

# 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.

*Sundays*  
**JULY**

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**1-29**  
**2018**



**8:30 & 10:30\* am****BILL BRANDENSTEIN, DIRECTOR***His Yoke Is Easy* • Handel • Stephen Sturz, Organist*Hymn 328 Praise Ye the Triune God* • Congregation*Hymn 366 My Soul Longs for the Lord**O Love that Will Not Let Me Go* • Peace/Maddux-Rice  
String Orchestra, Woodwinds, Piano*Sacred Harp Suite* • Trad./McDonald-Rice • Worship Choir*All to Bring You Glory* • Freeman-Smith/Rice • Grace Chung*Hymn 69 Day by Day* • CongregationMESSAGE: **SIGH OF DESPAIR; SONG OF TRIUMPH**  
Phil Johnson • Psalm 13*Their Sound Is Gone Out* • Handel • Organ Postlude**6:00 pm***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* • Trad. • Instrumental Prelude*Songs of Praise* • Congregation**Baptism***Hymn 350 How Sweet and Aweful Is the Place* • OffertoryMESSAGE: **SEIZING THE OPPORTUNITIES**  
Carl Hargrove • Colossians 4:5–6**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****Sacred Harp Suite**

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
I am bound for the Kingdom, will go you to glory with me?  
Hallelujah, praise the Lord.  
I am bound for the Kingdom, will go you to glory with me?  
Hallelujah, praise the Lord.

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.  
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down.  
Brethren, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

My Shepherd will supply my need. Jehovah is His name.  
In pastures fresh, He makes me feed beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways:  
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home.  
I am bound for the Kingdom, will go you to glory with me?  
Hallelujah, praise the Lord.  
I am bound for the Kingdom, will go you to glory with me?  
Hallelujah, praise the Lord.  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

*Traditional hymns; arranged by Mary McDonald; orchestrated by Mark Rice*

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.

Next Membership Class • August 5  
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 **Paul Testifies to the Gospel in Rome**

PASSAGE **Acts 28:16–31**

PRINCIPLE God sovereignly calls those He chooses through the power of the gospel.

FEATURED HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 143)

ASK YOUR CHILD How did Paul defend himself to the Jews in Rome?

APPLY By praying that God will give a missionary from your church boldness and the freedom to preach unhindered (Acts 28:31).

THIS WEEK As a family, read Acts 28:16–31.

NEXT WEEK Revelation 1:1–20

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

## On GraceWalk

- Fellowship Group Information
- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Local Outreach

## On the Patio

- 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.

### SUNDAYS IN JULY BOOK TENT

Every Sunday this month, be sure to visit the big white tent on the Chapel lawn, featuring...

- Recommended titles from each seminar
- A discount section with select titles available for up to 70% off retail
- A complimentary book, *The Quest for the Historical Adam: Genesis, Hermeneutics, and Human Origins*, by William VanDoodewaard, with any purchase

**Open before and after both  
Sunday morning services**



## Grace to You

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

### Remembering What Not to Forget

- 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 Parable of the Murdered Son"

- 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"

**ANCHORED****CORNERSTONE****GRACELIFE****THE GUILD****JOINT HEIRS****MAINSTREAM****SOJOURNERS****STEADFAST**

# LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.” —1 JOHN 4:7

The Bible says that our love for other believers should be a love that prefers others with patience, kindness, and faithfulness—a love that marks us as slaves of the one who loved us by laying down His life for us (John 13:35). We only know love by Jesus’ model, and we’re called to love others in the same way. The church exists to put God’s unifying work on display to an unbelieving world so that people would believe in Him for salvation.

At Grace Church, Adult Fellowship Groups provide the context where Christian community can flourish as people’s lives overlap. Our Fellowship Groups are designed to narrow your immediate circle of ministry into the hundreds, because in a church of thousands, relational ministry can be overwhelming.

Each Fellowship Group has its own leadership team composed of pastors and elders committed to teaching and investing in the lives of their flocks. Every Sunday morning, each group meets for a time of teaching, worship, and



fellowship, and throughout the week they break into smaller, regional Bible studies where people come together for an even more focused time around God’s Word. The relationships that form at this level grow from close, consistent communion with other believers, and come with opportunities to show the kind of self-denying love and service the church was designed to display.

The Bible gives two specific reasons for committing to be part of a close-knit family of believers—that we would be encouraged, and that we would encourage others (Hebrews 10:24–25). God designed the church to be the place where we receive and give accountability to persevere in our faith amid a darkening culture; with this powerful goal in mind, the Bible calls believers to love, encourage, and stimulate one another to good works until Christ returns.

When we commit to a local body of believers, we bind ourselves together in a covenant in which we promise to be the body of Christ for each other. We promise to follow Jesus’ example by serving one another sacrificially and bearing one another’s burdens joyfully (Galatians 6:2). We also promise to love each other in the same way that Christ loves us.

We’re blessed to be part of a church that is committed to meeting God’s standard for Christian community, and we’re encouraged that God continues to bless our ministry as we seek to glorify Him before a watching world.

## Adult Fellowship Groups

If you’re interested in learning more about Adult Fellowship Groups, stop by the patio table or the Welcome Center before or after either service this morning.

# Sundays IN JULY

TODAY

8:30 a.m.

### No Sacrifice Too Great

*A Biographical Sketch of C. T. Studd*  
Brad Klassen, Family Center 1

### Lofty and Exalted

*Learning About and Worshipping the Indescribable Holy God*  
Tom Leman, Family Center 2

### Wise Decision Making

Don Carr, Family Center 3

### Blessed Assurance

*How Can I Know That I Am Saved?*  
Paul Twiss, T260s

### Keeping the Peace

*How to Avoid Conflict in Marriage*  
Michael Mahoney, T360s

### Parenting Principles

*An Overview Followed by a Q&A*  
Chris Hamilton, T370s

### La hermenéutica del feminismo

*Una respuesta bíblica al egalitarianismo*  
Josué Pineda, H221–222

10:30 a.m.

### Interaction of the Church with the Government, Part 2

George Crawford, Family Center 1

### The Greatest Physician

*Jesus’ Medical Ministry Through a Doctor’s Eyes* Jon Scott, Family Center 2

### Protecting Purity in the Home

Bill Shannon, Ekkie Tepsupornchai, Family Center 3

### Wrestling Worldliness

*A Biblical Response to the Lure of the World* Jay Lennington, T260s

### The Race Set Before Us

*Answering Questions About Social Justice, Racial Unity, and Gospel Priority*  
Mike Riccardi, Hohn Cho, Carl Hargrove, T360s

### Christ’s Perfect Life *Seeing the Beauty of Christ’s Life in the Old Testament*

Abner Chou, T370s

### La imagen de Dios y las preferencias sexuales *Lo que la Biblia enseña sobre la homosexualidad*

J. Carlos Martinez, H221–222

## SHORT-TERM MINISTRIES HIGHLIGHT

Please pray for our teams as they prepare for, serve, and return from the field.



### TEAM MALAWI (BUILDING TRIP)

**JULY 29–AUGUST 10**

**TEAM MEMBERS:** Sean Cullen (team leader), Shelbi Cullen, Christopher D'Angelo, Stephen Dunn, Mauricio Espinoza, Edgar Mendoza, Peng Wang

**HOST:** Central African Preaching Academy

**MINISTRY:** Construction Project



### TEAM MEXICO JULY 29–AUGUST 5

**TEAM MEMBERS:** Eduardo Izquierdo (team leader), Oscar Garcia, Angelica Grijalva, Karina Grijalva, Katherine Grijalva, Wilfredo Grijalva, Jaime Ignacio, Max Ignacio, David Luna, Sarah Martinez, Armida Mineros, Dalia Soria, Jose Soria Jr.

**HOST:** Luis Contreras

**MINISTRY:** VBS, Youth Conference



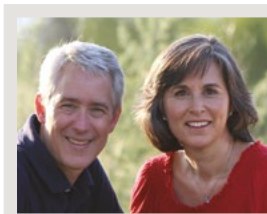
### Sundays in July Fellowship Special

Join us after tonight's service for specially priced gourmet burgers and \$1 ice cream

## Grace Around the World

Joel & Rutly James

Serving in **South Africa** since 1995



### Prayer / Praise

- Praise God for providing a godly fiancé for our daughter, Rebeqah, and pray that He would bless their marriage.
- Pray for Joel's teaching and discipling responsibilities with the students we are training at Shepherds' Seminary Africa.

## Faith Promise

Remember, your Faith Promise giving is a great way to support our missionaries throughout the year.

## 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](mailto:hopegcc@gmail.com) or call the 818-909-5721.

## Blood Drive

August 12 • 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

The Cedars-Sinai Bloodmobile will be in the main parking lot, on the west side of the seminary building. Register online at [DonateBloodCedars.org](http://DonateBloodCedars.org) through the “Locate A Blood Drive” tool (using our Donor Group Code, “GRCC”), or email or text names and preferred times to [David.Keys@cshs.org](mailto:David.Keys@cshs.org) or 310-717-5996. Walk-ins are also welcome.

## Job Opportunities

**Accounting Manager.** The Grace Church Accounting Department has a full-time opening for an accounting manager to manage day-to-day operations of a fast-paced team environment and oversee and review processes related to month-end close, audit, and year-end tax reporting. Position requires ability to research and document tax and accounting issues; excellent organizational, analytical, and multi-tasking skills; experience with accounting software and Microsoft Office; and management experience. Degree in related field preferred. Applicants for employment must be, if employed, biblically qualified as a deacon or deaconess and a member of Grace Church. For more information or to request an application, contact HR at [HR@gracechurch.org](mailto:HR@gracechurch.org) or 818-909-5672.

**Director of Communications.** The Master’s University has a full-time opening for a Director of Communications (40 hours/week). This position will set and guide the strategy for all digital and print communications including press releases, social media presence, website design, and advertising while consistently articulating the mission of TMU. This position will work most frequently with the Admissions, Athletics, Alumni, and Development offices, while providing direct leadership to the University Marketing department. Applicants should possess strong communication skills and be comfortable creating, proofing, and distributing content. Bachelor’s degree or higher required. For more information or to request an application, email [HumanResources@masters.edu](mailto:HumanResources@masters.edu) or call 661-362-2843.

A poster for a family concert. The background is dark blue with a grid of light blue squares. In the center is a large red oval with the words "Plaza Fellowship" in a stylized, cursive font. Below the oval is a blue banner with the text "AUGUST 5" in large, bold, white capital letters, and "after the evening service" in smaller white text below it. The poster is decorated with several glowing light bulbs. At the bottom, there is a line of text: "Hot Dogs • Kettlecorn • Popcorn". Below that is another line of text: "Wear something white, for fluorescent fun in the blacklight!". At the very bottom, in a smaller, italicized font, it says "Childcare (infants–3-year-olds) is available until 9:00 p.m.".

**FAMILY CONCERT**

**Plaza Fellowship**

**AUGUST 5**  
*after the evening service*

Hosted by  
**Children's Ministry**  
*in the Family Center*

**Hot Dogs • Kettlecorn • Popcorn**

**Wear something white, for  
fluorescent fun in the blacklight!**

*Childcare (infants–3-year-olds) is available until 9:00 p.m.*

**8:30 a.m.**

**Anchored** (All ages) T360s  
Pastors: Carl Hargrove,  
Bill Shannon

**Children's Sunday School**  
Visit the Welcome Center  
for room locations.  
Pastor: Ace Davis

**Cornerstone** (All ages) T370s  
Pastors: Nathan Busenitz,  
Hohn Cho, Mark Tatlock,  
Harry Walls

**Developmentally Disabled**  
CC130E; Pastor: Rick McLean

**GraceLife** (All ages)  
Family Center  
Pastors: Phil Johnson,  
Mike Riccardi

**Junior High** (Grades 7–8)  
T70s (Basement)  
Pastor: Jay Lennington

**Spanish Adult Sunday  
School** H221-222  
Teachers: Josiah Grauman,  
José Soria

**Spanish Worship Service**  
Chapel  
Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,  
Michael Mahoney

**Steadfast** (All ages) T260s  
Pastor: Brian Biedebach

**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

**Developmentally Disabled**  
CC130E; Pastor: Rick McLean

**High School** (Grades 9–12)  
T70s (Basement)  
Pastor: Josh Petras

**Joint Heirs** (All ages) T260s  
Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street

**Mainstream** (All ages) T360s  
Pastors: Rich Gregory,  
Carlos Chung

**Sojourners** (All ages) T370s  
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)  
T360s  
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**  
818-909-5500

**Children**  
818-909-5631

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**Membership**  
818-909-5644

**Men**  
818-909-5537

**Outreach**  
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**Pastoral Care &  
Counseling**  
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**Prayer**  
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818-909-5722

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818-909-5593

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and extend His kingdom by  
living and proclaiming  
His truth in the world.*

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