

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*Two Fughettas* • Rheinberger • Stephen Sturz, Organist*Hymn 55 O God, Our Help in Ages Past* • Congregation*Hymn 61 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**All the Way My Savior Leads Me* • Lowry/Rice • String Orchestra, Woodwinds, Piano*Let God Be God* • Leech/Bock • Worship Choir*Hymn 135 O Worship the King* • Congregation*Crown Him (Majesty)* • Tomlin-Maher-Cash/Rice • James PhilippsMESSAGE: **HOW TO KILL YOUR NEIGHBOR**
Mike Riccardi • Selected Scriptures*Doxology Hymn* • Congregation*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* • Trad./Sturz • Organ Postlude**6:00 pm***Instrumental Prelude**Songs of Praise* • Congregation*Baptism* • Tom Patton*Hymn 165 Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer* • OffertoryMESSAGE: **THE GRAMMAR OF THE GOSPEL**
Paul Twiss • 1 John 2:12–17*Postlude***Anthem****Let God Be God**

Let God be God in this our present moment.

Let God be master holding in control;

All parts of life as gifts of His bestowment,

For making men now broken strong and whole.

Let God be God in this our present day and hour.

Let God be God in this our present moment.

Let God be God, or we shall never finish

The task to which He calls us every day;

Lest erring, we in unbelief diminish

The force, the power He wishes to display.

Let Christ be Lord in all of His risen power;

His gracious Spirit unsuppressed and free;

Our Father, recreate us for this hour

Into the men You wish for us to be.

Let this be ours as we await His coming,

To tell the world of Him, our Lord and King.

O, let us march to this, the distant drumming

Which in crescendo soon will roar and ring!

Let God be God! Let Christ be King!

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Words and music by Bryan Jeffery Leech; arranged by Fred Bock

* 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
103 • 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 **God Created Man and Woman**

PASSAGE **Genesis 1:26–29; 2:7–24**

PRINCIPLE God created man to worship Him.

FEATURED HYMN "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 26)

ASK YOUR CHILD Why did God make man?

APPLY By worshipping God, who made us.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Genesis 1:26–29; 2:7, 18–24.

NEXT WEEK Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–24

On GraceWalk

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

On the Patio

- **Children's Ministry (Nursery)**
- **Christmas in September**
- **Korean Bible Study**
- **Logos Institute**
- **Spanish Ministry (by the Chapel)**
- **Special Ministries**
- **Walk for Life**

Bookstore

The Bookstore is open after each service and during the week. It is located on the south side of the Worship Center.

HIGHLIGHT

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GOD

by John MacArthur

The final installment of the "Gospel According to..." series delivers a gospel exposition from the vantage point of the Old Testament.

"Bible-saturated boldness"
—Sinclair Ferguson

"It is a particular delight to 'listen' in these pages to MacArthur preach the gospel from the Old Testament."
—Ligon Duncan

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

A DEEPER NEED

As Christians, we believe that God left believers on earth so that others would come to know Christ by seeing Him in us. Think about it: every good part of Christian life would be made perfect if God took us out of the world. We would worship Him more perfectly in heaven. We would have closer, purer fellowship with other Christians in heaven. But Jesus left us on earth with the responsibility to love others—other flawed, sinful humans—as He loved us, “so that by all means [we] might save some” (1 Corinthians 9:22).

We have a great opportunity to extend this love every week at Grace Church. Every Tuesday, 80–100 people with special needs come to our campus for an evening of games, singing, and teaching from God’s

Word. We try to make it a fun, welcoming environment where these folks (and the wonderful caregivers who bring them) can build relationships with people in our church family. We have gym time, games, teaching, prayer, music, and a memory verse that all tie in with one central theme for the year. Last year, our theme was “Loving God,” and we memorized Matthew 22:37: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

Physical activity is a state requirement for our special needs friends who live in group homes. With Grace Club, we have the opportunity to meet a practical need while also addressing a spiritual one. We get to provide a picture of hospitality by opening

our campus, and we get to show love actively in every conversation, casual or intimate, that we have with our Grace Club guests.

Many of the people who visit our campus for Grace Club don’t go to our church—a few do, but most of them are from the community. For many of the disabled folks and their caregivers, this is the only gospel presentation they’ll hear in any given week, and many of them hear the gospel preached clearly for the very first time in Grace Club. It’s a blessing to see how God has developed some great relationships—not only with the kids, but between us and the caregivers—in a context where the love of Christ is always the central focus.

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

There are two ways you can get involved in evangelism through Special Ministries: you can pray that God will continue to bring people to this ministry, and that He would draw these folks to Himself through the preaching of His Word; and you can join us on a Tuesday evening and get to know our disabled friends and their caregivers. Take this opportunity to remember the love you know in Christ, and join us as we seek to show His love to those who need nothing so much as eternal life in Him. ☺

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Camp Grace

JUNE–JULY

Our annual summer camps for the developmentally disabled include tent camping, sightseeing, and other activities. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve and make a spiritual impact on our disabled people.

GRACE Club

OCTOBER–MAY • TUESDAYS • 6:45–8:30 P.M.

More than 100 staff and club members come to participate in sports activities in the Family Center, followed by a chapel time and small group interaction.

Grace on Wheels

SATURDAYS

Grace on Wheels sponsors outings that provide great opportunities for Christian fellowship and showing the love of Christ.

Sunday School Classes

8:30 AND 10:30 A.M.

A typical class includes singing, prayer, a Bible lesson, and crafts. We are in need of teachers, aides, and volunteers who can use their gifts in any of these areas.

Transportation

SUNDAYS

We help train our drivers to operate specially equipped vehicles; assistants need no special training. Drivers and assistants serve one Sunday each month.

Worship Service Attendant

SUNDAYS

Volunteers hold Bibles and hymnals, take notes from the sermon, and escort people back to the transportation that takes them home.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SERVING IN SPECIAL MINISTRIES, CALL PASTOR RICK MCLEAN AT 818-909-5519 OR VISIT GRACECHURCH.ORG/SPECIAL.

Women's Fall Event

Women Who Worship: A Study in the Prayers and Praises of Women in the Bible

Saturday, October 6 • 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. • Family Center

Speaker: Lisa LaGeorge • Cost: \$20

Nursery care is available by reservation only.

For more information, visit the patio table this morning or gracechurch.org/women, or call 818-909-5521.

Grace Around the World

The Floreen Family

Matt & Rachel, Abigail, Naomi

Serving in **Malawi** since **2009**



Prayer / Praise

- Praise the Lord for the graduation of the first M.Div. class from Central African Preaching Academy!
- Pray that the Lord would continue to raise up elders and leaders in the church and at CAPA.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$11,362**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Walk for Life Supporting the Open Arms Pregnancy Center

Saturday, October 13 • 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. • First Baptist Church, Canoga Park

Stop the table on GraceWalk this morning to register and pick up a sponsor pledge form. For more information, visit WithOpenArms.org/events.

Grace Evangelism

September 30–November 25 (Sunday mornings) • 8:30 or 10:30 a.m.

Grace Evangelism is a nine-week, interactive evangelism training course designed to equip believers with a clear, understandable, and faithful gospel message. Learn the vital components of the gospel, the implications of a God-centered message, and how to proclaim the gospel faithfully. For more information or to register, stop by the Local Outreach table on GraceWalk this morning or call 818-909-5721.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Russian Outreach Bible Study

September 23 • 12:30–2:30 p.m. • H221–222

If you speak or understand Russian, know someone who does, or have a heart to see Russian-speaking people saved, please visit one of our Sunday afternoon meetings. Join us as we pray about how to reach the Russian community in Los Angeles with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Elders Meeting

Thursday, September 20 • 7:00 p.m. • CC230s

Open to our church family

Student Ministries Parent Morning

September 23 • 10:30 a.m.–Noon • Family Center

Parents of high school and junior high students are invited to join us for a morning of fellowship, ministry updates, and special seminars on topics related to parenting teens, including, "Discipline to Discipleship," "Making It Their Own," and "Shepherding Without Sheltering."

Volunteers Needed

Children's Ministry has an urgent need for Sunday School and nursery volunteers. For more information, please email childrens@gracechurch.org or call 818-909-5631.

Alzheimer's-Dementia Ministry

Saturday, September 22 • 9:00 a.m. • CC130

Families touched by dementia are invited to meet monthly for spiritual encouragement, helpful shepherding, and warm fellowship over a light breakfast. Loved ones with dementia are welcome. If you are bringing your loved one, please call Pastor Rick McLean 818-909-5519.

With the Lord

Calvin Quinn recently went to be with the Lord. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones. —Psalm 116:15

Communion

September 23 • 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

Parent Dedication

October 7

This is a time when parents commit to raising their children according to the principles of God's Word. Parents who are members of Grace Church and whose babies are 24 months of age or younger may sign up before September 28 by emailing childrens@gracechurch.org

Sojourners Women's Fellowship

Thursday, September 20 • 9:30–11:30 a.m. • T270s

Guest Speaker: Barbara Webb • Topic: "Joy in the Journey"

Childcare for children pre-K and younger by reservation. All women are welcome. Call 818-887-9717 for more information.

Korean Outreach Bible Study

한글성경공부가 9월16일 시작됩니다.

주제:바울의 삶과 전도여행

Today • 12:30 p.m. • H221–222

If you or someone you know is a Korean speaker who would benefit from biblical fellowship, please join us on the first and third Sunday of each month. Lunch and childcare are provided. For more information, call Jong Yi at 818-634-5987 or Sung Hyun Kim at 818-585-9200, or email koreanfellowship@gracechurch.org

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

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