

# GRACE TODAY

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**December 16, 2018**

**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**

*What Child Is This?* • Trad./Johnson • Stephen Sturz, Organist  
*Angels from the Realms of Glory* • Trad./Sturz

*Hymn 226 Good Christian Men, Rejoice* • Congregation  
*Hymn 254 How Great Our Joy!*

*A Trilogy of Carols* • Trad./Maddux-Rice • String Orchestra, Woodwinds, Piano

*And the Glory of the Lord* • Handel • Worship Choir

*Hymn 239 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* • Congregation

*A Christmas Prayer* • Marino-Nelson/Smith • Kory Welch

MESSAGE: **THE DAY OF THE LORD, PART 3**

John MacArthur • 1 Thessalonians 5:1–5

**Doxology Hymn**

*Toccata on “Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella”* • Trad./Hudson • Organ Postlude

**6:00 pm**

*Joy Has Dawned* • Getty-Townend • Instrumental Prelude

**Songs of Praise** • Congregation

**Baptism** • Tom Patton

*Hymn 256 Who Is He in Yonder Stall?* • Offertory

MESSAGE: **ABIDING IN CHRIST**

Mark Zhakevich • John 15:1–11

**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](http://gracechurch.org/live). A limited number of headsets are available at the front desk for simultaneous translation.

**Instrumental Praise**

**A Trilogy of Carols**

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung!  
 Of Jesse's lineage coming As men of old have sung.  
 It came, a flower bright, Amid the cold of winter  
 When half-spent was the night.

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
 That mourns in lowly exile here, Until the Son of God appear.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
 Our spirits by Thine advent here.  
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
 While shepherds watch are keeping?  
 This, this is Christ the King,  
 Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
 Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary!

This Flower, whose fragrance tender With sweetness fills the air,  
 Disperses with glorious splendor The darkness everywhere.  
 True man yet very God, From sin and death He saves us  
 And lightens every load.

**Doxology Hymn**

**Hymn 216 • Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child, and yet a King.  
 Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
 By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;  
 By Thine all-sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

## 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 • January 6  
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 Announces Messiah's Birth**

PASSAGE **Matthew 1:18–25; Luke 1:26–38**

PRINCIPLE Jesus is Savior and Lord, and he deserves all our worship.

FEATURED HYMN "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 238)

ASK YOUR CHILD What is important about the names Immanuel, Savior, and Son of the Most High?

APPLY By obeying Jesus Christ as Lord and God.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Matthew 1:18–25; Luke 1:26–38

NEXT WEEK Matthew 2:1–18

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

## On GraceWalk

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

## On the Patio

- **Logos Institute**
- **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.

### GRACE BOOKS HIGHLIGHT

#### **THE SECOND COMING** BY JOHN MACARTHUR

A straightforward, in-depth exploration of the key biblical texts regarding the Second Coming.



#### **LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS** BY SINCLAIR FERGUSON

"Sinclair Ferguson has put a powerful tool into our hands in this book." —John MacArthur  
"Every believer and family should read this clear treatment of the incarnation." —Steve Lawson



***Love Came Down at Christmas* is available today for 25% off retail, or 40% off when you purchase two or more**

## Grace to You

**RADIO** [gty.org/radio](http://gty.org/radio)

### ***The Birth of the King***

- 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](http://gty.org/television)

### ***"The Mystery of Christmas"***

- NRBTV CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

**ONLINE** [gty.org](http://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"

# For the Work of Ministry

**Mexico City** is one of the largest cities in the world, with more than twenty-million souls calling it home. The city is largely Roman Catholic, and the relatively small portion of the population that is Protestant suffers from a lack of sound doctrine. That reality led three Mexico City churches to reach out to Grace Church in 1997 for help in establishing a ministry training center. The next year, with a burden for Mexico City—for the church there and the millions of lost souls in need of the gospel—our church family (in partnership with The Master's Seminary and The Master's Academy International) sent out three missionaries to launch what would eventually be known as Word of Grace Biblical Seminary (WGBS).





By God's grace, the ministry has flourished over the past two decades. In 2004, the first graduating class of WGBS included six men. Five of those men are now serving on the WGBS board of directors, and a few of them have even seen their sons be trained and start serving at WGBS. All of these men, along with the rest of the faculty, also serve the local church in a pastoral capacity, which is a distinctive commitment of all TMAI training centers. The training centers exist to serve and equip churchmen for church service, and every member of the faculty models this commitment.

Over the years, the Lord has also expanded Word of Grace Biblical Seminary's training ministry. In twenty years, nine extension

campuses have been added, covering all areas of Mexico City, much of the nation, and even reaching into El Salvador. In total, more than 500 graduates and 200 current students of WGBS are serving in over fifty churches in the Spanish-speaking world. Several students, including current GMI Missionaries Isafas Godoy and Alberto Solano, have also gone on to receive more theological training and then returned to WGBS to serve and expand the training ministry there. The seminary has also added programs for training lay leaders, pastors, and elders, helping them use their gifts to serve the local church. Under the direction of Antonio Ortega (one of the members of the first graduating class) and the faculty, Word of Grace Biblical Seminary is poised

for a lengthy future of training churchmen for the work of ministry.

Your prayers and support help make this ministry and other training ministries around the world possible. You enable partnerships between Grace Church missionaries, The Master's Seminary, and The Master's Academy International—partnerships designed to accomplish the goal of training, equipping, and encouraging indigenous church leaders as they take the gospel to those who desperately need it. Join us as we praise the Lord for two decades of ministry in Mexico City and please continue to pray for many more. ■

For more information about WGBS and  
The Master's Academy International, visit [www.tmai.org](http://www.tmai.org).

## Logos Institute Classes

**OT History II** January 7–February 11 (Mondays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Michael Wurtz • Cost: \$50

**TH 303 Anthropology, Hamartiology, Angelology**

January 8–February 12 (Tuesdays) • 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Chris Burnett • Cost: \$50

**Pauline Epistles and Acts—Part 2** January 10–March 14 (Thursdays)

7:00–9:00 p.m. • Instructor: Paul Twiss • Cost: \$50

**Discipleship Counseling 2** January 16–April 10 (Wednesdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders, Johnathan Tucker • Cost: \$75

For more information or to register, visit [gracechurch.org/logos](http://gracechurch.org/logos).



## Christmas Concert

December 20–23  
 Thursday & Friday, 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, 2:00 & 6:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

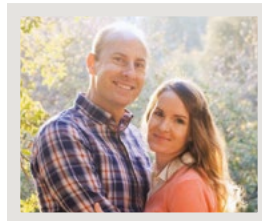
Worship Choir • Symphonic Orchestra  
 Vocal Solos & Ensembles • Handbell Choir  
 Children's Choir

Call 818-909-5670 or go to [gracechurch.org/concert](http://gracechurch.org/concert) for more information.  
 Child care is available for children five years old and younger.

## Grace Around the World

Carlan & Michelle Wendler

Serving in **Burundi** since **2012**



### Prayer / Praise

- Praise God for a wonderful and productive first term on the field.
- Pray for wisdom and grace as we transition projects to teammates in preparing for furlough.

For more information visit [gracechurch.org/wendler](http://gracechurch.org/wendler).

## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$11,902**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

## Local Outreach Spotlight

### Help Needed

The Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic has an urgent need for a part-time client services assistant and an OB/GYN or family practice physician. For more information, call Debi at 818-626-9404 or email [debi@openarmspregnancy.com](mailto:debi@openarmspregnancy.com).

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## Joyful Givers 2018 Tax Information

All contributions for calendar year 2018 must be received by the church no later than our December 30 offering or postmarked no later than December 31, 2018. The church campus will be closed for the holidays December 24–28, 2018; December 31, 2018; and January 1, 2019. Contributions received or postmarked after Monday, December 31, 2018, will be recorded in 2019. The elders, pastors, and church staff thank each of you for faithfully and sacrificially giving to the Lord.

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## Attend a Home Bible Study

Home Bible studies provide opportunities for discipleship, fellowship, and ministry around time in God's Word. An updated Fellowship Bible Studies list is available at the Welcome Center.

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## Job Opportunities

**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.

**Nursery Workers.** Children's Ministry currently has several part-time openings (4–20 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](mailto:HR@gracechurch.org) or 818-909-5672.

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## Homebound Ministry

Remember to let the homebound members of our church family know that you care about and are praying for them during the Christmas season. Drop off your cards and notes at the Information window at the Welcome Center today.

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## Junior High Winter Camp

**January 4–6 • Thousand Pines Christian Camp**

For details or to register, visit [gracechurch.org/xchange](http://gracechurch.org/xchange).

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## High School Winter Camp **January 19–21 • Forest Home**

For details or to register, visit [gracechurch.org/oneighty](http://gracechurch.org/oneighty).

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## Premarital/Marriage Seminar

A prerequisite for engaged couples desiring to get married at Grace Church, this seminar is also helpful for those who are purposefully dating, as well as married couples interested in God's plan for a successful marriage.

**Part 1 Friday, January 4, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, January 5, 9:00 a.m.–noon**

**Part 2 Friday, February 15, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, February 16, 9:00 a.m.–noon**

**Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders, Tom Leman • T371–372**

**\$35 for church members or TMS/TMC students; \$65 for non-members**

For more information or to register, visit [gracechurch.org/premarital](http://gracechurch.org/premarital) or call 818-909-5537.

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## One with Christ **Monday, December 17 • 9:30 a.m. • CC130**

Bible study primarily for women who have lost their husbands through death or divorce.

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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, 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

**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)

Visit our website at [GRACECHURCH.ORG](http://GRACECHURCH.ORG)

**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**

**Administration**  
818-909-5500

**Children**  
818-909-5631

**Logos Institute**  
818-909-5500

**Membership**  
818-909-5644

**Men**  
818-909-5537

**Outreach**  
818-909-5700

**Pastoral Care &  
Counseling**  
818-909-5537

**Prayer**  
818-909-5519

**Spanish**  
818-909-5722

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and extend His kingdom by  
living and proclaiming  
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