

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.



8:30 & 10:30* am

Dorian Toccata • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 115 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* • Congregation

Hymn 116 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

All the Way My Savior Leads Me • Lowry/Rice

String Orchestra, Woodwinds, Piano

Fairest Lord Jesus • Trad./Kirkland • Worship Choir

Hymn 96 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* • Congregation

Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer • Getty/Rice • John Martin

NATHAN BUSENITZ PREACHING

Recessional • Cundick • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

How Deep the Father's Love for Us • Townend • Instrumental Prelude

Hymns of Praise • Congregation

Hymn 184 *Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery* • Offertory

MESSAGE: **THE CHARACTER OF CHRISTIAN CONTENTMENT**

Mike Riccardi • Philippians 4:10–13

Plaza Fellowship • Family Concert hosted by Children's Ministry

Instrumental Praise

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

All the way my Savior leads me. What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy who through life has been my Guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for ev'ry trial, feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter and my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the Rock before me, lo! a spring of joy I see.
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All the way my Savior leads me. O, the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, cloth'd, immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way.
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Words by Fanny J. Crosby (1875); Music by Robert Lowry (1875)

* 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.

Today's Membership Class
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 Plan**

PASSAGE **Numbers 13–14**

PRINCIPLE **God's plans always are best.**

HYMN OF THE MONTH **"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

ASK YOUR CHILD **What kind of report did the spies bring back?**

APPLY **By trusting that God's plan is best.**

THIS WEEK **As a family, read Numbers 13–14.**

NEXT WEEK **Numbers 16**

On GraceWalk

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

On the Patio

- **Children's Ministry Volunteer Information**
- **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.

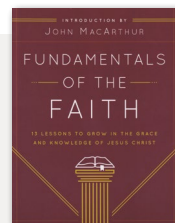
HIGHLIGHT

FUNDAMENTALS OF THE FAITH

This rich and easy-to-follow workbook is geared for believers of all stages. Each lesson is loaded with learning tools to help you engage Scripture—a link to thirteen free downloadable messages by John MacArthur, study questions, memory verses, and suggestions for practical application.

"Fundamentals of the Faith will help sharpen your understanding of key doctrines and equip you for evangelism and discipleship." —John MacArthur

Available today for 40% off retail



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"Abortion and the Campaign for Immorality"

- NRBT 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.

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



Children's Ministry

A Place to Live Out the

No matter how many times we may have read through the gospels, the words of Jesus are so striking they just seem to leap off the page. Our Lord spoke in such plain and simple language, and yet His Words changed the course of human history.

One of the most familiar examples of this truly profound speech is commonly referred to as "the Golden Rule." In Matthew 7:12 Jesus said, "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them" (ESV). Just imagine how this one principle could affect a struggling marriage, transform a tense workplace, or defuse an angry commuter. It's important to remember that Jesus' words, though binding for every human, were directed toward His followers. It is only those who have been set free from their bondage to sin who can truly apply this principle on a consistent basis in their lives.

So with this in mind, how does the Golden Rule affect Children's Ministry at Grace Community Church? Because we understand the significance of the gospel's impact in our own lives, we desire to share that life-changing truth with every child. And like most people, we wish to be treated with kindness, and so we seek to treat those in our care with the utmost kindness and consideration. We also enjoy it when others make a special effort to ensure that we have a good experience wherever we are; therefore we believe children should have an especially wonderful experience any time they attend Grace Church.

How might the Golden Rule influence you to serve in Children's Ministry at Grace Church? If you can look back on your life with gratitude for those who invested in you with the gospel from an early age, then maybe

Words of Christ

you would like to make that investment in someone else. Conversely, if you look back on your childhood with a longing that someone would have invested in you, maybe you could make that investment in the children of Grace Church. Either way, those of us who have tasted and seen that the Lord is good want nothing more than for others to experience His goodness as well.

Children's Ministry provides an array of exciting ministry opportunities to help you live out the words of Jesus by serving others. It is our desire that every child would be taught the truths of the gospel and at the same time see them lived out in the lives of those who serve. Whether it's teaching in a Sunday School class, helping visiting families find their way around campus, or serving on Wednesday evenings in AWANA, we want to help you serve others.

We invite you to come by one of the tables on the patio this morning to learn more about when and where you can get involved in Children's Ministry. Don't miss an opportunity to discover the rich blessing of living out the Golden Rule in your own life. ■

For more information about serving in Children's Ministry, stop by one of the three information tables located on the patio this morning.

FAMILY CONCERT

Plaza Fellowship

TONIGHT

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.

Grace Around the World

Christian & Sheryl **Andresen**Serving in **Germany** Since 1997

Prayer / Praise

- Pray for our teachers and students who are preparing for the 2016–2017 school year and the opening of the European Bible Training Center extension in Vienna, Austria.
- Pray for Marco Bartholomä, Thomas Hochstetter, Nick Kalena, and Christian Andresen, the team heading up our new church plant—*Eckstein-Gemeinde Berlin*—in the inner city.



Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$27,412**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Outreach Resource Table

The Outreach Resource Table, located on GraceWalk, provides evangelistic tools to Grace Church members at no cost. Audio CDs of Pastor John's evangelistic sermons are available in 26 different languages, along with Bibles, New Testaments, evangelism books, and tracts in various languages. For more information call 818-909-5721.

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.

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.

Seminary Wives Discipleship

September 14–November 16 (Wednesdays) • 6:50 p.m. • T372

Register at tms.edu/semwives/registration. Childcare is provided.

Elders Meeting Update

Please note that the Elders Meeting scheduled for August 18 has been cancelled. The next meeting will be on September 15.

With the Lord

Soussi Keossaian recently went to be with the Lord. Please remember her family in your prayers.

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

Job Opportunity

Fireside Café. Grace Church is looking for several part-time (10–24 hours per week) team members for the new Fireside Café! Anyone interested in food and customer service is encouraged to apply. Prior experience is not necessary, just a heart to serve and a desire to learn new skills and grow. Must be able to bend, push, and pull while lifting up to 50 lbs. for some positions. 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 the office of Human Resources at HR@gracechurch.org or 818-909-5672.

Evangelism Ministries

The Bible describes Christians as ambassadors for Christ—those who were saved to “proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). One of the most joyful duties we have is to proclaim this great gospel to others. To this end, Grace Church members hold evangelistic Bible studies in jails, rehab centers, assisted living facilities, hospitals, and on Skid Row. Groups also go door-to-door right here in our own neighborhood.

**Acton Rehabilitation Center • Basketball Outreach • Castaic Jail Ministry
Downtown Jail Ministry • Hope Bible Study • Neighborhood Outreach
Skid Row Outreach • Volleyball Outreach**

For more information about any of these ministries, call 818-909-5721, or visit gracechurch.org/local.

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 Lennington

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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