

GRACE TODAY

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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**BILL BRANDENSTEIN, DIRECTOR***Fugue in D Major* • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist*Hymn 53 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* • Congregation*This Is My Father's World* • Sheppard/Maddux-Rice • String Orchestra, Woodwinds, Piano*I Worship You* • Berry/Christopher • Worship Choir*Hymn 377 May the Mind of Christ My Savior* • Congregation*Show Us Christ* • Plank-Kauflin/Spacht-Rice • Lisa MartinMESSAGE: **TEAR DOWN THIS WALL**

Michael Mahoney • 2 Corinthians 10:3–5

Recessional in B Flat • Handel • Organ Postlude**6:00 pm***Great Is Thy Faithfulness* • Chisholm/Runyan • Instrumental Prelude*Songs of Praise* • Congregation**Baptism***Hymn 196 I Will Glory In My Redeemer* • OffertoryMESSAGE: **YOUR MOST IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP**

Steve Lawson • Jeremiah 9:23–24

Postlude**Family Concert**

* 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**I Worship You**

Here am I, holy Lord, seeking now Your face,
Thankful for Your grace, as I worship You.
Here am I, holy Lord, in this quiet hour.
By Your Spirit's pow'r, cleanse my heart anew.

O Lamb of God, the One that I adore.
I long to sing Your praise forevermore.

I worship You with songs of praise;
In You alone my heart rejoices.
Accept this offering of love.
O God above, I worship You.

Search my heart; know my thoughts.
Lead me in Your ways,
As I seek to praise and magnify Your name.
Mighty King, Lord of all, I stand in awe of You.
Faithful, just, and true, You're evermore the same.

O Righteous One, who knows my heart and mind,
In You alone a blessed peace I find.

As I worship You with songs of praise;
In You alone my heart rejoices.
Accept this offering of love.
O God above, I worship You.

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Lyrics by Cindy Berry (1995)

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 **John Testifies to the Exalted Jesus**

PASSAGE **Revelation 1:1–20**

PRINCIPLE Though trials and sufferings come, Jesus Christ continues to live, reign, and be faithful to His church.

FEATURED HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 120)

ASK YOUR CHILD Why was Christ's message to John and the seven churches encouraging?

APPLY By submitting to Jesus, who reigns as King and Lord over the entire universe.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Revelation 1:1–20.

NEXT WEEK Revelation 5:1–14

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

On GraceWalk

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

On the Patio

- **Children's Ministry**
- **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.

HIGHLIGHT

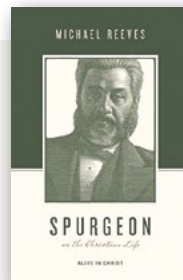
SPURGEON ON THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

by Michael Reeves

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Grace to You

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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

"The Most Misunderstood Parable"

- 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"



Pointing Children to Christ

But Jesus said, "Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." —Matthew 19:14

Matthew 19:14 makes it clear that children have a special place in the heart of our Lord. And like the parents in Matthew 19 who were bringing their children to Jesus, the desire of every believer is for their own child to know the Savior.

In Children's Ministry, our mission is to come alongside parents and help point their children to Jesus so that they might believe in Him and be saved. We have incredible servants whose ministry is to love, care for, and evangelize the children at Grace Church. Our volunteers build lasting relationships with the children they serve—teaching them, helping them to grow, and spending time with them in a fun and energetic

environment, all while making an eternal impact upon their lives as they point them to Christ.

If you have a heart for children, you can join these servants and be a part of this amazing opportunity to share the love of Christ with our little ones. Every Sunday we have more than 1,000 children on our campus, which means that there is a place for anyone who wants to serve. You can serve in our nursery, caring for babies and toddlers; in a Sunday school class with three- through eleven-year-olds; or in our special needs class. You can serve in Adventure Club on Sunday evening, helping children memorize God's Word. You can even serve in the Welcome Center, extending a warm greeting to new families who are visiting our church for the first time.

Don't miss the amazing opportunity to point a child to Jesus. Please stop by one of the tables on the patio this morning and learn more about how you can serve in Children's Ministry. ■

CONTENDING FOR THE TRUTH

The Spanish-speaking church throughout the world is experiencing unprecedented growth, but with rapid growth comes great potential for error. Numerous Latin-American churches are being led astray by the teachings of self-proclaimed “apostles” and “prophets.” The authority of Scripture is under attack, and we must respond.

For this reason, we have called upon pastors and church leaders to join us in exalting the Bible as the sole authority in the church. On September 28 and 29, we will be holding our third annual Spanish Expositors’ Conference. This year’s theme will be “The Doctrine of the Scriptures,” and the conference will feature teaching from John MacArthur, Miguel Nuñez, Sugel Michelén, Evis Carballosa, Henry Tolopilo, Michael Mahoney, Luis Contreras, and Josiah Grauman, among others. We are sure to be blessed by the ministry of these faithful men as they contend with the theological aberrations in the Spanish-speaking church.

Please join us in praying for this event, as we expect more than 1,500 Spanish-speakers to be in attendance. Pray for our speakers as they

challenge the attendees to pursue Christ-exalting preaching and teaching. Additionally, please pray for our key partner ministries, the Spanish programs at The Master’s Seminary. We pray that the Lord will use this conference to stir the hearts of many men to pursue pastoral training.

Another way you can support this conference is by funding a scholarship. There are many pastors and church leaders who have expressed a desire to come but do not have the means to register. If you are interested in helping support a potential attendee in this way, you can do so online at gracechurch.org/giving or by visiting the conference table outside the Chapel today.

Finally, we want to extend a formal invitation to any Spanish speakers in our own congregation. If you or anyone you know might benefit from the conference, registration is open until September 21. Feel free to visit our website for more information.

We are so grateful to the Lord for all the ways He uses our church around the world. Thank you for your prayers as we seek to lift high the Word of God among the people of God.

CONFERENCIA EXPOSITORES 2018

September 28–29
Grace Community Church

Register at conferenciaexpositores.org

Fund a scholarship at
gracechurch.org/giving

Thank You from the Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic

The Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic would like to thank and congratulate the family of Grace Community Church for the largest Baby Bottle fundraiser ever! You all contributed a combined total of \$28,000 with more still coming in! We are humbled by your generosity toward those facing surprise pregnancies who may be wrestling with many different emotions, challenges, and pressures.

The Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic is a Christian ministry offering life-affirming services to women and men facing unintended pregnancy. We serve our patients holistically, caring for them physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Our greatest hope is to be able to share the message of eternal life, the gospel, with any client who is open to hearing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Your support will enable us not only to share the message of spiritual life, but also to offer services designed to educate, equip, and empower these mothers and fathers to choose life. As we get to know our clients, we continue to walk alongside them through pregnancy and parenting classes in order to help them have healthy babies and be good parents.

The Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic is critically needed in the San Fernando Valley because we bring a very different message than other clinics—that each life is created in the image of God and therefore has value and purpose. We couldn't do what we do without the local church. From the bottom of our heart, thank you for standing with Open Arms for life.

Logos Institute Discipleship Counseling 1

September 5–November 28 (Wednesdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders • Cost: \$75

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

Grace Around the World

Phil & Vivian Manly

Serving in **hospital chaplaincy** since **1977**

Prayer / Praise

- Pray that the Lord would provide another chaplain who could be trained to assist in our hospital ministry.
- Praise God for sustaining Phil and our hospital ministry through his knee replacement surgery and rehabilitation.



Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$7,989**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

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 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 or 310-717-5996. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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.

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.

Custodial. The Grace Church Custodial Department has part-time openings (20–29 hours/week) for custodians who enjoy working in a team environment and serving the church in practical ways. Position requires ability to be detail-oriented and thrive in a fast-paced environment. Job duties include room set-up and break-down and various cleaning tasks. Applicants must be able to lift up to 50 pounds.

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 applicants must be able to successfully pass a background check.

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 or 818-909-5672.

A poster for a family concert. The background is dark blue with several glowing lightbulbs hanging from strings. In the center is a red oval with the text "Plaza Fellowship" in a stylized, cursive font. Below this is a blue banner with the word "TONIGHT" in bold, uppercase letters, and "after the evening service" in a smaller, lowercase font. At the bottom right, it says "Hosted by Children's Ministry in the Family Center". Below that, it lists "Hot Dogs • Kettlecorn • Popcorn". At the very bottom, it says "Wear something white, for fluorescent fun in the blacklight!" and "Childcare (infants–3-year-olds) is available until 9:00 p.m." in a light blue font.

FAMILY CONCERT

Plaza Fellowship

TONIGHT
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)

Visit our website at

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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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818-909-5500

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818-909-5644

Men
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Outreach
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His truth in the world.*

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