-5521

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His truth in the world.*

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