

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.



8:30 & 10:30* am

BILL BRANDENSTEIN, DIRECTOR

Prelude in C Major • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 187 Before the Throne of God Above • Congregation

Look, Ye Saints! the Sight Is Glorious • Owen/Rice • Brass Ensemble, Organ

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him • Haydn/Clydesdale • Worship Choir

Lamb of Glory • Nelson-McHugh/Clydesdale • Philip Webb

Hymn 278 Beneath the Cross of Jesus • Congregation

MESSAGE: **THE CRUCIFIXION, PART 3**

John MacArthur • John 19:16–30

Doxology Hymn • Congregation

Sonata II: Allegro Maestoso • Mendelssohn • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

God of Grace • Getty • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Baptism • Christopher Gee

Hymn 80 How Deep the Father's Love for Us • Offertory

MESSAGE: **THE TRUTH OF THE RESURRECTION, PART 2**

John MacArthur • 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

Postlude

* 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.

Instrumental Praise

Look, Ye Saints! the Sight Is Glorious

Look, ye saints! the sight is glorious: See the Man of Sorrows now;
From the fight returned victorious, Ev'ry knee to Him shall bow;
Crown Him, crown Him, Crown Him, crown Him, Crown Him,
Crowns become the Victor's brow, Crowns become the Victor's brow.

Sinners in derision crowned Him, Mocking thus the Savior's claim;
Saints and angels crowd around Him, Own His title, praise His name;
Crown Him, crown Him, Crown Him, crown Him, Crown Him,
Spread abroad the Victor's fame, Spread abroad the Victor's fame.

Hark, those bursts of acclamation! Hark, those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station; O what joy the sight affords!
Crown Him, crown Him, Crown Him, crown Him, Crown Him,
King of kings and Lord of lords! King of kings and Lord of lords!

Words by Thomas Kelly (1809); music by William Owen (1852)

Doxology Hymn

Hymn 265 Lamb of God

*Your gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died;
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.*

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God;
I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood.
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

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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 **Promotion Sunday**

PASSAGE **Numbers**

PRINCIPLE **God is merciful.**

HYMN OF THE MONTH **"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

ASK YOUR CHILD **In what ways did the Israelites sin against God in the wilderness?**

APPLY **By thanking God for His mercy toward us.**

NEXT WEEK **Deuteronomy 4:1–40**

On GraceWalk

- **Christmas in September**
- **Fundamentals of the Faith**
- **Local Outreach**

On the Patio

- **AWANA**
- **Every Woman's Grace**
- **Men of the Word**
- **Spanish Ministries**
(by the Chapel)

Bookstore

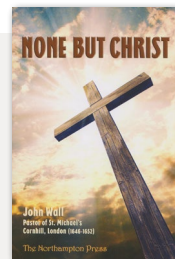
The Bookstore is open after each service and during the week. It is located on the south side of the Worship Center.

HIGHLIGHT

NONE BUT CHRIST

by John Wall

"A puritan work perfectly suited for our times. This is a compelling exhortation to give Christ His rightful place at the center of our thoughts and our words. It's a truly edifying—and deeply convicting—word of admonition. Christians today, seeking to honor Christ while trying to keep up with the pace of twenty-first-century life, surely need this message."
—John MacArthur



Today only, available for 30% off retail

Grace to You

RADIO gty.org/radio

- **Wisdom for the Workplace**
- **"Standing Firm in Unstable Times"**

- 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

TELEVISION gty.org/television

"A Theology of Work"

- NRBTv 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.

THEY WILL GLORIFY GOD FOR YOUR OBEDIENCE

For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God. Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all, while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you.

—2 Corinthians 9:12–14

As Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 9, when the saints in Jerusalem experienced significant financial need, the Corinthian church provided a generous monetary gift—a gift that not only fully met the needs of the church in Jerusalem, but also resulted in “many thanksgivings to God.” This gift was an expression of authentic faith and obedience that brought to glory to God and at the same time created a bond between believers separated by great distance.

This same generosity is manifested here at Grace Church in your overflowing support of the Lord’s work—especially when it comes to our missionaries. Just like the Corinthians, our church has always been quick to fully supply the needs of the saints both here and

around the world by consistently looking for opportunities to give.

One of these opportunities happens every September, when we jointly participate in supporting the Lord’s work through our missionaries. During “Christmas in September” we plan ahead to make sure that our missionaries know that even though they are far away from us during the holidays, they are certainly not forgotten. We want them to know how much we appreciate them and that we don’t take their sacrifices for granted.

There are two ways to participate in Christmas in September. First, encourage our missionaries by writing them personal



notes for Christmas. Using the cards provided at the table on GraceWalk, pick some individuals or families and write them short notes thanking them for what they are doing for the Lord.

Second, give a financial gift along with your personal Christmas card. The funds that you give will be evenly distributed to our missionary families, allowing them the freedom to create their own Christmas memories wherever they are.

It's easy to become distracted during the holiday season, so take the opportunity now to bless and support our missionaries. This is a wonderful reminder of our love for these faithful servants who are so far from home, and a great opportunity to experience the joy of "fully supplying the needs of the saints." ■

Visit gracechurch.org/cis to learn more about Christmas in September or to give a gift online.



A Christmas Tradition

On any Sunday in September, stop by the table on GraceWalk to bless our missionary families in two unique ways...

SUPPORT
give a gift

ENCOURAGE
write a note



gracechurch.org/cis

Monthly Missions Meeting

Hosted by the Elders' Council Handling Outreach (ECHO)

Tuesday, September 6 • 7 p.m. • T260s

Come hear updates from our missionaries and local outreach ministries, pray for their needs, and learn how you can be involved.

Every Woman's Grace

Fall Session starts Wednesday, September 14

This year's theme is "We Proclaim Christ." Register this morning on the patio or online at gracechurch.org/ewg.

Men's Conference

God's Glory & Man's Chief End

Speakers: John MacArthur & Scott Ardavanis

Saturday, September 17 • 8:30 a.m.–Noon • Worship Center

Cost: \$20 (includes a barbecue lunch and a copy of Arthur Pink's classic work, *The Attributes of God*)

Register this morning on the patio or any time at gracechurch.org/motw.

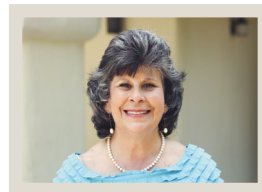
Grace Around the World

Ellen Parker

Serving in Mexico since 1981

Prayer / Praise

- Pray for the three weekly Bible studies I host. Tuesdays I'm teaching "Growing in Christ," on Wednesdays I'm teaching "Trusting in the Lord," and on Thursdays I'm teaching "Prophecies Fulfilled and to Be Fulfilled."
- Pray for the two opportunities in September I have to share my testimony at women's evangelistic breakfasts.



Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$16,267**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Children's Hunger Fund

CHF is an excellent local church-based relief organization that provides food and school and hygiene supplies to impoverished children, both here in our own city and around the world. They aim to equip local churches to meet the physical needs of their communities as a platform for meeting spiritual needs through the gospel. CHF can always use motivated volunteers! For more information call 818-909-5721.

Awana Clubbers and Leaders Sign-ups

August 21–September 11

Cubbies (ages 3–4) \$50 • Sparks (grades K–2)/Truth & Training (grades 3–6) \$35 • Prices increase after September 13

For more information or to sign up, please visit the patio tables near the Children's Center or call 818-909-5798.

Premarital/Marriage Seminar

A prerequisite for engaged couples desiring to get married at Grace Church, this seminar is also helpful for those who are purposefully dating, as well as married couples interested in God's plan for a successful marriage.

Part 1 Friday, September 23, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, September 24, 9:00 a.m.–noon

Part 2 Friday, October 21, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, October 22, 9:00 a.m.–noon

Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders, Tom Leman • T370s

\$35 for church members or TMS/TMU students; \$65 for non-members

For more information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/premarital or call 818-909-5537.

Sojourners Women's Fellowship

Thursday, September 22 • 9:30–11:30 a.m. • T270s • Speaker: Mary Jane Northrup

All women are welcome. Call 818-887-9717 for more information.

Seminary Wives Discipleship

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

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

Men Who Rocked the World Conference

The God-Centered Pursuit of the Revivalists

Speaker: Steve Lawson • September 23–24 • Cost: \$25 (\$30 after today)

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

Logos Institute

Discipleship Counseling, Level 1

September 14–December 14 (Wednesdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Discipleship Counseling: Level 2

September 12–December 12 (Mondays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

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

Titus 2 Tuesday

September 13 • 7:00 p.m. • This month's topic: "Home: Prison or Palace?"

Studies meet in Canyon Country, Encino, Glendale, Northridge, Shadow Hills, Simi Valley, and Valencia. Women of all ages are invited for a time of discussion and fellowship. For specific meeting locations and RSVP information, visit gracechurch.org/t2t.

Job Opportunity

Nursery. Children's Ministry has several part-time openings, 10–15 hours per week, for nursery workers. Hours are primarily Sundays and Wednesdays. Prior work experience in childcare is preferred, and must be able to successfully pass a background check. 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.

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 (Singles & young
families) 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
CC130E
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
Special needs class available
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
CC130E
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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