

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

Fugue in C Minor • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 364 *How Firm a Foundation* • Congregation

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing • Wyeth/Rice
Brass Ensemble, Stephen Sturz

Behold, the Lamb • Rambo/Clydesdale • Worship Choir

O Sacred Head Now Wounded • Hassler-Bach/Marsh • Philip Webb

Hymn 274 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* • Congregation

MESSAGE: **SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE GOSPEL, PART 4**
John MacArthur • Ezekiel 18

Communion

O Worship the King • Haydn/Sturz • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Great Is Thy Faithfulness • Runyan • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Hymn 377 *May the Mind of Christ, My Savior* • Offertory

MESSAGE: **ABIDING IN THE LAST HOUR**
Paul Twiss • 1 John 2:18–27

Right Hand of Fellowship

Postlude

Anthem

Behold, the Lamb

Behold the Lamb, behold the Lamb,
Slain from the foundation of the world.
For sinners crucified, O holy sacrifice,
Behold the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb.

Crown Him, crown Him!
Worthy is the Lamb.
Praises! Praises!
Heaven and earth resound!

Behold the Lamb, behold the Lamb,
Slain from the foundation of the world.
For sinners crucified, O holy sacrifice,
Behold the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb!

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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.

Next Membership Class • October 7
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 **Man Rebels Against God**

PASSAGE **Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–24**

PRINCIPLE God will punish those who do not obey Him.

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

ASK YOUR CHILD How did Adam and Eve sin against God?

APPLY By trusting God in all things.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–24.

NEXT WEEK Genesis 4:1–15

On GraceWalk

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

On the Patio

- **Christmas in September**
- **Spanish Ministry**
(by the Chapel)
- **Walk for Life**
- **Women's Fall Event**

Bookstore

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

HIGHLIGHT

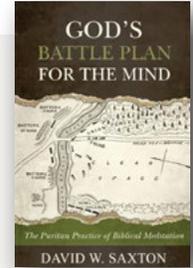
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- John MacArthur's sermons: audio, video, and transcripts
- Resource library: blog, devotionals, articles, Q&As, and more
- Mobile apps: "The Study Bible" and "Grace to You Sermons"

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

DEFENDING THE DEFENSELESS

“God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”
—GENESIS 1:27

Local Outreach Ministries

From the beginning, God had a perfect, beautiful design for humanity. He created people, male and female, to bear His image and reflect His character by ruling over the earth and living in community with others. We value life because it comes from God. As beings created in the image of our Creator, we glorify Him when we love what He loves and hate what He hates. We value life because God does, and we stand against abortion because it rebelliously violates God’s design for the world.

The Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic (OAPC) is gearing up to host their annual Walk for Life. The OAPC ministers to women (and men) facing unplanned pregnancies by offering pregnancy testing, ultrasound exams, education, prenatal instruction, biblically based parenting skills classes, and material resources. Staffed by faithful Christians—many of them members

of Grace Church—the OAPC keeps the gospel of Christ central to their entire ministry. These brothers and sisters battle on the front lines against abortion, seeking to minister compassion, comfort, and hope to those who can save their babies’ lives.

We know abortion is evil, but we’re often faced with the problem of wanting to do something about it and not knowing how to help. This year’s Walk for Life is a practical way to step up. It’s a fun way to make a profound impact as we support those who defend the lives of the most helpless in our society. In taking this opportunity to stand for life, you can become a vital part in helping Open Arms continue in the battle to save lives, one step at a time.

Walk for Life

Supporting the Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic

Saturday, October 13 • 8:30a.m.–12:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church, Canoga Park

Stop by the table on GraceWalk this morning to register and pick up a sponsor pledge form.

For more information, visit
WithOpenArms.org/events.



READY, EQUIPPED, AND COMMITTED

At Grace Church, the Great Commission drives our desire to strengthen, equip, and encourage others in our church family as they pursue opportunities to share the gospel with unbelievers. In addition to the resources available at the Local Outreach table on GraceWalk each week, we pursue that goal through a class called "Grace Evangelism."

Grace Evangelism is a nine-week, interactive training course that equips believers to proclaim the gospel clearly, understandably, and faithfully. Each lesson is designed to help students think through the vital components and implications of a God-centered message, while also providing practical applications and guidance regarding actual, "boots on the ground," evangelism. Our faithful instructors will teach you how to start and end a gospel conversation, what to say when presenting the gospel, and how to respond when rejected. The class also includes guidelines for evangelizing children, as well as practical pointers for moving from evangelism to discipleship with those who respond positively to the gospel.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

—MATTHEW 28:19

Our hope is that each member of our church family would be ready, equipped, and committed to taking the opportunities the Lord gives to tell others the wonderful news of forgiveness of sins through Christ. If you want to grow in your knowledge of the gospel and understanding of what it means to evangelize, our next class is scheduled to begin on September 30. We hope you'll take this wonderful opportunity to prepare yourself to share the gospel as we seek to glorify God by making disciples of all the nations.

Grace Evangelism

September 30–November 25 (Sunday mornings)

8:30 or 10:30 a.m.

For more information or to register, stop by the Local Outreach table on GraceWalk this morning or call 818-909-5721.

Faith Promise Fruit

Your Faith Promise giving impacts the gospel ministry efforts of our missionary families around the globe. Grace Church missionary, Matt Floreen (Malawi), recently shared the following story of the life-changing impact God's Word had on one of his students at the Central African Preaching Academy (CAPA). "Last semester, I taught 'Introduction to Biblical Counseling' to twenty-five pastors at CAPA. I began the first week by showing them the necessity of counseling ourselves first before counseling others (Matthew 7:3–5). Next, we spent several weeks studying the book, *Uprooting Anger*. My goal was that my students would learn to recognize expressions of anger in their own life, confess the sinful desires behind them, and seek the Lord's help to develop godly desires, thoughts, and attitudes instead. Only after they have applied this process to themselves do I teach them how to counsel others. At the end of the semester, a student named Rowlands shared a wonderful testimony from this exercise. 'Before I got married, I told my wife that my grandfather was an angry man, my father was an angry man, and I am an angry man. Anger was in my blood—a permanent part of my personality. She chose to marry me anyway, and we've always accepted my anger as something that will never change. But through this class, I've realized that God has given me the means to repent of my sinful anger. I'm still growing... but my wife wanted me to thank you.' With a glad heart, we prayed together and thanked the Lord for this taste of His sanctifying work!" To learn more about Faith Promise or our ministry efforts in Malawi, call 818-909-5700.



Stop by the table on GraceWalk this morning to encourage our missionary families with a personal note and a heartfelt gift.

Visit gracechurch.org/cis to learn more about Christmas in September or give a gift online.



Grace Around the World

The Dormi Family

Sixto & Jessica, Sebastian, Nathan
 Serving in **Ecuador** since **2015**



Prayer / Praise

- Pray for salvation for our two sons.
- Praise God for opportunities to train men from different cities around the country for ministry.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$12,378**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Castaic Jail Ministry

Every Sunday, members from Grace Church go to the North County Correctional Facility in Castaic to proclaim the gospel. Inmates are supplied with paperback Bibles provided by the Gideons, and if they complete a Fundamentals of the Faith class they receive a *MacArthur Study Bible*. For more information, call 818-909-5721, or visit gracechurch.org/local.



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.

Student Ministries Parent Morning

Today • 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.

Job Opportunity

Staff Accountant. The Grace Church Accounting Department has a full-time opening for a staff accountant. Duties include maintaining the general ledger, preparing journals, performing account reconciliations, preparing financial reports in Excel format, and other general office duties. Requirements include experience in the field of accounting or bookkeeping; excellent organizational, analytical, and multi-tasking skills; the ability to work in a fast-paced environment; customer service background; and proficiency with Microsoft Office. 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.

The Master's Academy International

2019 International Symposium

The Church: Global Implications of Ecclesiology

Monday, March 4, 2019 • Calvary Bible Church, Burbank

Cost: \$60 (\$90 after November 15)

This event is open to all. Register today at tmai.org/symposium.

Conferencia Expositores 2018

September 28–29 • Grace Community Church

Register at conferenciaexpositores.org

Fund a scholarship at gracechurch.org/giving

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.

Russian Outreach Bible Study

Today • 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.

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
CC 130E; 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
CC 130E; 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)

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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