

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.



grace
community
church

8:30 & 10:30* am

Sinfonia from *Cantata No. 29* • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 2 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* • Congregation

Hymn 4 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* • Congregation

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above • Trad./Rice • Stephen Sturz & Orchestra

Bless the Lord • Ippolitoff-Ivanoff/Clydesdale • Worship Choir

It Is Well with My Soul • Bliss/Krogstad • Philip Webb

Hymn 23 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* • Congregation

MESSAGE: **PURE PRAISE**

John MacArthur • Psalm 103

Doxology Hymn *Ten Thousand Reasons*

I Will Sing of the Mercies • Fillmore/Sturz • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

By Faith • Getty-Townend • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Baptism • Hohn Cho

Hymn 98 *My Worth Is Not in What I Own* • Offertory

MESSAGE: **WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM**

Paul Twiss • 1 John 2:28–3:3

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. A limited number of headsets are available at the front desk for simultaneous translation.

Doxology Hymn

Ten Thousand Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul!

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul!

I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Repeat chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger;

Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Repeat chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing,

The end draws near and my time has come,

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Repeat chorus

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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 **Cain Rebels Against God**

PASSAGE **Genesis 4:1–15**

PRINCIPLE God will punish sinful attitudes and actions.

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

ASK YOUR CHILD What offerings did Cain and Abel bring to God?

APPLY By serving the Lord with gladness.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Genesis 4:1–15.

NEXT WEEK Genesis 6:5–7:24

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

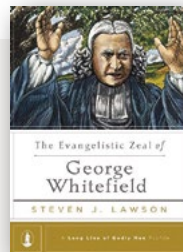
The Bookstore is open after each service and during the week. It is located on the south side of the Worship Center.

HIGHLIGHT

THE EVANGELISTIC ZEAL OF GEORGE WHITEFIELD

by Steven J. Lawson

"This book is written in an engaging, personal way that brings Whitefield to life. It's hard to put a book like this down." —John MacArthur



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Grace to You

RADIO gtv.org/radio

Consider This: Addressing Misconceptions of God and His Character

- 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 gtv.org/television

"God's Strategy for Church Growth"

- NRBTV CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

ONLINE gtv.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.

Plurality in Church Leadership

Membership Ministry

“When they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.”

—Acts 14:23

The consistent pattern throughout the New Testament demonstrates a plurality of God-ordained elders shepherding each local body of believers. Nowhere in Scripture does one find a local assembly ruled by majority opinion or by a single pastor. Here at Grace Church, we believe that Christ intended each local body of believers to be led in accordance with the example we find in Scripture. This is precisely why our church is led by a plurality of biblically qualified elders.

The apostle Paul left Titus in Crete and instructed him to “appoint elders in every city” (Titus 1:5). James instructed his readers to “call for the elders of the church” to pray for those who were sick

(James 5:14). When Paul and Barnabas were in Derbe, Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, they “appointed elders for them in every church” (Acts 14:23). In Paul’s first epistle to Timothy, the apostle referred to “the elders who rule well” at the church at Ephesus (1 Timothy 5:17; Acts 20:17). The book of Acts indicates that there were also “elders” at the church in Jerusalem (Acts 11:30; 15:2, 4; 21:18).

Again and again, reference is made to a plurality of elders in each of the various churches. In fact, every place in the New Testament where the term *presbuteros* (“elder”) is used, it is plural, except where the apostle John uses it of himself in 2 and 3 John, and where Peter uses it of himself in 1 Peter 5:1. In the early church model, the church was seen as one church, and decisions were made by a collective process and in reference to the whole, not the individual parts.

Much can be said for the benefits of leadership made up of a plurality of godly men. In our own church, we are blessed to have a plurality of God-appointed elders. Their collective counsel and wisdom helps ensure that church decisions are not self-willed or self-serving to a single individual (Proverbs 11:14). If there is division among the elders in making decisions, they study the Word, pray, and seek the will of God together until they achieve a consensus. In this way, the unity and harmony that the Lord desires for the leadership of His church is maintained.

The ninety-one members who joined our church last month affirmed that they would commit to praying for the leadership at Grace Church. If you’re already a member of our church family please be praying for the elders who serve us so well, that they may lead us with joy (Hebrews 13:7).

New Members

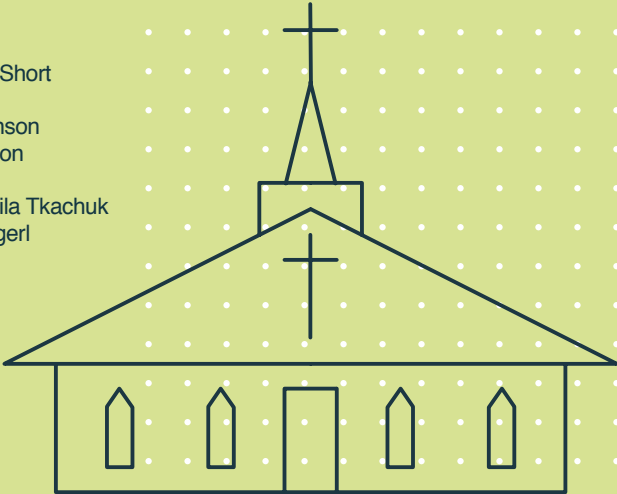
Grace Church welcomed another group of new members with the Right Hand of Fellowship. Each of these individuals completed the membership class in fulfillment of Grace Church's membership requirements.

The following new members received the Right Hand of Fellowship in SEPTEMBER.

Issac & Fernanda Abarca
Blanca Arredondo
Fumie Arreza
Brooke Bastiaans
Don Beene
Jennifer Boska-Honda
Jim Bowen
Michael & Alice Brinkley
Harrison Brown
Ashley Busenitz
Gamaliel & Arely Canales
Pablo Canales Torres
LaTrisha Canamore
Guillermina Castillo
Vanessa Castine
Caleb Chin
Chris Chung
Arlenys Collado
Lorelei Cork
Indira De
Dan & Adrienne Dennison
Brittney Downer
Mindy Ferng
Jim & Mary Flowers
Conrad Flynn
Abbie Frankman

Antonio Galicia
Whitney Gamble
Grace Gates
Noe Gutierrez
Michael & Jessica Haddad
Gregory Hicks
Jordan Hooker
Sydney Hsueh
Ida Jamts
Jim Johnson
Cristina Joya
Tony Kaledjian
Paul Kang
David Kaya
Jurgita Khatchadourian
Jeffrey Kim
Yoomi Kim
Samuel & Karen Komolafe
Sanghui Lee
Titus Lungu
Leticia Miranda
Slade Neighbors
Ryan Nunn
Connie Parreno
David & Daryela Pérez
Jonny Provost

Julia Prykhitko
Timothy Rahhal
Edgar Ramirez
Frank Randazzo
Jerome & Elizabeth Reed
Raul Rivera
Robert Rizzo
Alvaro Rojas
Jose Rosales
Daniel Rush
Cynthia Sanchez
Steven & Yasmine Short
Danny Silva
Bob & Betty Stevenson
James & Anita Sutton
Docus Tigah
Cornelius & Lyudmila Tkachuk
Dale & Carla Tschigerl
Pross Twesigye
Beatriz Vélez
Alicia Wagoner
Andrea Wagoner
James Wierson
Phillip Wilde
Jeremy Wong





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.



Monthly Missions Meeting

Hosted by the Elders' Council Handling Outreach (ECHO)

Tuesday, October 2 • 7:00 p.m. • T260s

Come hear updates from our missionaries and local outreach ministries, pray for their needs, and learn how you can be involved. This month's missionary speakers will be Christian Andresen (Germany) and Frank Mastrodonardo (Prison Ministries).

SHORT-TERM MINISTRIES HIGHLIGHT

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



TEAM HONG KONG SEPTEMBER 30–OCTOBER 5

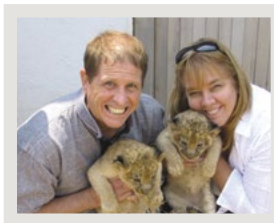
TEAM MEMBERS: Oliver Lan (team leader), Sandy Lan, Mei Lee, Alice Liang, Xing Haw Marvin Tan, Michael Tu

MINISTRY: Family Conference

Grace Around the World

David & Carol Beakley

Serving in **South Africa** since **2002**



Prayer / Praise

- Pray for our church planting efforts and weekly services in the Township of Seshego.
- Pray for the results of the August accreditation meetings between Christ Seminary and the South African government.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$10,633**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

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

Today—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.

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.

Attend a Fellowship Group

Adult fellowship groups exist to glorify God by studying His Word, practically applying that truth to daily life, and providing God's people with opportunities for worship, ministry, and building relationships with each other.

Times and locations of fellowship groups are listed on the back page of *Grace Today*.



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.

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.

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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

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