

# 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 B* • Dupré • Stephen Sturz, Organist

**Hymns of Praise** • Congregation

**Hymn 135 *O Worship the King***

**Hymn 136 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

**Hymn 143 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name***

*How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place* • Brahms • Worship Choir

*Be Still, My Soul* • Sibelius/Erb-Rice • Kory Welch

**Hymn 64 *Like a River Glorious*** • Congregation

MESSAGE: **WALKING IN THE SPIRIT**

John MacArthur • Galatians 5:16–26

**Doxology Hymn** • Congregation

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past* • Croft/Sturz • Organ Postlude

**6:00 pm**

*Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him* • Prichard/Billingsley  
Instrumental Prelude

**Songs of Praise** • Congregation

**Baptism** • Carl Hargrove

**Hymn 366 *My Soul Longs for the Lord*** • Offertory

MESSAGE: **CUTTING IT STRAIGHTER:**

**TENETS AND TIPS FOR DEEPER BIBLE STUDY**

Abner Chou • Selected Scripture

**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](http://gracechurch.org/live). A limited number of headsets are available at the front desk for simultaneous translation.

**Anthem**

**How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place**

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts,  
O Lord of Hosts,

Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!

For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth, it longeth, yea fainteth,  
For the courts of the Lord.

My soul and body crieth out, yea for the living, yea for the living God.

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts,  
O Lord of Hosts,

Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!

Blest are they,

O blest are they that dwell, that dwell within Thy house;

They praise Thy name evermore,

They praise Thee, praise Thy name evermore.

How lovely, how lovely,

How lovely is Thy dwelling place.

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**Doxology Hymn**

**Hymn 393 *Take My Life and Let It Be***

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,

Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine;

Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne,

It shall be Thy royal throne.

## 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  
102 • 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 **The Holy Spirit Arrives**

PASSAGE **Acts 2:1–47**

PRINCIPLE Those who trust in Christ receive the Holy Spirit.

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

ASK YOUR CHILD What happened on the day of Pentecost?

APPLY By testifying to Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Acts 2:1–47.

NEXT WEEK Acts 3:1–26

## On GraceWalk

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

## On the Patio

- **Children's Hunger Fund**
- **Men's Conference**
- **Spanish Ministry**  
(by the Chapel)
- **VBS Volunteer Information**

## 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

#### NEW

**HIGH KING OF HEAVEN:  
THEOLOGICAL AND PRACTICAL  
PERSPECTIVES ON THE PERSON  
AND WORK OF JESUS**

Featuring John MacArthur, Steve Lawson,  
Albert Mohler, Mark Dever, and more



**Available today for 40% off retail price**

## Grace to You

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

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

• **Adopted by God**

- 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 Christian's Assurance of Salvation"**

- 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.*

# PROJECT FOOD-PAK



Children's Hunger Fund (CHF) is a Christian organization that works to feed hungry children in impoverished regions across America and around the world. What sets CHF apart from other relief organizations is their steadfast commitment to the local church. Rather than sending food to various areas indiscriminately, CHF works exclusively with local evangelical churches, supplying them with food to take to their communities as a platform from which to proclaim the gospel.

As churches identify needy families in their communities, members of the church visit those families with Food Paks. On subsequent visits, church members develop relationships with these families, speak the gospel, offer biblical counsel, invite these families to church, and demonstrate the love of Christ. Over the next few weeks, our church family has the opportunity to partner with CHF in this effort.



## HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP...

- 1 If you haven't already done so, before you leave church today pick up some empty Food Pak boxes from the tables on the patio.
- 2 Take them home, and, following the instructions included on the box, fill them with non-perishable food items.
- 3 Bring the filled boxes back next week. We will have collection points at different areas around campus through April 29.

CHF will work with various local churches (including our own) to ensure that the food you donate feeds needy children and their families and opens a door for the proclamation of the gospel.

This is a very practical and effective way that our entire church family can partner with other local churches and minister to the physical and spiritual needs of our city. It's exciting to think that donating a few food items can relieve a family's hunger for a week or so. But it's amazing to know that, while that food will perish, we can bring our neighbors the very Bread of Life come down from Heaven, which gives life to the world and satisfies spiritual hunger forever.

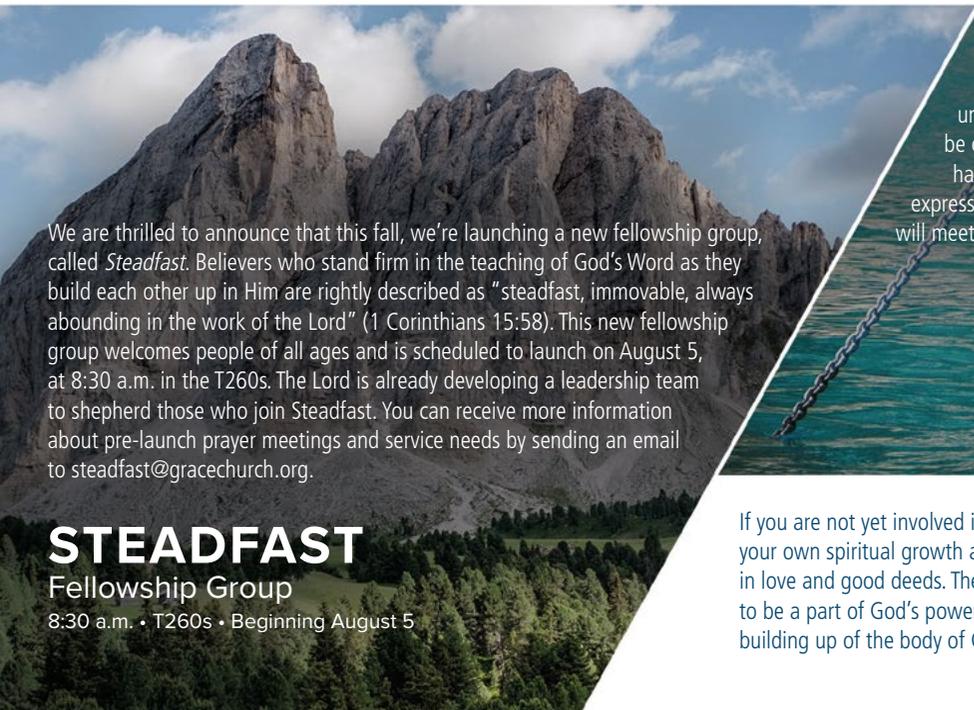
For more information about the CHF Food Pak Drive, visit [gracechurch.org/chf](http://gracechurch.org/chf) or call the Local Outreach office at 818-909-5721.

## FOOD PAK DRIVE APRIL 15-29

# ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

## For the Equipping of the Saints

Fellowship groups have always been essential to our philosophy of shepherding at Grace Church. We are strongly committed to facilitating pastoral care of the church body and the sanctification that happens by deepening personal relationships with other Christians, both of which are readily available through fellowship groups. But we understand that not everyone who attends Grace Church has taken advantage of these blessings. If that is you, we are excited to present two new opportunities that will help you get involved with your church family at a more intimate level.

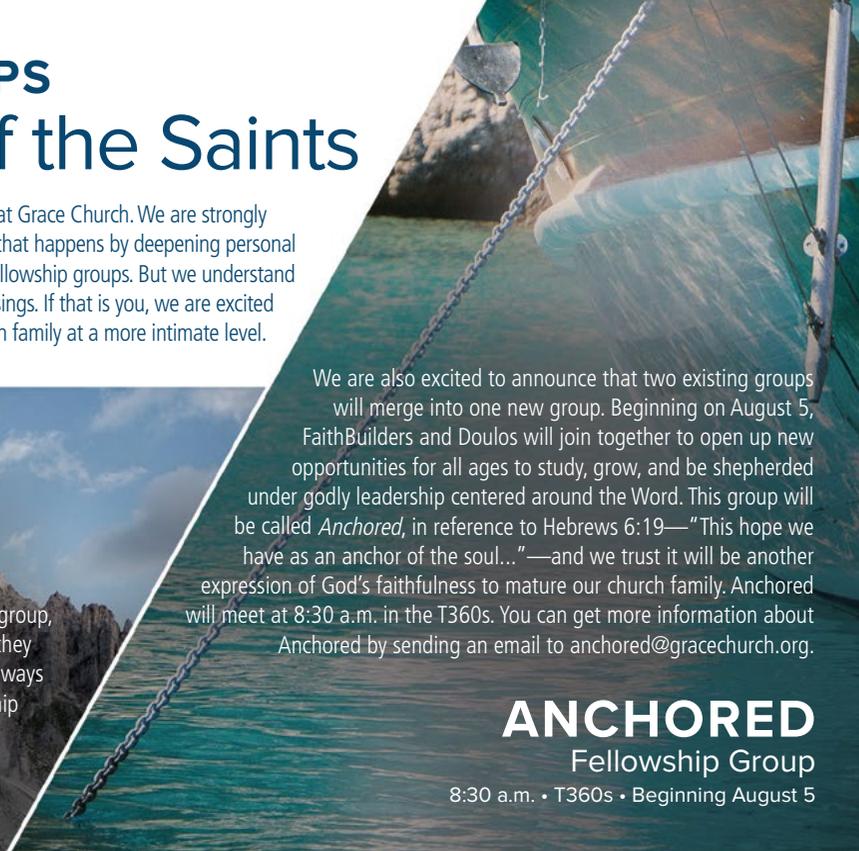


We are thrilled to announce that this fall, we're launching a new fellowship group, called *Steadfast*. Believers who stand firm in the teaching of God's Word as they build each other up in Him are rightly described as "steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). This new fellowship group welcomes people of all ages and is scheduled to launch on August 5, at 8:30 a.m. in the T260s. The Lord is already developing a leadership team to shepherd those who join Steadfast. You can receive more information about pre-launch prayer meetings and service needs by sending an email to [steadfast@gracechurch.org](mailto:steadfast@gracechurch.org).

### STEADFAST

#### Fellowship Group

8:30 a.m. • T260s • Beginning August 5



We are also excited to announce that two existing groups will merge into one new group. Beginning on August 5, FaithBuilders and Doulos will join together to open up new opportunities for all ages to study, grow, and be shepherded under godly leadership centered around the Word. This group will be called *Anchored*, in reference to Hebrews 6:19—"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul..."—and we trust it will be another expression of God's faithfulness to mature our church family. Anchored will meet at 8:30 a.m. in the T360s. You can get more information about Anchored by sending an email to [anchored@gracechurch.org](mailto:anchored@gracechurch.org).

### ANCHORED

#### Fellowship Group

8:30 a.m. • T360s • Beginning August 5

If you are not yet involved in a fellowship group, you are missing the privilege to invest in your own spiritual growth as you interact with other believers and encourage one another in love and good deeds. These two new groups present wonderful opportunities for you to be a part of God's powerful equipping of the church for the work of service—for the building up of the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:12).

## Sunday Evening Sermon Series

“Echoes of Shepherds’ Conference”

Don’t miss this exciting series of messages drawn from this year’s conference seminars.

- Tonight** • Abner Chou  
**April 22** • Mike Riccardi  
**April 29** • Alex Montoya

## Evangelism Ministries

The Bible describes Christians as ambassadors for Christ—those who were saved to “proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). One of the most joyful duties we have is to proclaim this great gospel to others. To this end, Grace Church members hold evangelistic Bible studies in jails, rehab centers, assisted living facilities, hospitals, and on Skid Row. Groups also go door-to-door right here in our own neighborhood.

- Acton Rehabilitation Center**  
**Basketball Outreach**  
**Castaic Jail Ministry**  
**Downtown Jail Ministry**  
**Hope Bible Study**  
**Neighborhood Outreach**  
**Skid Row Outreach**  
**Volleyball Outreach**

For more information about any of these ministries, call 818-909-5700, or visit [gracechurch.org/local](http://gracechurch.org/local).

## Grace Around the World

Christian & Sheryl Andresen

Serving in **Germany** since **1997**



### Prayer / Praise

- Pray that the Lord would mature and grow the *Eckstein Gemeinde* church plant.
- Pray for wisdom for our European Bible Training Center staff and leadership in shepherding the expanding ministry.

## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$9,968**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

## Local Outreach Spotlight

Retirement Home Ministry

**Sundays, 1:00–3:00 p.m.**

On Sunday afternoons teams of volunteers visit two assisted-living facilities in Northridge. They provide a worship service with songs, Scripture reading, exhortation, and a short sermon. This is a wonderful opportunity to build relationships and minister to the fainthearted.

For more information call 818-909-5721.

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## 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](http://gracechurch.org/motw).

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## Vacation Bible School Volunteers

Stop by the patio table this morning for information about serving during this exciting neighborhood outreach opportunity (June 25–29).

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## Grace Church Connection

Keep current with what's new around Grace Church each month. To subscribe to our monthly email update, visit [gracechurch.org/news](http://gracechurch.org/news).

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## 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](mailto:HR@gracechurch.org) or 818-909-5672.

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## Communion

**April 22 • 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.**

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. —1 Corinthians 11:26

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## Every Woman's Grace

**Wednesdays • 9:30 a.m. (CC130) & 6:30 p.m. (Chapel)**

All women are invited to join us for Bible study and fellowship.

Register online at [gracechurch.org/women](http://gracechurch.org/women).

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## 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 available for children up to five years old). RSVP by May 1 to [H4H@gracechurch.org](mailto:H4H@gracechurch.org).

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## Adventure Club

Designed for three-year-olds through sixth graders, this exciting children's program meets on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. For more information, visit [gracechurch.org/adventureclub](http://gracechurch.org/adventureclub).

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## One with Christ

**Monday, April 16 • 9:30 a.m. • CC130**

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

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**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)

**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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