

# GRACE TODAY

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PASTOR-TEACHER

**Clayton Erb** / Minister of Music

**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**

*Fugue in G Major* • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

*Hymn 1 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* • Congregation

*Hymn 2 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* • Beethoven/Hart-Rice • String Ensemble, Piano

*Praise Him* • Bach • Worship Choir

*All to Bring You Glory* • Freeman-Smith/Rice • Grace Chung

*Hymn 425 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* • Congregation

MESSAGE: **FALLEN FROM GRACE, PART 2**

John MacArthur • Galatians 5:7–12

*Doxology Hymn* • Congregation

*Gloria* • Dupré • Organ Postlude

**6:00 pm**

*Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him* • Prichard/Billingsley

Instrumental Prelude

*Songs of Praise* • Congregation

**Parent Dedication**

*Hymn 389 All I Have Is Christ* • Offertory

MESSAGE: **NO ONE LIKE HIM**

Rich Gregory • Micah 7:12–20

**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](http://gracechurch.org/live). A limited number of headsets are available at the front desk for simultaneous translation.

**Anthem**

**Praise Him**

Praise Him, praise Him, O praise the Lord most holy.

Bow before Him, all ye peoples, Bow before Him, the Lord on high.

Praise Him, praise Him, O praise the Lord most holy.

Bow before Him, all ye peoples, Bow before Him, the Lord on high.

Worthy art Thou to be praised, worthy art Thou to be praised,

For Thou art the true and righteous Lord of all on heaven and earth.

King of kings and God Almighty, we do worship at Thy throne;

We do worship at Thy throne, O, we do worship at Thy throne.

Praise Him, praise Him, O praise the Lord most holy.

Bow before Him, all ye peoples, Bow before Him, the Lord on high.

Praise Him, praise Him, O praise the Lord most holy.

Bow before Him, all ye peoples, Bow before Him, the Lord on high.

*Words and music by J.S. Bach; edited by Paul Steele*

**Doxology Hymn**

*Hymn 206 Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners*

Jesus! What a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;

Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! I do now receive Him, More than all in Him I find;

He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His and He is mine.

Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

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

## 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  
102 • 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 Enters Jerusalem**

PASSAGE **Luke 19:28–44**

PRINCIPLE Jesus is worthy of praise and obedience.

FEATURED HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 129)

ASK YOUR CHILD What were the crowds shouting as Jesus entered Jerusalem?

APPLY By obeying Jesus as King in every area of life.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Luke 19:28–44.

NEXT WEEK Mark 12:1–12

## On GraceWalk

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

## On the Patio

- **Spanish Ministry**  
(by the Chapel)

## Bookstore

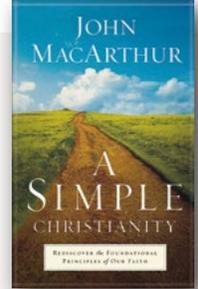
The Bookstore is open after each service and during the week. It is located on the south side of the Worship Center.

### GRACE BOOKS HIGHLIGHT

## A SIMPLE CHRISTIANITY

BY JOHN MACARTHUR

This practical tool will help you restore the fire and conviction of your first love for Christ by helping you better understand His character, His glory, and His love for you.



**Available today only for 30% off retail**

## Grace to You

**RADIO** [gty.org/radio](http://gty.org/radio)

### *Foundations, Volume 1*

- 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](http://gty.org/television)

### *"The Divine Summons"*

- NRBTV CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

**ONLINE** [gty.org](http://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.*

# WHY PRISON MINISTRY?

FRANK MASTROLONARDO, SENIOR CHAPLAIN, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus commands us to “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations.” Whether we obey that command by witnessing to neighbors, co-workers, or strangers, who we evangelize is not important. What matters is that we are evangelizing, because that is how the Lord uses us to build His church.

As a prison chaplain, I have devoted my life to jail ministry. Years ago I discovered that prison inmates are a field ripe for the harvest. Many of them have hit bottom, ruined their families, and wrecked their lives. When I am proclaiming the gospel to someone outside of jail, I often have to start by convincing that person of the reality of sin. Generally that is not the case with inmates. For the most part, they know they have sinned. If they forget that fact, they have an orange jumpsuit to remind them.

Throughout my life I've known people who were very successful by the world's standards, with money in the bank, prosperity, extravagant cars, and all of the “toys” one could imagine. But I've also noticed that without Jesus, they are missing

true and transforming joy. In contrast, jail ministry has given me the opportunity to meet men behind bars who have lost everything—family, relationships, and worldly possessions—but the Lord used their circumstances to humble them and lead them to faith. In the words of one 40-year-old inmate serving a life sentence, “I would rather spend the rest of my life behind bars knowing Jesus than be back on the outside without Him.”

This man understands what Jesus meant in Mark 8:36–37 when he asked, “For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? For what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” This attitude is not unusual behind bars. Inmates have a lot of time to think, and they often ask serious introspective questions like “Why did my life go this way?” or “What is the point of living when jail is going to be my life?” People who ask these kinds of questions often have hearts prepared to receive the good news of the gospel.

The reality is that the world is filled with people who are enslaved to sin. They have

chains on their souls, because their lives have been given over to the deeds of the flesh. Just because they manage to keep man-made laws and avoid prison does not mean they are truly free.

John 8:36 tells us that only those who have the Son are “free indeed.” So if the Lord uses prison to get someone's attention and introduce them to the gospel, then so be it. If a person's soul is set free from the power of sin and death, it doesn't matter if their body remains behind bars. This powerful truth is perhaps what motivated Paul to say, “I suffer hardship even to imprisonment as a criminal; but the word of God is not imprisoned” (2 Timothy 2:9).

While it may seem ironic that jails are one of the most fruitful places for evangelism, it actually makes perfect sense. A traveling businessman may witness to the person sitting next to him on the plane, but the demands of work and the allure of sleep make it difficult. A housewife may strike up conversations with neighbors, but the demands of life can make the conversations rushed and distracted. This is not the case with prison ministry.

## JAIL MINISTRY FACTS

- Pitchess Detention Center in Castaic is actually a compound of four Los Angeles County Jails with nearly 7,000 inmates; Men's Central Jail/Twin Towers in downtown Los Angeles and the CRDF, Lynwood Women's Facility, have a combined population of around 10,000 inmates.
- FOF classes, Sunday services, and Bible studies are being conducted at all of the seven Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Jail Facilities.
- When inmates finish the *Fundamentals of the Faith* study, they are given a copy of *The MacArthur Study Bible*.
- Currently, there are approximately twenty volunteers who participate in this ministry, which is open to any man or woman who is a member of Grace Church and has no felony convictions.

Jails are full of people with lots of time and little distraction. They come to Bible study, church services, or *Fundamentals of the Faith* classes curious and looking for answers. They are often desperate and broken, and the Lord has used their circumstances to prepare them to receive the gospel. It seems like every week someone behind bars asks me, "What must I do to be saved?" Answering that question is the biggest joy of my life. ■

To learn more about jail ministry, visit [onlyhopeprisonministries.com](http://onlyhopeprisonministries.com) or call the Local Outreach office at 818-909-5721.





# THE CREATION SUMMIT

## CREATIONISM IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

featuring **DR. ANDREW SNELLING**  
 Director of Research at Answers In Genesis and  
 Editor-in-Chief of the online *Answers Research Journal*

**FEBRUARY 24, 2018**

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## Grace Around the World

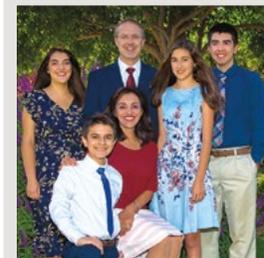
### The Roberts Family

Lance & Sandy, Kayla, Jacob, Jordan, Katie

Serving in the **Czech Republic** since **2001**

#### Prayer / Praise

- Pray for new students for the Bible institute next fall.
- Pray that the Lord would raise up a Czech elder in our local church.



## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$13,702**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

## Local Outreach Spotlight

### Acton Rehabilitation Center

#### Sundays and Wednesdays

Every Sunday, ministry leaders take men's and women's small groups to the drug and alcohol rehab center in Acton to preach, lead Bible studies, teach FOF classes, and offer one-on-one counsel. A men's group also ministers on Wednesday evenings. For more information call 818-909-5721.

## 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.

## Shepherds' Conference Scholarships

For information about providing a scholarship for the 2018 Shepherds' Conference, visit [gracechurch.org/scholarship](http://gracechurch.org/scholarship).

## Elders Meeting

Thursday, February 15 • 7:00 p.m. • CC230s

Open to our church family

## 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*.

## Joint Heirs Ladies TEA

Teaching, Edification, Application

Monday, February 12 • 7:00 p.m. • T260s

All women are welcome.

## Sojourners Women's Fellowship & Fashion Exchange

Thursday, February 15 • 9:30–11:30 a.m. • T270s • Guest Speaker: Gloria Landman

Childcare for children pre-K and younger by reservation.

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

*I will give thanks to the Lord according to His righteousness  
And will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.*

—Psalm 7:17

## Communion

February 18 • 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

## 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](http://gracechurch.org/local).

## PSP Homeschool Open House

Friday, February 16 • 8:30 a.m. • CC230

Enrollment is opening for the 2018–2019 school year (K–12 and TMU dual enrollment). For more information or to RSVP, visit [faithpsp.org](http://faithpsp.org), email [julies@faithpsp.org](mailto:julies@faithpsp.org), or call Julie at 424-327-2221.

**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  
School** H221-222  
Teachers: Rubén Pidal,  
David González

**Spanish Worship Service**  
Chapel  
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)

Visit our website at [GRACECHURCH.ORG](http://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

**MINISTRY DIRECTORY**

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818-909-5500

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**Outreach**  
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and extend His kingdom by  
living and proclaiming  
His truth in the world.*

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