

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.

The image shows the exterior of a church building with a light-colored stone wall. The words "grace community church" are mounted on the wall in a modern, sans-serif font. The word "grace" is on the top line, "community" is on the middle line, and "church" is on the bottom line. The building is surrounded by lush green trees and bushes. The sun is shining from the right, creating a lens flare effect. The overall scene is bright and welcoming.

grace
community
church

8:30 & 10:30* am

Fugue in C minor • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 86 Great Is Thy Faithfulness • Congregation

Hymn 81 I Am His, and He Is Mine

Wonderful, Merciful Savior • Rodgers-Wyse • John & Lisa Martin, Christian Ebner

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring • Bach • Worship Choir

Hymn 115 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts • Congregation

These Things Are True of You • Walker/Rice • Christian Ebner

MESSAGE: **WHEN LIFE IS THE PITS**

Austin Duncan • Psalm 40

O Worship the King • Haydn-Sturz • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

O Father, You Are Sovereign • Teschner • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Grace Around the World • Greg White, Ukraine

Hymn 88 God Moves in a Mysterious Way • Offertory

MESSAGE: **A TALE OF TWO FEASTS**

Paul Twiss • Proverbs 9

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.

Anthem**Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring**

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
Holy wisdom, Love most bright,
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring
Soar to uncreated Light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned
With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to Truth unknown,
Soaring, singing 'round Thy throne.

Music by J.S. Bach (1716); lyrics by Robert Bridges (c. 1906)

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.

Next Membership Class • March 4
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 Teaches the Parable of the Talents**
PASSAGE **Matthew 25:14–30**
PRINCIPLE God gave gifts to believers to faithfully further God's kingdom.
FEATURED HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 274)
ASK YOUR CHILD Why was the master happy with the servants who earned more talents?
APPLY By rejoicing that God rewards faithful people.
THIS WEEK As a family, read Matthew 25:14–30.
NEXT WEEK Matthew 26:1–56

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

On GraceWalk

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

On the Patio

- **Shepherds' Conference Prayer Cards**
- **Spanish Ministry (by the Chapel)**

Bookstore

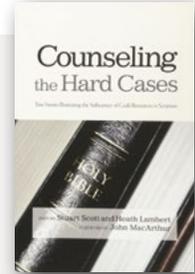
The Bookstore is open after each service and during the week. It is located on the south side of the Worship Center.

GRACE BOOKS HIGHLIGHT

COUNSELING THE HARD CASES

BY HEATH LAMBERT AND STUART SCOTT

"I am happy to commend to you this book. Its contributors are unified in their commitment to Scripture as the sufficient mode and method of counseling. If you want to read firsthand examples of caring, wise, and biblically sound counsel being applied to those who are struggling with the perplexities of living in a fallen world, then read on." —John MacArthur



Available today only for 30% off retail

Grace to You

RADIO 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

"The Beauty and Blessing of Forgiveness, 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"

THE DESIRE TO SERVE

At Grace Church, we have been blessed to serve our special needs friends for more than forty years. In Luke 14, Jesus told His church to care for and show hospitality to those who are “poor and crippled, blind and lame”—Paul restates this call in 1 Corinthians 12:22–23 when he reminds the church that, “the members of the body which we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor.” The church consists of both the weak and the strong. People with disabilities provide a helpful paradigm for what it means to live in the power of God and manifest His divine glory—our disabled friends



are uniquely gifted and lovingly created in God’s image, and it’s important that we make them feel welcome, not thinking of them as less or doubting God’s ability to work in their lives.

In Special Ministries, we strive to bless these special people and their families by removing the distractions which can hinder relationships with God and other people. We befriend them, try to help them find their gifts, and consider how they fit into the church. For years, we have desired to create an environment in which those with disabilities can learn, worship, and feel welcomed and accepted—and we’re sometimes surprised by how much our friends teach us along the way. They show us patience, contentment, forgiveness, unconditional love, friendship, joy, and a childlike faith in God.

These special people are not simply to be accepted as passive observers within the church. People with disabilities are called to enrich the church with the gifts entrusted to them by the Lord, and it’s important to recognize how these gifts can be used to glorify God and edify the church. We need to look at each person as an individual with an endless potential of spiritual gifts.

You may ask, what can disabled people contribute to the church? While all of us are limited in one way or another, society tends to conflate people with their limitations—our culture makes generalizations and tends to label people together. However, the people who end up under these labels are often gifted



SPECIAL MINISTRIES

in unique ways that enable them to contribute greatly to the church and society. Here at Grace Church, we have always made an effort to allow those with disabilities to serve. One of these opportunities comes every year in the chance to serve at the Shepherds' Conference. This has not only been a great blessing for our disabled friends, but also for the men attending as they witness the joy and love of these special people.



Many joys and opportunities arise from serving in Special Ministries. If you're looking for a ministry, please prayerfully consider joining us. 😊

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Camp Grace

JUNE–JULY

Our annual summer camps for the developmentally disabled include tent camping, sightseeing, and other activities. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve and make a spiritual impact on our disabled people.

GRACE Club

OCTOBER–MAY • TUESDAYS • 6:45–8:30 P.M.

More than 100 staff and club members come to participate in sports activities in the Family Center, followed by a chapel time and small group interaction.

Grace on Wheels

SATURDAYS

Grace on Wheels sponsors outings that provide great opportunities for Christian fellowship and showing the love of Christ.

Sunday School Classes

8:30 AND 10:30 A.M.

A typical class includes singing, prayer, a Bible lesson, and crafts. We are in need of teachers, aides, and volunteers who can use their gifts in any of these areas.

Transportation URGENT NEED

SUNDAYS

We help train our drivers to operate specially equipped vehicles; assistants need no special training. Drivers and assistants serve one Sunday each month.

Worship Service

Attendant URGENT NEED

SUNDAYS

Volunteers hold Bibles and hymnals, take notes from the sermon, and escort people back to the transportation that takes them home.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SERVING IN SPECIAL MINISTRIES, CALL PASTOR RICK MCLEAN AT 818-909-5519 OR VISIT GRACECHURCH.ORG/SPECIAL.

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.

Prayer Cards

Prayer cards listing conference attendees are available on the patio this morning. Pick up a card and pray for our guests by name before the conference.

Scholarships

For information about providing a scholarship for the 2018 Shepherds' Conference, visit gracechurch.org/scholarship.

Ethnic Outreach

For information about the times and locations of our ethnic ministries, please contact the leaders at the email addresses below. If you are interested in an ethnic outreach group that is not listed here, contact the local outreach office at 818-909-5721.

Arabic Outreach • arabicfellowship@gracechurch.org

Chinese Outreach • chinesefellowship@gracechurch.org

Filipino Outreach • filipinofellowship@gracechurch.org

Italian Outreach • italianfellowship@gracechurch.org

Japanese Outreach • japanesefellowship@gracechurch.org

Korean Outreach • koreanfellowship@gracechurch.org

Russian Outreach • russianfellowship@gracechurch.org

Thai Outreach • thaifellowship@gracechurch.org

Grace Around the World

The White Family

Greg & Hue Chon, James, Joseph

Serving in **Ukraine** since 1992



Prayer / Praise

- Pray for safety for our students as many of them travel through war-torn southeast Ukraine for their sessions.
- Pray that our M.Div. students will end the semester well as they finish their theses.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$14,470**. 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, and at halftime there is a faithful gospel presentation. We would love for our church family to join us in modeling how to compete in a Christlike manner, and in taking opportunities between games to personally engage our friends with the gospel.

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, March 23, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • **Saturday, March 24, 9:00 a.m.–noon**

Part 2 Friday, April 6, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • **Saturday, April 7, 9:00 a.m.–noon**

Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders, Tom Leman • **T371–372**

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

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

Men of the Word

Wednesdays • 7:00 p.m. • Worship Center

All men are invited to join us for Bible study and fellowship. For more information, visit gracechurch.org/motw.

Unequally Yoked

Tuesday, February 27

Bible study primarily for women married to unbelieving husbands. For information, call 818-909-5521.

Hands for Hope

For information about adoption and orphan care, visit gracechurch.org/handsforhope.

STM 2018

If you'd like to serve on a team, provide financial support, or learn more about this year's opportunities, visit gracechurch.org/stm. You can also pick up an informational brochure from the church receptionist.

Russian Outreach Bible Study

Today • 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.

Sojourners Women's Fellowship

Thursday, March 15 • 9:30–11:30 a.m. • T270s

Guest Speaker: Phyllis Carlson

Childcare for children pre-K and younger by reservation. All women are welcome. Call 818-887-9717 for more information.

Sing to the LORD a new song;

Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless His name;

Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.

—Psalm 96:1–2

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**

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

Administration
 818-909-5500

Men
 818-909-5537

Spanish
 818-909-5722

Children
 818-909-5631

Outreach
 818-909-5700

Special Ministries
 818-909-5519

Logos Institute
 818-909-5500

**Pastoral Care &
 Counseling**
 818-909-5537

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 818-909-5593

Membership
 818-909-5644

Prayer
 818-909-5519

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 818-909-5521

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

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