

GRACE TODAY

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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

BILL BRANDENSTEIN, DIRECTOR

All Glory Be to God on High • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 1 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above • Congregation

Hymn 117 King of the Ages

If Ye Love Me • Tallis • Worship Choir

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal • Trad./Parker • Worship Choir

Hymn 423 On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand • Congregation

My Song Is Love Unknown • Ireland/Getty-Rea-Rice

Philip Webb; Mark Rice, piano; Elijah Lee, violin

MESSAGE: **FINDING THE FULLNESS OF JOY**

Rich Gregory • 1 John 1:1–4

We Christians May Rejoice • Bach • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Oh, How Good It Is • Getty-Holmes-Townend • Instrumental Prelude

Hymns of Praise • Congregation

Hymn 388 He Will Hold Me Fast • Offertory

MESSAGE: **GODLY THINKING, GODLY LIVING**

Mike Riccardi • Philippians 4:8–9

* 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.

Anthems

If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments

If ye love Me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father,
And He shall give you another Comforter,
That He may abide with you forever,
E'en the Spirit of truth;
That He may abide with you forever,
E'en the Spirit of truth.

Lyrics adapted from John 13:15–17; music by Thomas Tallis (1505–1585)

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

Hark, I hear the harps eternal Ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters, With their deep and solemn roar.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Praise the Lamb,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Glory to the great I AM!

And my soul though stained with sorrow, Fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters To the city far away.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Praise the Lamb,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Glory to the great I AM!

Souls have crossed before me, saintly, To that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly In the mansions of the blessed.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Praise the Lamb,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Glory to the great I AM!

Words and music, traditional; arranged by Alice Parker

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 Israel Rejects God's Provision

PASSAGE Numbers 11–12

PRINCIPLE God is displeased when we complain.

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

ASK YOUR CHILD Why did the Israelites complain about God's provision?

APPLY By thanking God for the blessings in our lives.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Numbers 11–12.

NEXT WEEK Numbers 13–14

On GraceWalk

- **Fundamentals of the Faith**
- **Local Outreach**

On the Patio

- **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

OWEN ON THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

by Matthew Barrett & Michael Haykin

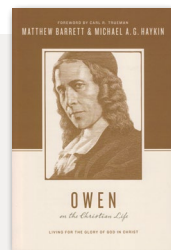
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- Sunday sermons
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Adapted from the **Generations of Grace Family Devotional**, available at the bookstore.

THE GOD-CENTERED PURS

LOGOS INSTITUTE

During the 1730s and 1740s, something amazing was happening across the thirteen British colonies that would become the United States. Thousands of people gave their lives to Jesus Christ in the span of just a few months. Dozens were saved after hearing just one sermon on a Sunday morning. Preachers proclaimed God's Word outdoors to crowds numbering in the thousands. Entire church congregations who were once apathetic about evangelism became zealous to tell everyone they knew about Christ. Churches were filled beyond capacity on Sundays. Homes were packed for weekday prayer meetings. The gospel was the most popular topic of conversation on the street and in the workplace. What was going on? In a word—revival.

The Great Awakening was one of the most widespread revivals in history. On the eve

of the birth of our nation, God caused a great multitude of people to be born again. This revival shaped the development of our country in its infant stage and left an indelible imprint on our culture that can be seen even today.

What did this revival look like? Preachers like Jonathan Edwards and George Whitefield led the charge with their passionate proclamation of the gospel. While Edwards is perhaps most famous for his fire and brimstone sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," he also preached grace, forgiveness, and rescue from this angry God with an equal fervor. Whitefield traveled the colonies and used his booming voice to preach in the open air. By the time of his death, he had traveled so extensively and preached so frequently that more than ten million people had heard him proclaim the gospel.

The ministries of Edwards and Whitefield sparked a missions movement that rippled beyond the colonies. For instance, missionary David Brainerd brought the gospel to some of the colonists' most feared neighbors—the Native Americans. Another, William Carey, pushed the gospel even further, ministering in India for 41 years without a furlough. Because of this perseverance as well as his work in Bible translation, education, and social reform, Carey is known today as "the Father of Modern Missions."

On September 23–24, Dr. Steve Lawson will highlight the lives of these four spiritual giants of the Great Awakening in the third installment of the "Men Who Rocked the World" conference series. As we get to know the hearts and ministries of these men, the conference will address questions such as, what made them tick?

UIT OF THE REVIVALISTS

Why did God use them so powerfully? What fueled the fire in their bones to proclaim the gospel wherever they went, and what kept that fire burning until the day each man died? And, most importantly, what lessons can we take away from their lives as we live our own in 2016?

The “Men Who Rocked the World” series is not designed to simply help you brush up on church history, but to create an opportunity to rub shoulders with, follow behind, and learn from some of the most passionate followers of Christ and some of the most faithful evangelists the world has ever known. Come join us and learn how that missionary zeal translates into your own call to evangelism. ■

A CONFERENCE PRESENTED BY LOGOS INSTITUTE

MEN WHO ROCKED THE WORLD

THE GOD-CENTERED PURSUIT OF THE REVIVALISTS

EDWARDS • WHITEFIELD • BRAINERD • CAREY

September 23-24, 2016

Friday 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. • Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Grace Community Church Family Center

\$25 (includes breakfast); \$30 after September 5



Speaker: Steve Lawson

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



Sundays IN JULY

JULY 31

8:30 a.m.

Jesus Paid It All

The Atoning Work of Christ

Bill Shannon, Family Center 1

How to Be a Good Friend

Wisdom About Friendship from the Book of Proverbs
Hohn Cho, Family Center 2

Worldly Influence

Sennacherib, Hezekiah, and How Archeology Details the Failure of God's Chosen People

Mark B, Family Center 3

One Nation Under Christ?

Examining the Evidence for a Christian America
Gregg Frazer, Professor of History & Political Studies at The Master's University, T260s

The Friend of Sinners

How Understanding Jesus' Humanity Draws Us to Him
Kris Brackett, T360s

How to Be a Good Theologian

(Even if You Can't Go to Seminary)

Phil Johnson, T370s

10:30 a.m.

Sovereignty and Missions, Part 2

How Election Encourages Evangelism

Sammy W, Family Center 1

The (Not So) Ordinary Nine-to-Five

Lessons About Work from Jesus the Carpenter

Jay Lennington, Family Center 2

The Chronicler of Narnia

A Biographical Sketch of C.S. Lewis

Tom Patton, Family Center 3

The Valley of the Shadow of Death

Persevering Through Grief and Loss

Phil Manly, Jon Scott, T260s

Tying the Knot, Part 2

What Young People Need to Know about Marriage

Dave Muxlow, T360s

Parenting Adult Children

When and How the Parenting Relationship Changes

Chris Hamilton, T370s

Grace Around the World

The Luehrmann Family

Michael & Emily, Anna, Elijah, Rosie, Liam, Joshua

Serving in England since 2004

Prayer / Praise

- Pray for our church as two new assistant pastors start in September.
- Pray that we would walk closely with the Lord, communing with Him in prayer and the Word.



Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$35,082**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Downtown Jail Ministry

Every week this ministry visits the men incarcerated at Men's Central Jail in Downtown Los Angeles. Men's Central is a high-security jail with inmates who are there on a long-term basis. There are wonderful opportunities to preach the gospel to those who have experienced very tangible consequences of their sin. For more information about serving in this ministry, call 818-909-5721.

Save the Date: Men's Conference

God's Glory & Man's Chief End

Saturday, September 17

Keynote speakers: John MacArthur • Scott Ardavanis

Nothing has a greater impact on a man and his leadership than his understanding of God and His attributes. Join us for this special day of preaching, praise, and fellowship as we kick off our 2016–2017 Men of the Word study of God's attributes. For details, visit gracechurch.org/motw.

Blood Drive

August 14 • 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

The Cedars-Sinai Bloodmobile will be in the main parking lot (behind the church), on the west side of the seminary building. To sign up, email or text names and preferred times to David at KeysD@cshs.org or call 310-717-5996. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Attend a Home Bible Study

Home Bible studies provide opportunities for discipleship, fellowship, and ministry around time in God's Word. An updated Fellowship Bible Studies list is available at the Welcome Center.

With the Lord

Hollis Williams recently went to be with the Lord. Please remember his family in your prayers.

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

A poster for a family concert. The background is teal with a dark brown diagonal line. Several yellow lightbulbs with black bases are scattered across the poster. In the center, the words "Plaza Fellowship" are written in a large, white, cursive font with a black outline. Below this, a yellow banner with a black border contains the text "AUGUST 7" in bold black letters, followed by "after the evening service" in a smaller black font. At the bottom right, the text "Hosted by Children's Ministry in the Family Center" is written in white. Below this, a black banner with a white border contains the text "Hot Dogs • Kettlecorn • Donut Bites" in white, followed by "Frappuccino (adults only)" in a smaller white font. At the very bottom, the text "Childcare (infants–3-year-olds) is available until 9:00 p.m." is written in a smaller white font.

FAMILY CONCERT

Plaza Fellowship

AUGUST 7
after the evening service

Hosted by
Children's Ministry
in the Family Center

Hot Dogs • Kettlecorn • Donut Bites
Frappuccino (adults only)

Childcare (infants–3-year-olds) is available until 9:00 p.m.

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

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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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