

GRACE TODAY

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PASTOR-TEACHER

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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

Prelude in G Major • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 256 *Who Is He in Yonder Stall?* • Congregation

Hymn 260 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Jesus Shall Reign • Hatton/Lehman-Rice • Brass Ensemble, Organ

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven • Andrews/Hayes • Worship Choir

Hymn 116 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* • Congregation

Sing to Jesus • Ortega-Nibbie • James Phillips

MESSAGE: **THE ARRIVAL OF THE KING**

John MacArthur • Daniel 9

Doxology Hymn • Congregation

Postlude from *Celebrate Life* • Red • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Be Unto Your Name • Sadler • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Baptism • Josh Petras

Hymn 52 *Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul* • Offertory

MESSAGE: **LONG BEFORE LUTHER: WHERE WAS THE GOSPEL BEFORE THE REFORMATION?**

Nathan Busenitz • Selected Scriptures

Postlude

Instrumental Praise

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul; praise my soul
The King of heaven!

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish; Blows the wind and it is gone;
But, while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the high Eternal One.

Oh, my soul, praise God above.
Oh, my soul, praise the Lord,
Oh, how my soul praises the Lord.
Oh, how my soul will praise the Lord.

Angels in the height, adore Him; Ye behold Him face to face;
Saints triumphant, bow before Him; Gathered in from ev'ry race;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.
Amen! Amen! Amen!

Words by Henry Francis Lyte (1834); music by Robert Brown-Borthwick (1869)

Doxology Hymn

Hymn 129 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

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

* 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.

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 • April 8
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 Endures the Cross**

PASSAGE **Mark 15:16–47**

PRINCIPLE Jesus should be worshiped because of His sacrifice for sin and provision for eternal life.

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

ASK YOUR CHILD Why was the death of Jesus important?

APPLY By praising God for Christ's sacrifice for sin.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Mark 15:16–47.

NEXT WEEK Mark 16:1–8

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)

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

GOOD NEWS BY JOHN MACARTHUR

"In these pages, you will discover the biblical basis for the good news of salvation that is in the person and work of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Your heart will be thrilled as you behold the glory of God in the image of Him who is the only Savior of sinners, the Lord of heaven and earth." —Steven J. Lawson

Available today for 40% off when you purchase two or more.



Grace to You

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"Testimonies to 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"

THE WHOLE FAM

Maybe it's been awhile since you've been around junior high students. You're in a different season of life, and you just don't cross paths with young teenagers very often, if at all. If that's the case, our students are missing a blessing—and so are you.

In Romans 1:16 we read that the gospel is "the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes." This certainly extends to junior high students. It is common for the church to refer to its young people as "the future of the church." While we know what it means, that phrase fails to acknowledge the immediate need a regenerate student has for the rest of the body, and it also discourages that student from realizing his usefulness in the church.

The various ministries in our church are all shaped by a high view of the gospel. In Junior High Ministry, this means that when we gather, our priority is gospel progress. Our desire is that the precious students who regularly assemble in the basement would come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. And for those junior high students

who are saved, our intention is to further strengthen their understanding of the gospel and its impact on their life. We recognize that when God saves a seventh- or eighth-grader, He makes that student a new creation, able to do "good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10). Such a student immediately becomes part of the family.

When God saves a student they are not part of "the next generation," but are sovereignly placed among the present generation. They belong in our church, and we rejoice that "we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another" (Romans 12:5). Just like you, the junior high students of our church benefit from our pastor's teaching; they are motivated by encouragement and fellowship, they need godly examples to follow, and they also have much to offer. They challenge us through their sincerity, their zeal to witness in their schools and neighborhoods, and their affection for Christ. A church that ignores these young saints limits its effectiveness and ignores a part of its own family.



XCHANGE

JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

ILY OF GOD

With that in mind, I encourage you to consider two ways you can be involved with Junior High Ministry at Grace Church.

PRAY FOR JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

The world is telling these young men and women that rational thought leaves no room for God, and proclaims to them the supposed pleasures of sin. They face a barrage of temptation and an increasing absence of godly role models. Pray that our students will embrace the call to salvation and that God's grace would save them. Pray that once they are saved, they will begin to love the local church and function as part of our family.

ENGAGE IN JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

Our students are all over campus between services on Sundays, and they attend the second hour worship service. You probably know where they sit. Be encouraged to stop and talk to them. The world has low expectations of teenagers; the church should be different. Our students need to be reminded that God can use people of any age to be a part of the body of Christ and serve Him with greater zeal.

XCHANGE meets in the basement every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and again at 6:00 p.m. Even if you don't have junior high students in your home, perhaps you do in your extended family or in your neighborhood. Invite them to church and let us join you in proclaiming the gospel.

The next time you see a teenager around campus, take a moment to say hello. Let them know you're glad to see them, get to know them, and invite them to be a part of the family.

To learn more about Junior High Ministry at Grace Church, visit gracechurch.org/xchange.

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.

Sunday Evening Sermon Series

“Echos 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.

Unequally Yoked

Tuesday, March 27

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

Sojourners Women’s Fellowship

Thursday, April 12 • 9:30–11:30 a.m. • T270s

Guest Speaker: Rose Ann Stire • Childcare for children pre-K and younger by reservation.

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



Open today for lunch; come see what’s on the menu!

Breakfast Tuesday–Thursday • 7:00–9:30 a.m.

Lunch Monday–Friday • 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Sunday • Noon–2:00 p.m.

Men’s Conference

Proclaim: Holding Fast the Word of Life in a Darkening Culture

Saturday, April 21 • Speakers: John MacArthur, Alex Montoya, Anthony Kidd

For more information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/motw.

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.

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.

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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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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Prayer

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Spanish

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