

# GRACE TODAY

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**John MacArthur**  
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****BILL BRANDENSTEIN, DIRECTOR***I Know That My Redeemer Lives* • Hatton/Sturz • Stephen Sturz, Organist*Hymn 4 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* • Congregation*Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name* • Hopkins/Hebble-Rice • Worship Choir*Hymn to the Trinity* • Thompson/Krogstad • Worship Choir*Hymn 327 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* • Congregation*Forevermore (Psalm 145)* • Cottrell-Keveren • James PhillippsMESSAGE: **UNDERSTANDING CHRISTIAN FREEDOM**

John MacArthur • Galatians 5:13–16

**Communion***Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners* • Prichard/Willan • Organ Postlude**6:00 pm***Great Is Thy Faithfulness* • Runyan • Instrumental Prelude**Songs of Praise** • Congregation**Baptism** • Chris Gee*Hymn 105 My Savior's Love* • OffertoryMESSAGE: **THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE**

Paul Twiss • Proverbs 1:1–7

**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****Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name**

Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise  
 With one accord our grateful hymn of praise;  
 We stand to bless Thee e're our worship cease,  
 Then, lowly kneeling, wait Thy word of peace.

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;  
 With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day;  
 Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
 That in this house have called upon Thy name.

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;  
 Turn Thou for us its darkness into light;  
 From harm and danger keep Thy children free,  
 For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our early life,  
 Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;  
 Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
 Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

*Lyrics by John Ellerton (1826–1893); music by Edward J. Hopkins (1818–1901)*

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  
103 • 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 Teaches the Parable of the Landowner**

PASSAGE **Mark 12:1-12**

PRINCIPLE There is a terrible consequence for rejecting Christ.

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

ASK YOUR CHILD What did Jesus teach the Pharisees in the parable of the landowner?

APPLY By warning those who reject Christ of the coming judgment.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Mark 12:1-12.

NEXT WEEK Matthew 25:14-30

## On GraceWalk

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

## On the Patio

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

## Bookstore

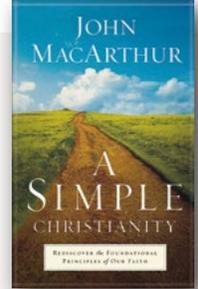
The Bookstore is open after each service and during the week. It is located on the south side of the Worship Center.

### 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)

### **"Twin Truths: God's Sovereignty and Man's Responsibility"**

- 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.*

# Let Us Encourage One Another



*God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.* —PSALM 73:26

Sometimes it can be daunting to walk into the Worship Center on a Sunday morning. Among the thousands of people who attend our church, it's not always easy to find a friend. This is especially true when you've lost your spouse—the one who sat next to you and knew you better than anyone else—or when your spouse doesn't share your love for Christ and the church. That sense of loneliness can be challenging, and it helps to have a friend who can encourage you and share the joys and burdens of life.

## ONE WITH CHRIST

One with Christ was started more than twenty-five years ago to reach out to the widows in our church family. Over the years, this sweet resource has provided strength and support for these dear women through the friendship of other believers who are walking through the same season of life.

This faithful group of saints meets on campus every other Monday morning to encourage and exhort each other and grow together in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18). The foundation of this ministry is studying Scripture, remembering God's character, and focusing on the goodness and grace with which He abundantly blesses His children. The relationships among the women are deep and the fellowship is sweet as they rest in the knowledge that Jesus is the anchor of their soul and their sure and steadfast hope (Hebrews 6:19). This year's study is "A Woman's Walk with God," which centers on a deeper understanding of living out the fruit of the Spirit.

## UNEQUALLY YOKED

This group, which meets on the fourth Tuesday evening of every month, began through the vision, prayer, and commitment of Emarie Britten, one of the founding members of our church. Since the group's first meeting in 1972, the purpose of Unequally Yoked has been to encourage women married to unbelieving husbands. Through the teaching and application of God's Word, this group aims to help women better reflect Christ in their homes, and strive to love their husbands and raise their children according to the principles in Scripture.

The foundation for the study is 1 Peter 3:1–6. As Emarie explains, "Women soon learn that the class doesn't have a magic solution for changing their husbands. As they apply the Scripture, they learn that they are the ones who are changed and that God can, and will, work in them and through them to live the Christian life before their unsaved families. Our purpose has always been to encourage our sisters who are married to unbelievers, help them to apply God's Word to their lives and marriages, and provide a place to have fellowship with other women of like circumstances. The class gives these women a place where they are encouraged, nurtured, and have their needs lifted in prayer." The study this year is "Feelings and Faith: Cultivating Godly Emotions in the Christian Life" by Brian Borgman.

Please remember to pray for the saints in both of these groups as they look not at what surrounds them, but at their Lord who sustains them. ■

*For more information about One with Christ, Unequally Yoked, Titus Two, or any of the other women's Bible studies and fellowships, visit [gracechurch.org/women](http://gracechurch.org/women) or call the Women's Ministry office at 818-909-5521.*

## TITUS TWO TUESDAYS

Titus Two is a time for all women, both young and mature, to meet informally and discuss biblical principles that promote godly living, help establish relationships, and strengthen one's walk with Christ. The model is found in Titus 2:3–5.

*"Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God."*

Titus Two meetings take place in homes throughout the greater Los Angeles area on the second Tuesday of September, November, January, March, and May from 7–9 p.m. Whether married or single, women will have a marvelous opportunity to form special bonds of friendship with others in the body of Christ.

Join us for our next Titus Two meeting on **Tuesday, March 13**, when the topic will be "The Life of Corrie ten Boom." Studies meet in Encino, Glendale, Northridge, Shadow Hills, Simi Valley, and Valencia. For specific meeting locations and RSVP information, visit [gracechurch.org/women](http://gracechurch.org/women).

## Faith Promise Fruit

Your Faith Promise giving makes an impact on the gospel ministry efforts of our missionary families around the globe. In a recent newsletter, Lance Roberts, Grace Church missionary to the Czech Republic, recently shared a testimony of a man who visited their church from more than an hour away. "Pastor Lance, we are very grateful for your efforts and your church service. Our visit was so encouraging for all of us. I pray that God will give us the grace to come regularly. My heart was filled with great joy because we could see your congregation's passion for Christ, His gospel, and sound teaching with a clear point. What a wonderful refreshment for our souls! Your hard work is important!" Praise God for the gospel impact this church is having in the Czech Republic.

*To learn more about Faith Promise or our ministry efforts in the Czech Republic, call 818-909-5700.*



**THE CREATION SUMMIT**  
CREATIONISM IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

featuring **DR. ANDREW SNELLING**  
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Editor-in-Chief of the online *Answers Research Journal*

**FEBRUARY 24, 2018**

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## Grace Around the World

### The Mastrolonardo Family

Frank & Susan, Eric, Alex

Serving in **Prison Ministry** since **1982**

#### Prayer / Praise

- Pray for wisdom as we facilitate the transition of inmates from prison into God-honoring biblical programs.
- Pray for God's protection from those who would hinder the gospel from reaching men and women behind bars.



## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$17,862**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

## Local Outreach Spotlight

### Volleyball Outreach

**Mondays • 5:30 p.m. • Family Center**

Every Monday night the Family Center is open to those in the surrounding community who enjoy playing volleyball. Play lasts until 7:30 p.m., with a halftime break for a gospel presentation. This is a great opportunity for our church family to model how to compete in a Christlike manner and personally engage our friends with the gospel.

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## Shepherds' Conference

**Parking Restriction Sunday, March 4**

Please note that the east side of the main parking lot (behind the Tower building and Family Center) will be closed to accommodate preparation for the conference.

### Scholarships

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

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## Attend a Home Bible Study

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

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## Alzheimer's-Dementia Ministry

**Saturday, February 24 • 9:00 a.m. • CC130s**

Families touched by dementia are invited to meet monthly for spiritual encouragement, helpful shepherding, and warm fellowship over a light breakfast. Loved ones with dementia are welcome. If you are bringing your loved one, please call Pastor Rick McLean 818-909-5519.

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*Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

—Romans 5:1

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## Russian Outreach Bible Study

**February 25 • 12:30–2:30 p.m. • H221–222**

If you speak or understand Russian, know someone who does, or have a heart to see Russian-speaking people saved, please visit one of our Sunday afternoon meetings. Join us as we pray about how to reach the Russian community in Los Angeles with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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## Hope Bible Study

**Thursdays • 7:00 p.m. • T271–272**

Hope Bible Study is a transitional ministry that labors to encourage those who have been beset by life-dominating sin, such as drugs and alcohol, with the hope of Christ, the changing power of His Word, and the fellowship of His Church. If you or someone you know could benefit from this ministry, please email [hopegcc@gmail.com](mailto:hopegcc@gmail.com) or call the 818-909-5721.

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## One with Christ

**Monday, February 19 • 9:30 a.m. • CC130**

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

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## Grace Church Connection

Keep current with what's new around Grace Church each month. To subscribe to our monthly email update, visit [gracechurch.org/news](http://gracechurch.org/news).

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**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)

**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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