

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.



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community
church

8:30 & 10:30* am

Sonata I: 3rd Movement • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 1 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above • Congregation

Hymn 2 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us • Bradbury/Sanborn-Funderburk • Orchestra

Lord, I Believe • Keister/Huff • Worship Choir

Hymn 3 Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him • Congregation

It's So Sweet to Trust in Jesus • Stead-Wells/Rice • Grace Chung

MESSAGE: **THE PASTOR'S PURSUIT OF STRAYING SHEEP**

Mike Riccardi • 2 Corinthians 11:1–3

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee • Bach • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Give to Our God Immortal Praise • Hatton • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Baptism • Mark Zhakevich

Hymn 126 Behold Our God • Offertory

MESSAGE: **ORTHODOX, INFLUENTIAL, BUT LACKING THEIR LOVE FOR CHRIST: THE SAD DECLINE OF THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS**

Phil Johnson • Revelation 2:1–7

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. A limited number of headsets are available at the front desk for simultaneous translation.

Anthem

Lord, I Believe

Lord, I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Maker of all.
And I believe in Lord Jesus, only begotten Son of God;
And I believe in Your Holy Spirit, the Giver of all life,
Proceeding from the Father and the Son all glorified.

I believe Jesus came in the flesh, conceived of God, virgin born.
He conquered death, rose again; now His kingdom has no end.

Lord, I believe in one body born of Your Spirit, baptized in You.
I'm looking for the resurrection; I've been forgiven to reign with You.
Yes, I know You will come again, Lord, to judge the quick and the dead;
And I believe I shall live forevermore just like You said.

I believe Jesus came in the flesh, conceived of God, virgin born.
He conquered death, rose again; now His kingdom has no end.

Lord, I believe I shall live forevermore just like You said.
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Words adapted from the Apostle's Creed and the Nicene Creed by Alice Keister
Music by Shane Keister; arranged by Ronn Huff

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 Returns to Heaven**

PASSAGE **Acts 1:1–11**

PRINCIPLE God's plan to spread the gospel will continue until Jesus returns.

FEATURED HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 354)

ASK YOUR CHILD What was God's plan for the spread of the gospel?

APPLY By proclaiming the gospel to others.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Acts 1:1–11.

NEXT WEEK Acts 2:1–47

On GraceWalk

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

On the Patio

- **VBS Volunteer Information**
- **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

THE GARDEN, THE CURTAIN, AND THE CROSS

THE TRUE STORY OF WHY JESUS DIED AND ROSE AGAIN

BY CARL LAFERTON



"One of the best little treatments of biblical theology available for parents to read to their children." —Albert Mohler

Available today only for 40% off retail

Grace to You

RADIO gty.org/radio

• **What Must I Do to Be Saved?**

• **What Did Jesus Really Say About Financial Worry?**

- 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 Adoption of the Believer"**

- 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"

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

An Invitation to Evangelism



In Children's Ministry at Grace Church, our primary commitment is to reach children with the good news of Jesus Christ. Sunday School and Adventure Club, Juniors camps, and The Master's Kids are all centered around the gospel, and for the past two summers Vacation Bible School has created another major opportunity for evangelism. Each year more than 700 children have come for five days of music, games, crafts, and teaching designed to point them to the Savior.

This year's VBS theme, "Racin' Around the World," focuses on 2 Timothy 4:7—"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." To help the children understand the importance of obeying God's Word, each day will highlight one of five commands that God gives us about running the race.

If you're wondering how you can get involved, there are several practical ways you can help. First, we're looking for volunteers to serve during the week of VBS. A team of coordinators has already been working enthusiastically to plan the event, and there are many opportunities for you to serve our church family and the community. We're looking for help with set-up, small groups, games, crafts, food, and more, all with the goal of planting seeds of the gospel. For more information, please stop by the table on the patio.

Second, you can provide financial support. Because there is no charge for the week—all children will attend for free—you can donate at gracechurch.org/vbs.

Finally and most importantly, you can pray. Pray for the children, the families, and the members of our community who participate in Vacation Bible School. Pray that the gospel of Jesus Christ would be communicated clearly and that hearts would be receptive to God's saving truth.

We hope you'll join us for VBS this summer. We're excited to see how the Lord will use this week to make an impact for eternity.



***Racin' Around
the World***
June 25–29

To learn more about how you can serve during VBS, stop by the patio table this morning or visit gracechurch.org/vbs.

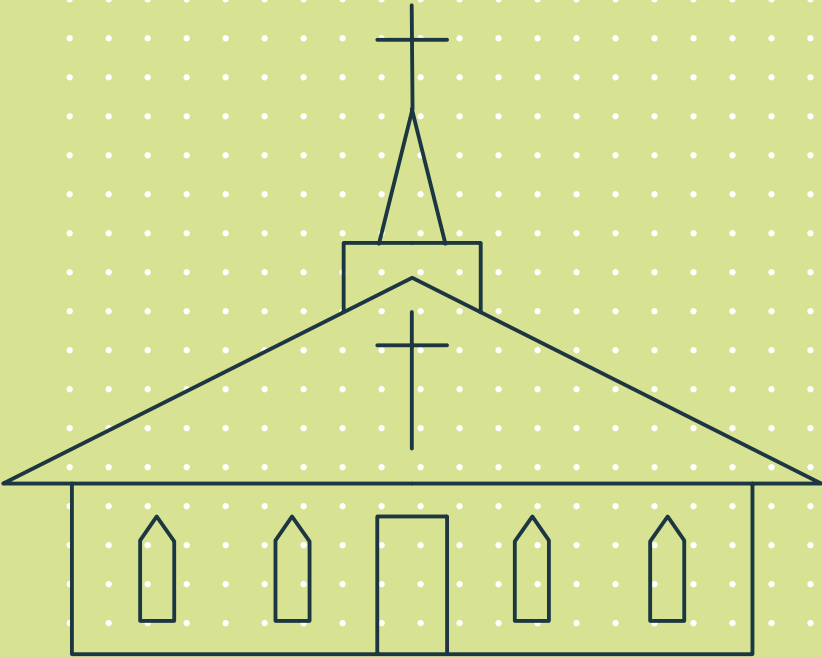
New Members ●

Grace Church welcomed another group of new members with the Right Hand of Fellowship. Each of these individuals completed the membership class in fulfillment of Grace Church's membership requirements.

The following new members received the Right Hand of Fellowship in MARCH.

Maddie Abendroth
Ronald & Nancy Aden
Kenneth & Yoon Ah Ahn
Mitch Alcala
John & Miriam Ayers
Jason Bailey
Omi Barrioquinto
Derek Blattenberger
Laura Borchmann
Donald & Tania Brunk
Joseph Budinsky
Katie Busman
Mayra Esperanza Camacho
Sarah Castrejon
James & Christine Chung
Ilda Patricia Cisneros
Seth Connell
Bellina Davoodian
Yackelina Del Cid Barrera
Eric Dobbins
Emma Foy
Frank Gutting
Matt Heller
Eric & Julianne Hollands

Joshua Hollands
Naomi Hollands
Gabriel & Sumaia Igarashi
Dave & Afton Land
Youngsoo & Eunjin Lee
Daniel Lopez
Esther Martinez
Stephen & Lauren Mew
Rebekah Miller
Rodel Pareja
Mikayla Platt
Jane Potter
Lorena Prado Reyes
Gabe & Shirley Preciado
Heidy Janett Rangel
Jonathan Reeves
Sarah Rodriguez
Mel & Marianne Rollema
Helury Sandoval
Scott Snodgress
Ben & Rachael Trowbridge
Joshua Velandria
Audrey Welch
Robert & Dorea Williamson



Sunday Evening Sermon Series

"Echoes of Shepherds' Conference"

Join us for this exciting series of messages drawn from this year's conference seminars.

April 8 • Phil Johnson
 April 15 • Abner Chou
 April 22 • Mike Riccardi
 April 29 • Alex Montoya

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.

Foster Care Informational Lunch

May 6 • 12:30 p.m. • T273

May is Foster Care Awareness Month. Join us on Sunday, May 6, to learn more about foster care and foster adoption. Families welcome (childcare will be available for children up to five years old).

RSVP by May 1 to H4H@gracechurch.org.

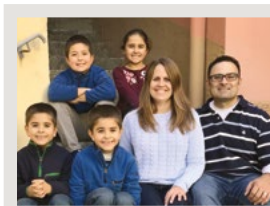


Grace Around the World

The **Mollica** Family

Massimo & Susanna, Alessandro, Eliana,
 Gianluca, Giuliano

Serving in **Italy** since **2010**



Prayer / Praise

- Pray that the Lord would continue to build His church by saving people as we share the gospel.
- Pray that God would continue to bless our outreach efforts and provide more opportunities for evangelism.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$12,090**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Downtown Jail Ministry

Every week, this ministry visits the men incarcerated at Men's Central Jail in Downtown Los Angeles. Men's Central is a high-security jail with inmates who are there on a long-term basis. There are wonderful opportunities to preach the gospel to those who have experienced very tangible consequences of their sin. For more information about serving in this ministry, call 818-909-5721.

Children's Hunger Fund

Food Pak Drive • April 15–29

For information visit gracechurch.org/chf or call 818-909-5700.

Logos Institute Spring Classes

Discipleship Counseling 3

This course is designed for those desiring to pursue a more in-depth understanding of discipleship counseling.

April 11–May 30 (Wednesdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders, Jonathan Tucker • Cost: \$65

Living by the Book

This hermeneutics course will help you learn how to understand and live out God's life-transforming Word.

April 2–May 7 (Mondays) • 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Instructor: Eric Dodson • Cost: \$60

Thy Kingdom Come

This in-depth study of 2 Samuel focuses on the book's major themes and place in God's glorious redemptive plan.

April 5–May 10 (Thursdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Jay Lennington • Cost: \$60

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



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.

Joint Heirs Ladies TEA Teaching, Edification, Application

Monday, April 9 • 7:00 p.m. • T260s

Speaker: Debra Rea • All women are welcome.

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.

Job Opportunities

Nursery Workers. Children's Ministry currently has several part-time openings (10–20 hours/week) for nursery workers. Hours are primarily Sundays and Wednesdays. Must be able to exhibit love to parents, children, staff and desire to serve through humility, patience, and joy. Prior work experience in childcare is preferred and must be able to successfully pass a background check. Applicants for employment must be, if employed, biblically qualified as a deacon and a member of Grace Church. For more information or to request an application, contact the office of Human Resources at HR@gracechurch.org or 818-909-5672.

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**

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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

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Student

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Women

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His truth in the world.*

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