

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.



8:30 & 10:30* am**BILL BRANDENSTEIN, DIRECTOR***Art of the Fugue: Contrapunctus IX* • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist*Hymn 176 Be Thou My Vision* • Congregation*The Light of the World Medley* • Bliss-Gabriel/Maddux-Rice
String Orchestra, Woodwinds, Piano*Know My Heart* • Harlan/Rice • Worship Choir*Hymn 35 O Great God* • Congregation*Give Me Jesus* • Trad./Hogan • Carmella JonesMESSAGE: **THE COSMIC UNVEILING OF GOD'S MISSIONARY HEART**
Michael Mahoney • Acts 1:8*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* • Trad./Sturz • Organ Postlude**6:00 pm***Blessed Assurance* • Knapp/Grassi • Instrumental Prelude*Songs of Praise* • Congregation*Baptism* • Tom Patton*Hymn 98 My Worth Is Not in What I Own* • OffertoryMESSAGE: **ALL-CONSUMING PRAISE**
Psalm 117**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.

Instrumental Praise**The Light of the World Medley**

The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin—
The Light of the world is Jesus;
Like sunshine at noon-day His glory shone in—
The Light of the World is Jesus.

Come to the Light, 'tis shining for thee!
Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me;
Once I was blind, but now I can see—
The Light of the World is Jesus.

There's a call comes ringing over the restless wave,
Send the light! Send the light!
There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save,
Send the light! Send the light!

Send the light, the blessed Gospel light;
Let it shine from shore to shore!
Send the light, the blessed Gospel light;
Let it shine forevermore!

Let us pray that grace may everywhere abound,
Send the light! Send the light!
And a Christlike spirit everywhere be found
Send the light! Send the light!

Send the light, the blessed Gospel light;
Let it shine from shore to shore!
Send the light, the blessed Gospel light;
Let it shine forevermore!

Words & Music by Philip P. Bliss (1875) and Charles H. Gabriel (1890)

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 **Review Sunday**

PASSAGE **Matthew 16–26, Mark 12–15, Luke 19**

PRINCIPLE Jesus came to die to save the faithful, but those who reject Him will be condemned.

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

ASK YOUR CHILD What did Jesus come to earth to do?

APPLY By praising God for sending Jesus.

THIS WEEK Review Sunday

NEXT WEEK Mark 15:16-47

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

On GraceWalk

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

On the Patio

- **Men's Conference**
- **Spanish Ministry**
(by the Chapel)
- **STM Fair**

Bookstore

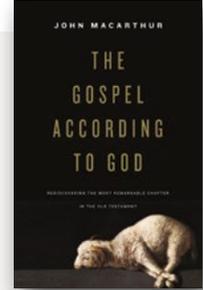
The Bookstore is open after each service and during the week. It is located on the south side of the Worship Center.

GRACE BOOKS HIGHLIGHT

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GOD

BY JOHN MACARTHUR

Often hailed as one of the greatest chapters in the Bible, the prophecy of the suffering servant in Isaiah 53 foretells the crucifixion of Jesus, the central event in God's ultimate plan to redeem the world.



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- KDAR 98.3 FM OXNARD-VENTURA M-F 2:00 & 10:00 am; Sun 2:00 am

TELEVISION gty.org/television

"The Order of the Resurrection"

- 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"

PROCLAIM

MEN OF THE WORD

Prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life.

—PHILIPPIANS 2:15–16

The Philippian church was planted within a context not unlike our own. On the one hand, Philippi was an extraordinary city in the Roman Empire which granted its citizens unique privileges and protections and elicited great civic pride. Historians note that compared to other cities in the Empire, the Philippians were most known for their obsession with titles and offices. To put it simply, they viewed themselves as culturally superior.

At the same time, residents of Philippi were not at all keen about the presence of Christians in their midst. Their intolerance toward followers of Christ manifested

itself in intimidation and harassment, even to the point of persecution (Philippians 1:27–30). In response, the apostle Paul exhorted the believers there to “strive together for the faith of the gospel; in no way alarmed by your opponents” (1:27–28), and to “appear as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life” (2:15–16).

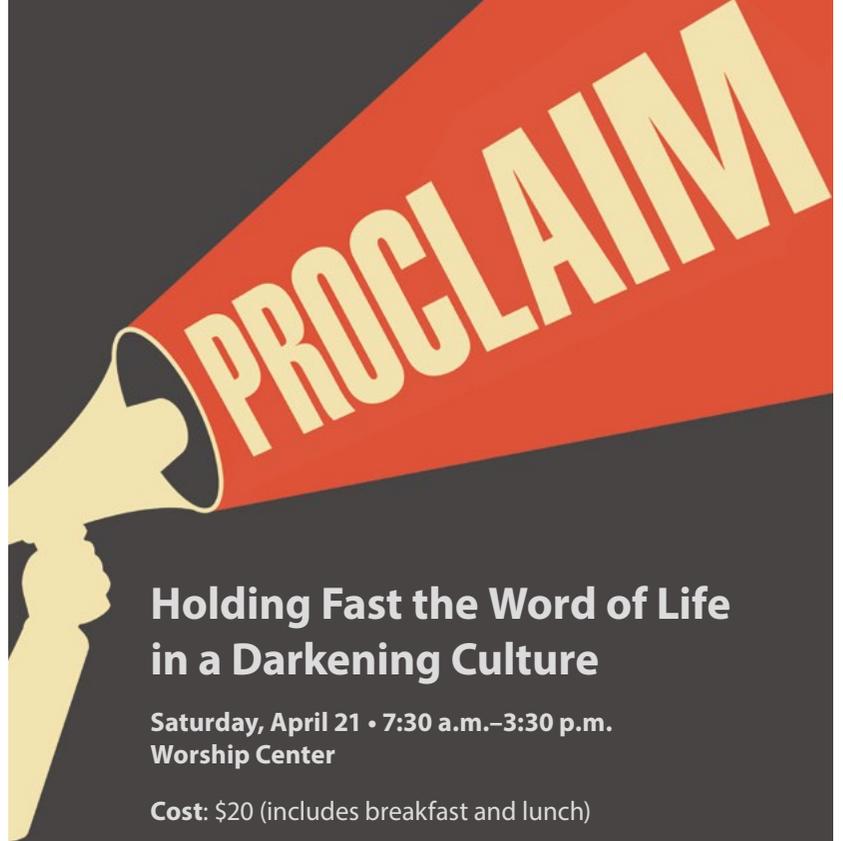
Two millennia later, we as believers desperately need this reminder. We live in a city and culture that glories in its rights and boasts in its superiority, yet is also increasingly hostile to the witness of Christians. But we cannot be intimidated by these opponents. We cannot grow fearful of the threats and silence our witness. Growing opposition must be met with brighter, more courageous gospel proclamation.

Christian men in particular have an obligation in this area. As leaders in our homes, we must counter through the proclamation of the gospel the relentless efforts being made by the culture to draw our children into perversity

and despair. As witnesses in the workplace, we must vigorously seek opportunities to proclaim the offer of the gospel out of compassion for our colleagues. As residents of our communities, we must shine brightly as lights on a hill (Matthew 5:14).

This year's annual men's conference on Saturday, April 21, will call men to this responsibility. Guest preachers Anthony Kidd (preaching pastor of Community of Faith Bible Church, South Gate) and Alex Montoya (senior pastor of First Fundamental Bible Church, Whittier) will exhort men to understand and apply the Bible's teaching on the obligation and manner of faithful gospel proclamation in their families, workplaces, and communities.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to learn what it means to *"let your light shine before men"* (Matthew 5:16) in the midst of a continuously darkening culture. ■



Holding Fast the Word of Life in a Darkening Culture

Saturday, April 21 • 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Worship Center

Cost: \$20 (includes breakfast and lunch)

Register on the patio this morning or at

gracechurch.org/motw

SUNDAY EVENING SERMON SERIES

Echoes of Shepherds' Conference

March 25–April 29

Join us for this exciting Sunday evening series as five of our seminar speakers present messages from this year's conference.

THANK YOU

We want to thank you for your ministry and labor of love during this year's Shepherds' Conference. As profound an impact as the sessions have been in the lives of our guests, our greatest influence as a church flows from the example all of you set as we worship the Lord and serve one another. We are more grateful than ever for this wonderful church and its servant-driven philosophy. Your love for the Lord and His Word and your selfless service was a benediction to our guests; thank you for going the extra mile!

The Elders and the Conference Staff

SHORT-TERM MINISTRIES FAIR



Today, immediately following both morning services.

Stop by the tables on the patio this morning and get to know this year's teams and find out how you can participate in this important international outreach opportunity.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$17,070**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Russian Outreach Bible Study

March 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.

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.

One with Christ

Monday, March 19 • 9:30 a.m. • CC130

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

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.

The Master's University

34th Annual Forest Lawn Concert

Forrest's Requiem for the Living, selections from Dvorak's New World Symphony

Wednesday, March 28 & Thursday, March 29 • 7:30 p.m.

Hall of The Crucifixion-Resurrection, Forest Lawn Glendale

For complimentary tickets, visit masters.edu/music or call 661-362-2262.

Glorifying the Risen Savior

Good Friday Communion Service

March 30 • 7:30 p.m.

Special music by the Worship Choir, Orchestra, and Vocalists. Nursery care (birth–five years) will be available.

Resurrection Sunday Worship Services

April 1 • 7:00, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Nursery care (birth–five years) will be available for all services; Sunday School will meet at the regular times.

There will be no Sunday evening service on April 1.

The Master's Kids Informational Meeting

Tuesday, April 10 • 10 a.m.–Noon • T270s

Attendance gives you priority for the 2018–2019 class. To sign up for childcare (five years and younger), contact Beth Voorheis, program director, by March 27 at bvoor@sbcglobal.net. Please include your child's name and birthdate.

TMK is a Bible-based kindergarten-prep program for moms and kids starting kindergarten in fall 2019.

Alzheimer's–Dementia Ministry

Saturday, March 24 • 9:00 a.m. • T370s

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.

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

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