

GRACE TODAY

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John MacArthur
PASTOR-TEACHER

Clayton Erb / Minister of Music

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

Variations on “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” • Croft/Manz
Jan Sanborn, Organist

Hymn 354 *The Church’s One Foundation* • Congregation

I Need Thee Every Hour • Lowry/Rice • String Orchestra, Woodwinds, Piano

His Name • Smallwood/Knight • Worship Choir

Hymn 115 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* • Congregation

Doxology (Romans 11:36) • Frankfurt-Lubbock • Lisa Martin

MESSAGE: **RESTORING THE SINNING BROTHER**
John MacArthur • Galatians 5:26–6:3

Doxology Hymn • Congregation

Finale-Fugue on “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” • Croft/Manz
Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Crown Him with Many Crowns • Elvey/Hansen • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Parent Dedication

Hymn 207 *O the Love of My Redeemer* • Offertory

MESSAGE: **DYING TO LIVE, LIVING TO DIE, PART 1**
Mike Riccardi • 2 Corinthians 5:6–10

Postlude

Anthem

His Name

There is a name that is so precious,
A name so wonderful to me.
This name is worthy of all praises.
Because of Him, I am made free.

Refrain

His name is Jesus, oh how I love Him,
The One who gave His life for me.
Because of love so unconditional,
I will have life eternally.

This name speaks peace unto my storm-clouds.
This name speaks calm unto my fears.
And when I feel that no one loves me,
His loving presence is so near.

Some day I’ll leave this earthly dwelling.
Through time and space my soul will soar,
And finally see the face of Jesus,
And praise His name forevermore!

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Doxology Hymn

Hymn 319 • Breathe on Me, Breath of God

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what You do love, And do what You would do.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine,
Till all this earthly part of me Glows with Thy fire divine.*

To maintain a worshipful atmosphere in the services, please do not applaud after musical numbers.

* 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
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 **God Floods the Earth**

PASSAGE **Genesis 6:5–7:24**

PRINCIPLE God judges man for his sinfulness.

FEATURED HYMN "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 89)

ASK YOUR CHILD Why was God going to flood the earth?

APPLY By repenting and trusting Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Genesis 6:5–7:24.

NEXT WEEK Genesis 8:1–9:17

On GraceWalk

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

On the Patio

- **Spanish Ministry**
(by the Chapel)
- **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

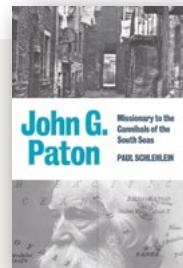
JOHN G. PATON **MISSIONARY TO THE CANNIBALS** **OF THE SOUTH SEAS**

by Paul Schlehle

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"Paul Schlehle has given us a heart-moving, soul-stirring survey of the life and labors of the famed missionary." —Steve Lawson

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- 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

"Characteristics of a True Church, Part 2"

- NRBT 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"

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

A LIGHT IN THE DARKEST PLACE

CHUCK HOLMES
FOUNDER/DIRECTOR
MT. NEBO PRISON MINISTRY

Mt. Nebo Prison Ministry is a teaching ministry to prisoners in state and federal jails throughout the country. God began to shape the ministry from a prison cell in Arizona in 1990. I experienced a radical change in July of 1989 that took me from decades of bondage to drugs, alcohol, racism, violence, and numerous prison sentences, to being a lover of Jesus. I was converted on a jailhouse floor. Someone put a couple of tapes by John MacArthur in my hands in the prison yard, and during my remaining two-years of jail time, I not only listened to more than 4,000 messages but listened to many of them multiple times. On top of that, I read through every book Pastor John had written. God gave me an overwhelming desire to know Him and study His Word, and He used the teaching ministry of John MacArthur and Grace to You to firmly ground me in the truths of our historic Christian faith.

I knew early on that I wanted Him to use me to bring biblically-based teaching to the prisons in Arizona. In

those years, a clear understanding of the doctrines of grace and the sovereignty of God was scarce or non-existent in the prison system. I began by doing a letter-writing ministry with discipleship in mind. I would also send books and messages occasionally as the Lord provided, and slowly, the requests began to grow. Then we started receiving requests from out of state—New Mexico and then Texas—and from other states as the word spread.

Fast forward some years, and we started using the *Fundamentals of the Faith* (FOF) curriculum as a primary teaching tool, and shortly after that, we started rewarding the completion of the study with a *MacArthur Study Bible*. We also distributed biblically-based books, knowing what helpful tools they can be for growth and understanding. In the prisons, one single book is often passed through dozens of hands and hearts before it falls apart. God had begun to form a partnership between our ministry, Grace Church, and Grace to You that



began when I listened to that first message by Pastor MacArthur.

I clearly remember ordering our first case of *MacArthur Study Bibles*, and I was overwhelmed by God's grace to be able to order twelve Bibles at a time. Many prisons would not accept hardback books, so we were able to negotiate with Thomas Nelson to make a paperback version specifically for us. As the word spread and God's faithfulness in meeting the needs continued, we began to order the *Study Bible* by the thousands. A semi-truck would back up to our garage (still does) once a year with pallets, not boxes. We became the largest distributor of the FOF material and *MacArthur Study Bibles* (English) in the world, and we are currently active in every state in the country. Hundreds and hundreds of prisons are being reached with God's Word, and we are still seeing new ones added each year.

For many of these men and women, the *Study Bible* is their single resource. It is their library in one book, and God uses it in profound ways in so many lives. In the past five years, we have seen a growing number of faith programs initiated within prisons. They are typically year-long programs where men are exposed to the gospel and Christian teaching. Mt. Nebo materials (FOF and *MacArthur Study Bibles*) have become a prerequisite for many of these programs. We now receive requests from chaplains and volunteers for dozens, even hundreds, of workbooks at a time for large classes to work through together.

Though the ministry has seen changes over the past twenty-seven years, its purpose remains the same: to be a resource used by God with a clear, uncompromising stand for Scripture and the gospel. I thank the Lord daily for the support from my home church (Redemption

Church in Gilbert) and for my other home church, Grace Church. It is an honor and delight to be one of the vehicles used by God to reach into one of the darkest cultures in our country with the light of Jesus Christ. May your hearts be encouraged as we wait for his return.

Watch for the second part of this two-part series in the October 21 issue of *Grace Today*. For more information about Mt. Nebo Prison Ministry, visit mnpm.org.

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Short-Term Ministries 2019

Informational Meeting

October 28 • 12:30–1:30 p.m. • Family Center

Every summer, our church sends Short-Term Ministries teams all over the globe to come alongside and serve our missionaries. Come join us in the Family Center on Sunday, October 28, to learn about next summer's teams and how you can participate in this exciting ministry opportunity.



Grace Around the World

The **Cantrell** Family

Tim & Michelle, Evan, Titus, Jana Marie, Ruthie, Zeke

Serving in **South Africa** since **1998**



Prayer / Praise

- Pray for wisdom for our elders in discipling new attendees and making decisions about a new church plant.
- Praise God for our first year at Shepherds' Seminary, and pray for funding, faculty, and accreditation for the school.

Ethnic Outreach

For information about the times and locations of our ethnic ministries, please contact the leaders at the email addresses below. If you are interested in an ethnic outreach group that is not listed here, contact the local outreach office at 818-909-5721.

Arabic Outreach • arabicfellowship@gracechurch.org

Chinese Outreach • chinese-fellowship@gracechurch.org

Filipino Outreach • filipinofellowship@gracechurch.org

Italian Outreach • italianfellowship@gracechurch.org

Japanese Outreach • japanesefellowship@gracechurch.org

Korean Outreach • koreanfellowship@gracechurch.org

Russian Outreach • russianfellowship@gracechurch.org

Thai Outreach • thaifellowship@gracechurch.org

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$9,094**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Basketball Outreach

Mondays • 8:00 p.m. • Family Center

Every Monday night, the Family Center is transformed into Grace Gym for an evening of basketball and evangelism. The neighborhood comes to play basketball in our newly renovated gym, and at halftime there is a faithful gospel presentation. We would love for our church family to join us in modeling how to compete in a Christlike manner, and in taking opportunities between games to personally engage our friends with the gospel.



Come see what's new on the menu!

Breakfast Sunday • 7:00–8:30 a.m.
Tuesday–Thursday • 7:00–11:00 a.m.
Lunch Sunday • Noon–1:30 p.m.
Monday–Friday • 11:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Joint Heirs Ladies TEA Teaching, Edification, Application

Monday, October 8 • 7:00 p.m. • T260s • Speaker: Shirley Mollica

All women are welcome.

Sojourners Women's Fellowship

Thursday, October 18 • 9:30–11:30 a.m. • T270s

Speaker: Linda Damarjian

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

Job Opportunity

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.

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.

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

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 or call the 818-909-5721.

Baby Rose

The rosebud is in honor of **Sarah Rebekah Lee**, born June 14, 2018, to Julie and Ed Lee.

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, Santiago Armel,
Eduardo Izquierdo

Spanish Worship Service
Chapel • Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,
Michael Mahoney,
Josiah Grauman

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,
Joe Zhakevich

**Spanish Adult Sunday
School** H221–222
Teachers: Rubén Pidal,
José Alcívar, José Martínez,
Josué Pineda

Spanish Worship Service
Chapel • Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,
Michael Mahoney, Josiah Grauman

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

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