

# 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**

**Sinfonia from *Cantata No. 29*** • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

**Hymn 48 *Holy, Holy, Holy*** • Congregation

**Hymn 81 *Tell Out, My Soul***

***Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*** • Trad./Rice • Brass Ensemble, Organ

***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** • Holden/Simeone • Worship Choir

**Hymn 381 *The Solid Rock*** • Congregation

***Almighty God*** • Nelson-McHugh/Barker-Rice • Kory Welch

MESSAGE: **UNDERSTANDING CHRISTIAN FREEDOM**

John MacArthur • Galatians 5:13–16

**Doxology Hymn** • Congregation

***Antiphon I*** • Dupré • Organ Postlude

## Doxology Hymn

**Hymn 23 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother—All who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine!

Please note that there will be no worship service this evening.

\* 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.

## Instrumental Praise

### Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God who reigns above, The God of all creation,  
The God of pow'r, the God of love, The God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul He fills, And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:  
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made His gracious mercy keepeth,  
By morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.  
Within the kingdom of His might, Lo! all is just and all is right:  
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, But, through all grief distressing,  
An ever-present help and stay, Our peace and joy and blessing.  
As with a mother's tender hand He leads His own, His chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud His praises,  
That men may hear the grateful song My voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart! Both soul and body bear your part:  
To God all praise and glory!

Lyrics by Johann J. Schütz (1675); music from Brethren's Kirchengesänge (1556)

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  
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 Prepares for His Death**

PASSAGE **Matthew 26:1–56**

PRINCIPLE Jesus is denied or betrayed by our sinful attitudes and actions.

FEATURED HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 274)

ASK YOUR CHILD How was Jesus rejected and betrayed?

APPLY By demonstrating love for Jesus by obeying Him.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Matthew 26:1–56.

NEXT WEEK Mark 14:53–15:15

## 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

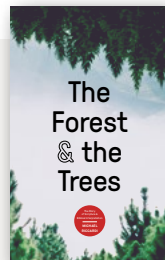
#### THE FOREST AND THE TREES

BY MIKE RICCARDI

*The Forest and the Trees* will help you grasp the Bible's big picture of redemption while holding fast to its precious details.

"If we are faithful to keep this grand narrative in the forefront of our minds as we read our Bibles, we will be safeguarded from a fundamentally man-centered understanding of Scripture and of God's work in history, and thus will see the richness and beauty of Scripture's God-centered story unfold to us on every one of its pages." —Mike Riccardi

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## Grace to You

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

### A Plea for Discernment

- 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 Beauty and Blessing of Forgiveness, Part 2"

- 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.*





# I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

**Shepherds' Conference 2018**

March 7-9

The very first Shepherds' Conference was held in 1980 with the goal of equipping pastors and church leaders to shepherd the people in their churches more biblically and effectively. Over the years, the conference has focused on a wide variety of topics including biblical inerrancy, spiritual growth, and preaching Christ. This year's theme, "I Will Build My Church," captures the heart of the conference, and serves as a reminder of why Shepherds' Conference was started nearly four decades ago.

For three days, pastors and church leaders will hear sermons and lectures on the church itself. They will be encouraged by hearing how the sovereign Lord of the universe is building His church, and they will be reminded of what a great privilege and responsibility it is to be used by Him to lead His people. Every element of this conference will push these men to shepherd their churches more faithfully, lead more boldly, teach more effectively, and love more deeply. They will be freshly amazed by the truth that they are


stewards entrusted with shepherding the church of Christ—the church so precious to Him that He purchased her with His own blood (Acts 20:28).

More than 850 volunteers and staff members from our church are eager and ready to serve these men. They are excited to model the kind of church being considered at the conference—the body of Christ marked by unity and the family of God marked by love and service. Thank you, to those of you who have sacrificed your time and even taken time off work to serve this year!

We are also grateful for those of you who support the conference through your prayers, which is perhaps the most important responsibility, and one in which everyone can participate. To that end, there is a table on the patio this morning where you can pick up a card with the names of five men attending the conference. Our goal is to pray for all of the attendees by name, asking the Lord to

bless their time at the conference, and praying that the Word would produce a fruitful harvest in the hearts and lives of these men.

We also invite you to view the conference sessions via livestream at [shepherdsconference.org](http://shepherdsconference.org). Please note that in order to best accommodate and serve our 3,200 attendees, the campus will be closed to non-attendees throughout the week (except for the last session on Friday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m.). For this session, we invite you to watch Pastor John's closing sermon and enjoy fellowship with the attendees in the Family Center.

We pray that God will use this year's conference to strengthen these church leaders so that His work of building His church will continue. "To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen" (Ephesians 3:21). 

"I will build  
My church;  
and the gates  
of Hades  
will not  
overpower it."

MATTHEW 16:18

## Shepherds' Conference General Sessions

Be sure and visit [shepherdsconference.org](http://shepherdsconference.org) for live streaming of all eleven general sessions plus a lunchtime panel Q&A.

Please note that our church family is invited on campus for the final general session on Friday evening. Seating is available in the Family Center. Parking is only available in the north and west lots. Remember that the Worship Center is reserved for registered guests (with name tags) only. Childcare (birth–pre-K) will be available.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

10:00 a.m.	.....John MacArthur
12:30 p.m.	.....Q&A (John MacArthur, Mark Dever, Ligon Duncan, Albert Mohler)
2:00 p.m.	.....H.B. Charles Jr.
4:00 p.m.	.....Austin Duncan
6:00 p.m.	.....Albert Mohler

### THURSDAY, MARCH 8

10:00 a.m.	.....Phil Johnson
3:30 p.m.	.....Art Azurdia
5:30 p.m.	.....Ligon Duncan

### FRIDAY, MARCH 9

10:00 a.m.	.....Tom Pennington
2:00 p.m.	.....Mark Dever
4:00 p.m.	.....Steven Lawson
7:00 p.m.	.....John MacArthur

## Grace Around the World

### The **Manten** Family

Martin & Gabi, Lois, Joshua, Timon, Silvan, Noe

Serving in **Switzerland** since **2009**



### Prayer / Praise

- Praise the Lord for the sound and steady growth of our church.
- Pray that the Lord would provide a new facility, as we are outgrowing our present one.

## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$13,234**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

## Local Outreach Spotlight

### Castaic Jail Ministry

Every Sunday, members from Grace Church go to the North County Correctional Facility in Castaic to proclaim the gospel. Inmates are supplied with paperback Bibles provided by the Gideons, and if they complete a Fundamentals of the Faith class they receive a *MacArthur Study Bible*. For more information, call 818-909-5721, or visit [gracechurch.org/local](http://gracechurch.org/local).



## Evening Service Schedule

In order to give our conference team and volunteers more time to set up for the Shepherds' Conference, tonight's evening service has been canceled. The evening service on Sunday, March 11, has also been canceled to allow for a time of rest following the conference.

## 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](http://gracechurch.org/premarital) or call 818-909-5537.

## 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.

## One with Christ

**Monday, March 5 • 9:30 a.m. • CC130**

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

## Shepherds' 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

It's not too late to provide a scholarship for the 2018 Shepherds' Conference. For information, visit [gracechurch.org/scholarship](http://gracechurch.org/scholarship).

## 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](http://gracechurch.org/stm). An informational brochure about this year's teams is available from the church receptionist.

## Special Ministries Volunteers

Special Ministries has an urgent need for drivers. No special training is necessary. For more information, call Pastor Rick McLean at 818-909-5519.



Please note that we will be closed March 2–10 in order to accommodate Shepherds' Conference.

We will re-open Sunday, March 11, Noon–2:00 p.m.

Come see what's on the menu!

**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)

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**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

**Children**

818-909-5631

**Logos Institute**

818-909-5500

**Membership**

818-909-5644

**Men**

818-909-5537

**Outreach**

818-909-5700

**Pastoral Care & Counseling**

818-909-5537

**Prayer**

818-909-5519

**Spanish**

818-909-5722

**Special Ministries**

818-909-5519

**Student**

818-909-5593

**Women**

818-909-5521

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