

GRACE TODAY

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PASTOR-TEACHER

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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.

Sundays
JULY

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2016



8:30 & 10:30* am

Now Thank We All Our God • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 126 Behold Our God • Congregation

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say • Trad./Palmer-Oliver-Rice
String Orchestra, Woodwinds, Piano

Behold the Man • Rambo/Clydesdale • Worship Choir

Hymn 281 Jesus Paid It All • Congregation

Speak, O Lord • Getty-Townend/Rice • John Adams

MESSAGE: **LIVING ON THE EDGE**

Derek Thomas • Galatians 2:19–21

Communion

Postlude in G • Handel • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right • Bourque/Stanton • Instrumental Prelude

Hymns of Praise • Congregation

Baptism • Bill Shannon

Hymn 66 Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right • Offertory

MESSAGE: **DIFFICULT DAYS: WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU
DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO?**

Harry Walls • Mark 6:45–52

Anthem

Behold the Man

Behold the Man, wounded and bruised, crowned with thorns.
He was despised rejected. He was despised rejected.

Behold the Man. Man of sorrows acquainted with grief.
We hid our faces from Him.

We did not know that it was for our sins He died
That for us the Son of God was crucified:
That in love He bore our sorrow and pain,
And in love He willingly suffered.

Behold the Man suffering in silence, bearing our shame.
We hid our faces from Him.

We didn't know that this was God the Father's plan,
Born of love to bring redemption down to man,
That in love He gave His only Son
So that we might be forgiven.

Behold the Man. Risen in glory coming to reign.
By the Father exalted, crowned with glory and honor.

Behold the man: King of kings and Lord of lords.
Through all creation Jesus Christ is Lord.
He is Lord, He is Lord!

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* Interpreting for the deaf is provided during the 10:30 a.m. service. Arabic and Korean translation for the 10:30 a.m. service is available at gracechurch.org/live. A limited number of headsets are available at the front desk for simultaneous translation.

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 • August 7
101 • 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. • T375

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 Requires Holy Living

PASSAGE Leviticus 19

PRINCIPLE God is holy and wants believers to live holy lives.

HYMN OF THE MONTH "Take My Life and Let It Be"

ASK YOUR CHILD What does it mean to be holy?

APPLY By obeying his father and mother.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Leviticus 19.

NEXT WEEK Review Sunday

On GraceWalk

- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Local Outreach

On the Patio

- Clouds Without Water Conference
- Spanish Ministries (by the Chapel)

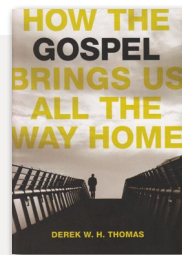
Bookstore

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

HIGHLIGHT

HOW THE GOSPEL BRINGS US ALL THE WAY HOME

by Derek Thomas



Dr. Thomas unpacks what he calls "the best chapter in the Bible" showing how Paul, in Romans 8, gives an overview of the Christian life from "no condemnation" to "no separation." In these pages readers are taken step-by-step through these unfolding waystations along the Christian journey to uncover profound exhortations and reassurances for God's people.

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Grace to You

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- KKL 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

TELEVISION gty.org/television

"The Necessities for Effective Prayer"

- NRBT CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

ONLINE gty.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.

Adapted from the Generations of Grace Family Devotional, available at the bookstore.

CLOUDS WITHOUT WATER

For more than four decades, our pastor has led the fight for the supremacy of the truth and of sound doctrine—not only within the walls of our own church, but also throughout the evangelical church at large. Surrounded by other defenders of biblical teaching, Pastor John has devoted his ministry to safeguarding the inerrancy of Scripture, the Lordship of Christ, and the literal truth of the creation account in Genesis. But perhaps the most far-reaching and pernicious error that our pastor has battled against is the damning doctrine of the health, wealth, and prosperity “gospel.”

Three years ago, Grace to You hosted the Strange Fire Conference in order to defend the truth against the heresies of the Word of Faith movement and other Charismatic aberrations. Faithful pastors like R.C. Sproul, Steve Lawson, and Conrad Mbewe stood alongside Pastor MacArthur to declare the absolute sufficiency of the written Word of God.

Another of those faithful men was Justin Peters, a longtime friend of our church family. Justin suffers from cerebral palsy and is confined to a wheelchair. Believing

he could be healed by a Word-of-Faith faith healer, like thousands of others he became disillusioned when he was not healed. This launched him into critical study of Charismaticism, and today his ministry is devoted to exposing the damaging and damning effects of the doctrine and practice of the Word of Faith movement, sounding the call for discernment among Christ’s flock.

Justin will be with us again on July 29–30 as the featured speaker of a weekend conference hosted by the GraceLife fellowship group. Entitled “Clouds without Water: A Biblical Critique of the Word of Faith Movement,” the conference consists of four seminars that explore such topics as the biblical definition of discernment and common objections against it, the cultic origins of the Word of Faith movement, a critical evaluation of Charismatic practices (e.g., abusing tongues, being slain in the Spirit, supposed visits to heaven, etc.), and the question of whether it is always God’s will to heal.

Jude calls the false teachers troubling the early church “clouds without water” (Jude 1:12), because they promise spiritual benefit (as clouds promise rain) but never

deliver, leaving the church hopeless and disillusioned. We must be on guard against such teachers, and must be equipped to help others be discerning as well. We are confident that our church family will be served by Justin's ministry, and hope you'll join us for what will be a special time of practical instruction from God's Word. ■

CLOUDSWITHOUTWATER

A Biblical Critique of the Word of Faith Movement
July 29–30

Grace Church Family Center
Speaker: Justin Peters

Cost: \$15 (includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday)

GraceLife is partnering with Logos for this event, so those who would like to attend this conference for Logos elective credit may do so. For more information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/logos.

Childcare is not available for this event.

Sundays IN JULY

JULY 17

8:30 a.m.

Letting Go of Anger

Pursuing Peace That Passes Understanding
Bill Shannon, Family Center 1

Pursuing Purity

Battling Lust in an Impure World
Josh Petras, Family Center 2

The Greatest Letter Ever Written

An Overview of the Book of Romans
Chris Gee, Family Center 3

One Nation Under God?

The Religious Beliefs of America's Founding Fathers
Gregg Frazer, *Professor of History & Political Studies at The Master's University*, T260s

Strength in Weakness

Developing a Proper Perspective on Suffering
Rick McLean, T360s

Wolves in Sheep's Clothing

Understanding the Errors of Islam
Nathan Busenitz, T370s

10:30 a.m.

Marks of a Fool

Advice from Proverbs on Wise Living
Carlos Chung, Family Center 1

Healing in the Home

Help for Families in Crisis
John Street, Family Center 2

The God Behind a Forgiving Heart

Lessons from the Life of Joseph
Carl Hargrove, Family Center 3

A Crash Course in Church History, Part 2

From Luther to Los Angeles
Rich Gregory, T260s

Christians Work

Another Way They Know We Are His
Robb P, T360s

Raising Biblical Women

Parenting Girls to Produce God-Honoring Women
Chris Hamilton, T370s

Today's Guest Speaker



Derek Thomas is the Robert Strong Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology at Reformed Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia. He also serves as Minister of Preaching and Teaching at First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina. Dr. Thomas has written or edited fifteen books and has contributed to commentary series by Banner of Truth and Evangelical Press. He and his wife, Rosemary, have two adult children and two grandchildren.

SHORT TERM MINISTRIES

Please pray for our teams as they prepare for, serve, and return from the field.

Team Japan July 21–August 7

Team Members:

Geoffrey Ng (team leader), Camille Brown, Alex Cai, Elkana Chan, Olivia Chen, Sean DeMoura, Jeanine Grover, Joshua Jang, Alyssa Lok, Sophia Tat, Carrie Wong

Host:

Shuji Kondo, Hamadera Bible Church

Objectives:

- Facilitating a Vacation Bible School
- Evangelizing the parents of the children who attend VBS

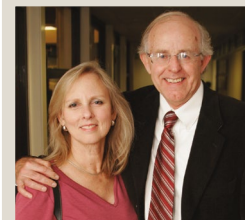
Grace Around the World

Cecil & Kathy Stalnaker

Serving Since **1978**

Prayer / Praise

- Pray for the raising up of the next generation of missionaries as we mobilize, teach, and equip them for cross-cultural missions.
- Pray for an increased vision and commitment of God's people for the making of disciples for all nations as Cecil teaches on missions in local churches throughout southern California.



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

—Romans 10:17

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$68,624**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Visitor Outreach

Every Sunday, our church is honored to welcome first-time visitors. During the following week, our visitor outreach team connects with each visitor who submitted a registration card. They thank our guests for visiting, attempt to answer any questions they may have, and offer to help them get plugged into Grace Church. These calls can be a great opportunity to proclaim the gospel. Team members also invite the visitors back to church, offering to host them during the services, with the goal of building discipleship relationships with them. For more information call 818-909-5721.

Korean Fundamentals of the Faith

Starts Today • 8:30 a.m.

To register, visit the FOF table on GraceWalk this morning or call Jong Yi at 818-634-5987.

Attend a Fellowship Group

Adult fellowship groups exist to glorify God by studying His Word, practically applying that truth to daily life, and providing God's people with opportunities for worship, ministry, and building relationships with each other.

Times and locations of fellowship groups are listed on the back page of *Grace Today*.

Baby Rose Reminder

To have a rosebud placed in honor of your newborn baby, email music@gracechurch.org or call Sharon at 818-909-5678.

*Make me know Your ways, O Lord;
Teach me Your paths.
Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
For You are the God of my salvation;
For You I wait all the day.*

—Psalm 25:4–5



Grace Church Connection

Keep current with what's new around Grace Church each month. To subscribe to our monthly email update, visit gracechurch.org/news.

Job Opportunity

Print Shop Technician. The Grace Church Media Department has a part-time opening for an experienced printing professional who desires to serve the church. Position requires a working knowledge of digital production copiers and print finishing equipment (folder, cutter, etc.). Applicants for employment must be, if employed, biblically qualified as a deacon and be a member of Grace Church. For more information or to request an application, contact Human Resources at HR@gracechurch.org or 818-909-5672.

8:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School
Visit the Welcome Center
for room locations.
Pastor: Mike Johnston

Cornerstone

(All ages) T371
Pastors: Nathan Busenitz,
Mark Tatlock, Harry Walls

Doulos (Young families &
singles) 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: Jay Lenington

Developmentally Disabled
TMS Library
Pastor: Rick McLean

**Spanish Adult Sunday
School** H221-222
Teachers: Josiah Grauman,
José Soria

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: Mike Johnston

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

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

Joint Heirs (All ages) T261
Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street

Mainstream (All ages) T361
Pastor: Rich Gregory,
Carlos Chung

Developmentally Disabled
TMS Library
Pastor: Rick McLean

Sojourners (All ages) T371
Pastor: William Varner

**Spanish Adult Sunday
School** H221-222
Teachers: Rubén Pidal,
Daniel Corral

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

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818-909-5644

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