

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.



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8:30 & 10:30* am*His Yoke Is Easy* • Handel • Stephen Sturz, Organist*Hymn 159 O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* • Congregation*Hymn 161 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**Fairest Lord Jesus* • Trad./Maddux-Rice • String Orchestra, Woodwinds, Piano*One Faith, One Hope, One Lord* • Courtney/Rice • Worship Choir*Hymn 213 My Hope Is in the Lord* • Congregation*Still, My Soul Be Still* • Getty/Rice • Grace ChungMESSAGE: **GETTING THE GOSPEL RIGHT**

Steve Lawson • Romans 1:1–7

Their Sound Is Gone Out • Handel • Organ Postlude**6:00 pm***Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery* • Papa-Boswell-Bleeker

Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation*Hymn 133 All Glory Be to Christ* • OffertoryMESSAGE: **HOW CAN JESUS MEET ALL OUR FUTURE NEEDS?**

Joel Beeke • Luke 22:31–32

Postlude

To maintain a worshipful atmosphere in the services, please do not applaud after musical numbers.

Anthem**One Faith, One Hope, One Lord**

One faith, one hope, one Lord,
One church for which He died,
One voice, one song we lift in praise
To Him who was and is and shall be evermore.

There is one Body, one Spirit,
As you were called to one hope.
One Lord, baptism and faith,
One God and Father of all,
Who is in you all.

One faith, one hope, one Lord,
One church for which He died,
One voice, one song we lift in praise
To Him who was and is and shall be evermore.

Though we be many people,
Diverse with various gifts,
We are given to each other
For the unity of faith,
That we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God,
In the fullness of Christ.

One faith, one hope, one Lord,
One church for which He died,
One voice, one song we lift in praise
To Him who was and is and shall be evermore.

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one God!

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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.

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 **Jesus Defines Discipleship**

PASSAGE **Mark 8:27–38**

PRINCIPLE The cost of following Jesus is denying oneself and following Him.

FEATURED HYMN "Fairest Lord Jesus" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 107)

ASK YOUR CHILD What does it mean to die to yourself, pick up your cross, and follow Christ?

APPLY By denying himself or herself, taking up his or her cross, and following Christ.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Mark 8:27–38.

NEXT WEEK Luke 9:27–36

On GraceWalk

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

On the Patio

- **Missionary Calendar**
- **Shepherds' Conference**
- **Volunteer Information**
- **Spanish Ministry**
(by the Chapel)

Bookstore

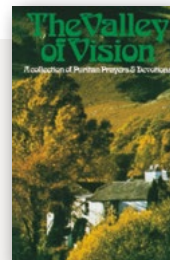
The Bookstore is open after each service and during the week. It is located on the south side of the Worship Center.

NEW YEAR'S SPECIAL

VALLEY OF VISION A COLLECTION OF PURITAN PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS PAPERBACK EDITION

"[*Valley of Vision* is] a personal favorite. It is a hymnbook of praise to God, expressed in language more majestic than my feeble tongue is capable of producing. It has enriched my personal walk with God and helped impel my own prayer life to new levels." —John MacArthur

Available today only for 20% off retail



Grace to You

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Myths About Salvation

- 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

"How to Recognize a Real Church, Part 1"

- NRBTv CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

ONLINE gty.org

- John MacArthur's sermons: audio, video, and transcripts
- Resource library: blog, devotionals, articles, Q&As, and more
- Mobile apps: "The Study Bible" and "Grace to You Sermons"

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



I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

Shepherds' Conference 2018

March 7–9

Tourists to Italy have a lot of fun with the Leaning Tower of Pisa. This famous, 183-foot structure leans at a four-degree angle, which horizontally displaces the top about 13 feet from the center. The Leaning Tower draws massive crowds year-round who stand in the foreground and take pictures of themselves pretending to push the tower down, hold the tower up, and everything in between.

Construction of the tower began in August 1173, and by the time the third story was built it already had a noticeable lean. Unsurprisingly, the frantic architects and engineers found that one side of the structure was built on a foundation too soft to support the weight of the marble building blocks. However, construction continued, and today the tower stands eight stories high. And while it makes for a fine tourist attraction, it is hard to imagine productive work getting accomplished in a building where your cup of coffee slides off the table.

The lesson to learn from the Leaning Tower of Pisa is obvious—it is crucial for a building to have a solid foundation. You don't need to be a structural engineer to know that if the foundation is unstable, the whole building is compromised. Scripture often speaks of the church using metaphors of buildings and foundations. Perhaps most famously, Jesus said, "I will build My church" (Matthew 16:18). Paul later wrote that the church is "built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone" (Ephesians 2:20). The cornerstone was the first stone laid in the foundation of a building and the most important; it had to be cut and laid with precision because every other part of the building was oriented to it. The walls, doors, floor, and ceiling would all be built in reference to the cornerstone. The cornerstone kept the building straight and true. Paul says this most important stone in the church is Jesus Christ Himself, whose life, teaching, cross, and kingship define the church's very existence.

With Jesus as the cornerstone and the ministry and teaching of the prophets and apostles as the rest of the foundation, the church is built on the most solid foundation. But there's more. When Jesus said, "I will build My church," He took up the job of building the church Himself. He is ultimately responsible for the building of the church—that is, sinners being saved and saints growing in their faith—and this endeavor cannot fail, because this builder is omnipotent and sovereign.

It is this profound truth that drives this year's Shepherds' Conference: that Jesus is sovereignly building His church on the rock-solid foundation of Himself. The pastors and church leaders who attend the conference will be comforted and emboldened with this truth. We hope you'll take the opportunity this March to encourage our guests in their ministry of being used by Christ to build His church.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This year's conference will return to a three-day, Wednesday–Friday schedule (March 7–9), and we need 600 volunteers to serve during that week.

For more information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/volunteer or stop by the patio table.

As you plan to serve, remember...

The deadline for volunteer sign-ups is
Sunday, January 21

There will be a mandatory meeting for all volunteers on
Sunday, January 28
in the Family Center

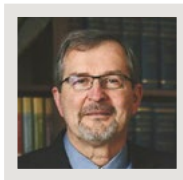
Today's Guest Speaker

Steve Lawson serves as president of OnePassion Ministries (onepassionministries.org) and Professor of Preaching at The Master's Seminary. A graduate of Texas Tech University, Dallas Theological Seminary, and Reformed Theological Seminary, Dr. Lawson also serves on the board of directors of The Master's College and Seminary and the ministerial board for Reformed Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Anne, have four children.



Tonight's Guest Speaker

Joel Beeke is president and Professor of Systematic Theology and Homiletics at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary and a pastor of the Heritage Reformed Congregation in Grand Rapids, Michigan. A graduate of Westminster Theological Seminary, he also serves as editor of *Banner of Sovereign Grace Truth*, editorial director of Reformation Heritage Books, president of Inheritance Publishers, and vice-president of the Dutch Reformed Translation Society. Dr. Beeke and his wife, Mary, have three children.



Communion

January 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

2018 Missionary Calendar

The 2018 Missionary Calendar is available on the patio this morning. One per family, please.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$39,435**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Basketball Outreach

Mondays • 8:00 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 (complete with professional hoops), with halftime devoted to a faithful gospel presentation. Bring the gospel and your game and join us for a fantastic night of ministry! For more information call 818-909-5721

Truth & Life Conference January 10–13 • The Master's University

Join us online or in-person as we focus on “Walking in Wisdom” from the Proverbs with keynote speakers John MacArthur, Steve Lawson, and Tom Pennington. For more information or to register, visit masters.edu/truthandlife.

TMS Seminary Wives January 10–April 4 (Wednesdays) • 6:45 p.m.

T260 • Child care is available for children three years old and younger.

To register, email kbusenitz@tms.edu.

Sojourners Women's Fellowship

Thursday, January 18 • 9:30–11:30 a.m. • T270s • Guest Speaker: Amanda Sattler

Childcare for children pre-K and younger by reservation.

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

Titus 2 Tuesday

January 9 • 7:00 p.m. • This month's topic: “Biblical Decision Making”

Studies meet in 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/women.

With the Lord

Chad Champlin 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

Every Woman's Grace Wednesday, January 10 • 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Please join us this Wednesday as we resume our study in Proverbs. For more information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/ewg.

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, January 12, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, January 13, 9:00 a.m.–noon

Part 2 Friday, February 2, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, February 3, 9:00 a.m.–noon

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

Winter Camps

Please note that Juniors and XCHANGE will not meet this morning, due to Winter Camps.

One with Christ Monday, January 8 • 9:30 a.m. • CC130

Bible study primarily for women who have lost their husbands through death or divorce.

Joint Heirs Ladies TEA

Teaching, Edification, Application

Monday, January 8 • 7:00 p.m. • T260s • Speaker: Lori Patton

All women are welcome.

8:30 a.m.**Children's Sunday School**

Visit the Welcome Center
for room locations.
Pastor: Ace Davis

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: Ace Davis

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

Pastors: Rich Gregory,
Carlos Chung

Developmentally Disabled

CC130E
Pastor: Rick McLean

Sojourners (All ages) T371

Pastor: William Varner

Spanish Adult Sunday

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David González

Spanish Worship Service

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Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,
Michael Mahoney

12:30 p.m.**Neighborhood Outreach**

H223–224

5:00 p.m.**Sunday Night Prayer Group**

T385

6:00 p.m.**Adventure Club**

Family Center (Grades 4–6)
Chapel (Grades 1–3)
T270s (Ages 3–5)

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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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