

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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GRADUATION SUNDAY

8:30 & 10:30* am

Fugue in G (Gigue) • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 116 Rejoice, the Lord Is King • Congregation

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven • Trad./Rice
Orchestra & Organ; Stephen Sturz, Organist

How Great Thou Art • Hine/Forrest • Worship Choir

Hymn 86 Great Is Thy Faithfulness • Congregation

Forevermore (Psalm 145) • Cottrell-Keveren • James Philipps

MESSAGE: **WALKING IN THE SPIRIT, PART 4**

John MacArthur • Galatians 5:16–26

Doxology Hymn • Congregation

O Christ, Forgive Thy Servants • Dupré • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

THE MASTER'S SEMINARY GRADUATION

Pomp and Circumstance • Elgar/Rice • Brass Ensemble, Organ

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord • Williams/Erb-Rice • The Master's Seminary Chorus
The Church's One Foundation • Wesley/Erb-Rice

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God • Congregation
To God Be the Glory

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

Doxology Hymn

Hymn 326 Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry heart
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

Anthem

How Great Thou Art

O Lord, my God! O Lord, my God! How great Thou art!

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,
Then sings my soul, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
Then sings my soul, how great Thou art!
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.
Then sings my soul, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
O Lord, my God! O Lord, my God! How great Thou art!

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* 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.

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 **The Jews Resist the Holy Spirit**

PASSAGE **Acts 6:1–7:60**

PRINCIPLE Those who trust in Christ receive the Holy Spirit.

FEATURED HYMN "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 318)

ASK YOUR CHILD What were the characteristics of those who were saved?

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

THIS WEEK As a family, read Acts 6:1–7:60.

NEXT WEEK Review Sunday

On GraceWalk

- **Fundamentals of the Faith**
- **Hands for Hope**
- **Local Outreach**

On the Patio

- **Faith Promise**
- **Hebrew Bibles**
- **Spanish Ministry**
(by the Chapel)
- **Vacation Bible School**
- **Women's Spring Event**

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

IN HIS IMAGE

10 WAYS GOD CALLS US TO REFLECT HIS CHARACTER

BY JEN WILKIN

A helpful resource to fix one's focus on the character of God.



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for 40% off retail**

Grace to You

RADIO gty.org/radio

Insight into a Pastor's Heart

- 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

"Blessings of Life in the Church"

- 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.

FAITH PROMISE

WORLDWIDE ECHOES OF ANSWERED PRAYER

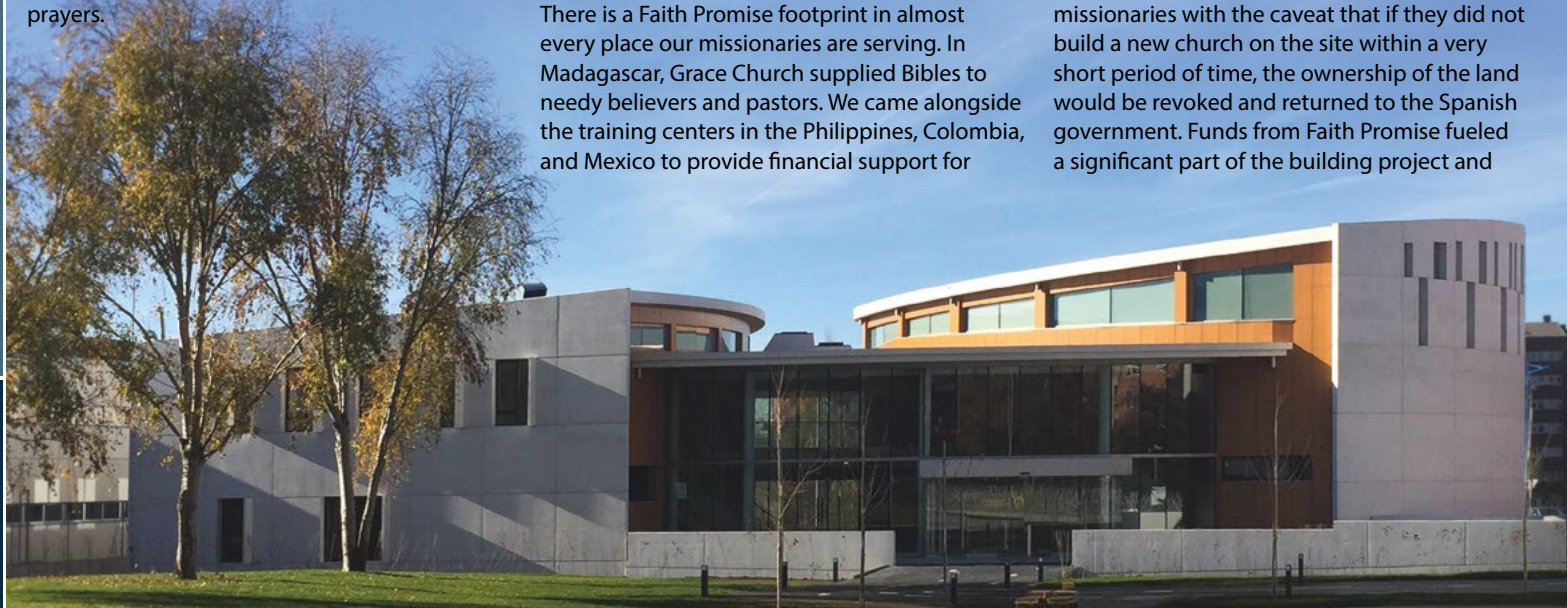
When you consider the incredible scope and impact Faith Promise has had over the last seven years in the lives and ministries of our missionaries, it truly reflects the reality of James 5:16—“The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.” Grace Church is prayerfully and powerfully committed to investing in the Great Commission, and Faith Promise is the culmination of many answered prayers.

The Faith Promise giving campaign is a focal point of support for our missions' outreach. It plays a significant role in sending new missionaries to the field, supporting affiliated training centers and seminaries, meeting our missionaries' budget needs, and covering the administrative costs for Grace Ministries International.

There is a Faith Promise footprint in almost every place our missionaries are serving. In Madagascar, Grace Church supplied Bibles to needy believers and pastors. We came alongside the training centers in the Philippines, Colombia, and Mexico to provide financial support for

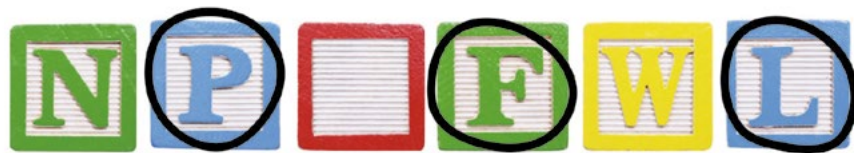
laymen and pastors to be trained. In Italy and Switzerland, Faith Promise helped support new church plants, pastored by two of our missionaries. In South Africa and Myanmar, it funded scholarships for men to attend seminary.

A favorite Faith Promise story relates to the new church building in León, Spain. The government gave a section of land to our local missionaries with the caveat that if they did not build a new church on the site within a very short period of time, the ownership of the land would be revoked and returned to the Spanish government. Funds from Faith Promise fueled a significant part of the building project and



ignited a matching campaign to encourage other donations toward the finishing of the church. On Sunday, April 8, *Iglesia Evangélica de León* held their very first church service in their new building (pictured). We pray that this building would be a testimony to God's glory and faithfulness for generations to follow.

As we look to launch another year of our Faith Promise campaign, don't miss this exciting opportunity to participate in the gospel proclamation and equipping work happening around the globe. Please pray toward an amount you would like to trust the Lord to provide over the next twelve months, fill out the card included in *Grace Today* this month, and drop it in the offering plate or at the Faith Promise table on the patio. We are excited to see how the Lord will answer our prayers and continue His work around the world. ■



Born Again Parenting

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. —Ephesians 6:4

God has given parents the great responsibility of raising children and, as any parent can tell you, this is not always easy. That's because the children we are raising are sinners. Every child born into this world has a heart that is bent toward sin and disobedience. As parents, we know that our child's greatest need is salvation. And God, in His infinite wisdom, has designed the home and positioned parents to play a vital role in the salvation of their children.

The world boasts a myriad of different parenting techniques, but none of these secular models, however successful they appear, ever address a child's greatest need. Most Christian parents understand that God clearly instructs us to raise our children "in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." We feel the responsibility to teach our children to know and fear Him, and we're searching for clarity as to how we can faithfully complete the task. If this describes you, you are not alone.

This is the foundation of "Parenting for Life." Whether you're just contemplating parenthood, you have a baby or school-age children, or you're shepherding sons and daughters through adolescence or young adulthood, come join us as we learn more about the biblical principles and fundamentals of parenting that enable us to fulfill the duties God has placed before us.

Parenting for Life

May 27–August 26 (class will not meet in July) • 10:30 a.m. • H223–224

Teacher: Rich Harasick

To register or for more information, visit gracechurch.org/childrens or call 818-909-5631. Space is limited. Order curriculum at the bookstore.



Racin' Around the World June 25–29

For kids going into grades K–6 this fall. Register today at gracechurch.org/vbs.

Grace Around the World

The **Luehrmann** Family

Michael & Emily, Anna, Elijah, Rosie, Liam, Joshua

Serving in **England** since **2004**



Prayer / Praise

- Pray that Michael's sabbatical would be spiritually refreshing and help him grow as a leader.
- Pray for wisdom as we look to finalize the location of a future church plant.

Foster Care Informational Lunch

Today • 12:30 p.m. • T273

Join us to learn more about foster care and foster adoption. Walk-ins welcome (childcare available for children up to five years old).

Outreach Resource Table

The Outreach Resource Table, located on GraceWalk, provides evangelistic tools to Grace Church members at no cost. Audio CDs of Pastor John's evangelistic sermons are available in 26 different languages, along with Bibles, New Testaments, evangelism books, and tracts in various languages. For more information, call 818-909-5721.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$7,392**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Hope Bible Study

Thursdays • 7:00 p.m. • H221–222

Hope Bible Study is a transitional ministry that labors to encourage those who have been beset by life-dominating sin, such as drugs and alcohol, with the hope of Christ, the changing power of His Word, and the fellowship of His Church. If you or someone you know could benefit from this ministry, please email hopegcc@gmail.com or call the 818-909-5721.

Parent Dedication

June 10

This is a time when parents commit to raising their children according to the principles in God's Word. Parents who are members of Grace Church and whose babies are 24 months of age or younger may sign up before June 1 by emailing nmouren@gracechurch.org.

Titus 2 Tuesday

May 8 • 7:00 p.m. • This month's topic: Resting in God's Promises

Studies meet in Encino, Glendale, Northridge, Shadow Hills, Simi Valley, and Valencia. Women of all ages are invited for a time of discussion and fellowship. For specific meeting locations and RSVP information, visit gracechurch.org/t2t.

God's Word in Hebrew

Today • Before and after both morning services • GraceWalk

George and Goldie Shaw, representatives with the Society for Distributing Hebrew Scriptures, will be offering a limited supply of free, bilingual Hebrew/English Old and New Testaments, as well as CDs containing 37 Bibles in 17 languages. Please take a Bible to give to your unbelieving Jewish family members, friends, and neighbors.

One with Christ

Monday, May 7 • 9:30 a.m. • CC130

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

Women's Spring Event

Seasons of Grace

Saturday, May 19 • 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. • Family Center • Cost: \$20

Register on the patio on Sunday mornings, or online at gracechurch.org/women.

Sojourners Women's Fellowship

Spring Luncheon

Saturday, May 26 • 10:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. • T270s

Guest Speaker: Jackie Martin • Cost: \$15

Childcare for children pre-K and younger by reservation.

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

PSP Homeschool Group

Used Curriculum Sale

Saturday, June 16 • 10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. • Family Center

Seller registration is now open. For information, call Marina at 818-956-9382.

Good Neighbors

As a courtesy to our neighbors, please avoid parking in front of the houses surrounding Grace Church. Instead, use one of the designated parking lots. If street parking is unavoidable, we urge you to be especially attentive to and considerate of our neighbors' comfort and property.

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

MINISTRY DIRECTORY**Administration**

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Children

818-909-5631

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818-909-5500

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818-909-5644

Men

818-909-5537

Outreach

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Pastoral Care & Counseling

818-909-5537

Prayer

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