

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 G Major* • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist**Hymn 36 Immortal, Invisible** • Congregation**Hymn 18 All People That on Earth Do Dwell***I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* • Williams-Croft/Rice • Brass Ensemble, Organ*Notes from Paul* • Butler • Worship Choir**Hymn 353 O Church, Arise** • Congregation*He's Always Been Faithful* • Fetteke • Grace ChungMESSAGE: **SOWING AND REAPING**

John MacArthur • Galatians 6:7–10

Doxology Hymn • Congregation*Gloria* • Dupré • Organ Postlude**6:00 pm****Here Is Love** • Lowry • Instrumental Prelude**Songs of Praise** • Congregation**Baptism** • Chris Gee**Hymn 80 How Deep the Father's Love for Us** • OffertoryMESSAGE: **DYING TO LIVE, LIVING TO DIE, PART 2**

Mike Riccardi • 2 Corinthians 5:6–10

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.

Anthem**Notes from Paul**

Grace to you and peace from God the Father,
And the Lord Jesus Christ!

First of all then, I urge that prayers and supplications be made for everyone;
That we may live godly in every way,
Acceptable in the sight of God, our Savior,
Acceptable unto God!

For there is one God, and one mediator
Between God and us, the Lord, Jesus Christ!

He was manifested in the flesh,
Vindicated in the Spirit,
Seen by angels, preached among the nations,
Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory!

I beseech you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus,
Preach the Word! Be urgent in season!
Convince! Exhort! Be unyielding in patience and in teaching.

I, Paul, have writ this with my own hand,
And may the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ
Be with you. The Lord be with you.

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Words adapted from the letters of Paul; music by Eugene Butler

Doxology Hymn**Hymn 420 • A Charge to Keep I Have**

To serve the present age, My calling to fulfill;
O may it all my pow'rs engage To do my Master's will!

Arm me with jealous care As in Thy sight to live,
And now Thy servant, Lord, prepare A strict account to give!

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
102 • 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 Preserves Noah**

PASSAGE **Genesis 8:1–9:17**

PRINCIPLE God is loving and keeps His promises.

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

ASK YOUR CHILD What covenant did God make with mankind?

APPLY By trusting that God will always do what He says.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Genesis 8:1–9:17

NEXT WEEK Genesis 11:1–9

On GraceWalk

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

On the Patio

- **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

REFORMATION WORSHIP

by Jonathan Gibson and Mark Earney

"What did the Reformation look like in church? That's the question this volume answers with care. This is like a corporate *Valley of Vision*."

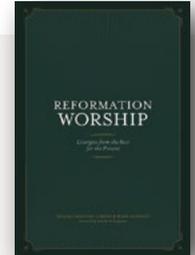
—Mark Dever

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—Sinclair Ferguson

"Valuable for biblical wisdom." —Albert Mohler

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What Jesus Wants Your Church to Know

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- 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 3"

- 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"

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

WANTED: THE HOPELESS

LOCAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES



By God's amazing grace, the truth of His Word has sounded forth from Grace Community Church throughout five decades of faithful preaching. And we thank God that the sanctifying power of His Word is producing men and women of integrity who hunger and thirst for righteousness (Matthew 5:6)—those who seek to put away the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the boastful pride of life (1 John 2:16), and to put on righteousness and holiness as they follow Christ. This is a magnificent blessing for which we enthusiastically praise God.

Regrettably, however, this reality can sometimes leave us struggling with sin under the impression that we're alone in our fight against the flesh. We begin to think that everyone around us has "got it together." We suppose that if our friends knew the kinds of

sins we battle against, they wouldn't be our friends for very long. We forget, as a famous preacher once said, that

"the church is not a gallery for the exhibition of eminent Christians, but a school for the education of imperfect ones."

So rather than exposing our sins, confessing them to one another, and seeking the accountability and encouragement of other believers, our shame causes us to retreat and further isolate ourselves. Before long, we can begin to despair of ever walking in freedom before the Lord.

That sense of hopelessness in the fight against the flesh is why Hope Bible Study (HBS) exists. Led by Andrew Ramos and Amador Rolon, HBS is a transitional ministry

that labors to encourage those who have been beset by life-dominating sins (such as enslavement to drugs, alcohol, pornography, gambling, etc.) with the hope of Christ, the sanctifying power of His Word, and the fellowship of His Church. The ministry seeks to provide a distinct sensitivity—the gentle love of our Savior and the compassion of His people—to those wearied by the battle against sin.

This tenderness does not come at the expense of truth, however. HBS specifically addresses biblical truths as they relate to life-dominating sins and restoration, yet provides an environment that allows sharing of past and current struggles without being ostracized. We are aware that victory over sin requires daily encouragement to protect against being hardened by sin's deceitfulness (Hebrews 3:12-13). For this reason, we will not forsake gathering together, but will come alongside one another to spur each other on to love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24-25).

If you are beginning to feel hopeless in the battle against your sin, and if that pattern of sinful behavior has begun to dominate your life, the first step toward spiritual health is to make your sin known (James 5:16).

The body of believers who surround you cannot minister to you effectively if they don't know how to help. Andrew and Amador would be glad to meet with you and discuss how you can confront your sin head-on. You can contact them by emailing hopegcc@gmail.com, or by calling the Local Outreach office at 818-909-5721. Please also feel free to join them for Bible study every Thursday evening at 7:00 in H221-222.

For those of you in our church family who don't find yourself in this situation, do know that you play an important part in this ministry as well. The first thing you can do to ensure that your brothers and sisters (and you yourself!) do not get to a place of hopelessness is to lovingly hold each other accountable. Commit to working together for each other's holiness, so that sin is dealt with and is not allowed to compound into hopelessness and enslavement. Second, if you know another believer who is struggling with life-dominating sin, commit yourself to lovingly support, encourage, and even disciple them. The ministry of admonition is not to be relegated to the "expert" counselors, but is the responsibility and privilege of all believers. Finally, for those of you who would be interested in serving

in this ministry, please contact Andrew and Amador.

As our pastor has said,

“The church grows spiritually in direct proportion to how well it deals with the sin within it.”

May all of us at Grace Church be committed to true church growth, as the body of Christ continues to spur one another on to an ever-increasing love for Jesus Christ, strengthening one another's hands in the fight of faith against our sin.

To learn more about Hope Bible Study, contact Local Outreach at 818-909-5721.

Hope
BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Evenings
7:00 p.m. • H221-222

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.



Men of the Word

Q&A with Tom Pennington

Wednesday, October 17 • 7:00–8:30 p.m. • Worship Center

Join us for this exciting opportunity to hear from Dr. Tom Pennington, pastor-teacher at Countryside Bible Church in Dallas, Texas, since 2003. Previously Tom served for sixteen years at Grace Church, including as senior associate pastor and personal assistant to John MacArthur.

Adventure Fair

Saturday, October 27 • Noon–4:00 p.m.

Adventure Club kids and their families, friends, and neighbors are invited to come enjoy games, prizes, face painting, bounce houses, food, fellowship, and more!

Please note that parking for the fair will be in the north lot only.

Grace Around the World

The **Vigui**er Family

Philippe & Sophia, Elena, Timothée, Clarice

Serving in **France** since **2014**



Prayer / Praise

- Pray that our new church plant in Lyon would be effective in training believers and making disciples of Christ.
- Pray that God would use our ministries—pastoring, leading music, writing, and church planting—for His glory.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$14,501**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

God's Word in Hebrew

October 21 • Before and after both morning services • GraceWalk

George and Goldie Shaw, representatives with the Society for Distributing Hebrew Scriptures, will be offering a limited supply of free, bilingual Hebrew/English Old and New Testaments, as well as CDs containing 37 Bibles in 17 languages. Please take a Bible to give to your unbelieving Jewish family members, friends, and neighbors.

Elders Meeting

Thursday, October 18 • 7:00 p.m. • CC230s

Open to our church family

Job Opportunity

Grace Grill. Grace Church is looking for part-time (4–20 hours/week) team members and events staff for Grace Grill. Anyone interested in food and customer service is encouraged to apply. Prior experience is not necessary, just a heart to serve and a desire to learn new skills and grow. Must enjoy interacting with customers in a gracious and friendly manner while working in a fast-paced environment. 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.

Vice President of Administration. The Master's University is seeking a qualified candidate to join the executive administrative team. This full-time position provides direction and leadership to key departments ensuring a high level of professionalism, student care, and operational integrity. The VP of Administration will set goals and assess performance in the areas of Communications, Enrollment, Student Services, Information Technology, Regulatory Compliance, Campus Safety, Plant Operations, Athletics, Food Service, Church Relations, and the University Exchange. Experience in leading and developing teams while sharing a commitment to the purpose and mission of the university and seminary is required.

For more information or to request an application, email HumanResources@masters.edu or call 661-362-2843.

Communion

October 21 • 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

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.

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.

With the Lord

Mariano Holguin and **Linda Rust** recently went to be with the Lord. Please remember their families in your prayers.

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

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
Pastors: William Varner,
Joe Zhakevich

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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)

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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