

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 G Major • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 37 How Great Our God's Majestic Name • Congregation
Hymn 47 Tell Out, My Soul

Blessed Be the Name • Hudson/Rice • Brass Ensemble, Piano, Organ

Forth in Thy Name • Young • Worship Choir

Hymn 420 A Charge to Keep I Have • Congregation

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross • Trad./Rice • Philip Webb

MESSAGE: **GOD'S TRANSFORMING GLORY**
Michael Reeves • 2 Corinthians 3:7–18

O Christ, Forgive Thy Servants • Dupré • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

10,000 Reasons • Redman-Myrin/Sanborn • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Baptism • Rick McLean

Hymn 177 In Christ Alone • Offertory

MESSAGE: **STEADFAST SAINTS IN A CHANGING WORLD**
Steve Lawson • 1 Corinthians 15:38

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.

Instrumental Praise**Blessed Be the Name**

All praise to Him who reigns above
In majesty supreme,
Who gave His Son for man to die,
That He might man redeem!

Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord!

His name above all names shall stand,
Exalted more and more,
At God the Father's own right hand,
Where angel hosts adore.

Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord!

His name shall be the Counselor,
The mighty Prince of Peace,
Of all earth's kingdoms Conqueror,
Whose reign shall never cease.

Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Lyrics by William H. Clark (c. 1880); music by Ralph E. Hudson (1888)

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

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 Sends Baby Isaac**

PASSAGE **Genesis 21:1–14**

PRINCIPLE God always keeps His promises.

FEATURED HYMN "My Hope Is in the Lord" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 213)

ASK YOUR CHILD Who was Isaac and why was his birth a miracle?

APPLY By trusting God to keep His promises

THIS WEEK As a family, read Genesis 21:1–14.

NEXT WEEK Genesis 22:1–19

On GraceWalk

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

On the Patio

- **Logos Institute**
- **Missionary Calendar**
- **Shepherds' Conference**
- **Volunteer Information**
- **Spanish Ministry**
(by the Chapel)

Bookstore

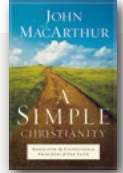
The Bookstore is open after each service and during the week. It is located on the south side of the Worship Center.

READING FOR THE NEW YEAR

A SIMPLE CHRISTIANITY

Rediscover the Foundational Principles of Your Faith

BY JOHN MACARTHUR



This practical tool will help you restore the fire and conviction of your first love for Christ by helping you better understand His character, His glory, and His love for you.

Available today for 25% off retail

Grace to You

RADIO gty.org/radio

The Gospel According to Jesus

- 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

"Why Integrity Matters"

- 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.

faithful



Shepherds' Conference 2019

Of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, only the Great Pyramid of Giza remains standing today. Completed around 2560 BC and at a height of 481 feet, this gigantic structure stood as the tallest man-made building in the world for more than 3,800 years, until it was surpassed in AD 1311 by the Lincoln Cathedral. This feat is made all the more remarkable by the fact that modern scholars are still unsure of exactly how such an enduring marvel could be constructed with ancient means. Millions of tourists gather in the Great Pyramid's shadow every year to wonder at the long-standing majesty of a building created by architects and engineers who didn't use computers, operate tower cranes, or carry smart phones.

Despite all the splendor and endurance of the Great Pyramid, what we see today is just the skeleton of its former self. What we might think of as the crumbled exterior of the pyramid is actually the underlying structure of a building once covered in magnificent, polished limestone, and though it initially stood at 481 feet tall, erosion and looting has reduced it to a height of 455 feet today. For all the grandeur of its massive stone blocks, the Great Pyramid can't endure forever.

But God is an everlasting Rock (Isaiah 26:4). His faithfulness to His character and promises continues to stand the test of time—since God’s gospel-promise to reverse the curse of sin in the garden (Genesis 3:15), He has delivered Israel countless times, preserved His chosen seed for the birth of the Messiah, and worked throughout history to build His church to this day. Our God, Yahweh, is a faithful, covenant-keeping God (Deuteronomy 7:9), one who will not change His mind (Numbers 23:19), Word (Isaiah 40:8), or character (Malachi 3:6). God does not grow weary (Isaiah 40:28), and He continues to enact His plan of redemption. As magnificent as God’s creative works are, they will pass away while He will remain unchanging—ever faithful. Truly, the faithfulness of God is a comfort and example to us as children of the Father.

It is God’s own faithfulness that drives His people to respond in turn with faithful service. This was Paul’s argument in his last letter to Timothy as he exhorts his son in the faith and reminds him of God’s faithfulness to the gospel; he points Timothy to the

truth that even “if we are faithless, he remains faithful” (2 Timothy 2:13). Christ’s own faithfulness is our example. Because we follow Him, Paul urges Timothy as a fellow believer in the truth to cultivate faithfulness in ministry—seeking to be a workman approved by God, accepting the responsibility to entrust sound doctrine to faithful men.

Today, we seek to continue under Paul’s charge of faithfulness in whatever circumstances God lays before us. As we anticipate and consider this year’s Shepherds’ Conference theme—faithful—we seek to honor those who are faithful in ministry (1 Timothy 5:17), learning from them and serving them wholeheartedly. We pray that, as pastors and church leaders from around the world attend our church’s conference, they will be encouraged and exhorted by our speakers who will, like Paul, call them to faithfulness by pointing to the One who is supremely faithful. Join with us in ministry this March as we all seek to pursue faithfulness for the glory of God.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This year’s conference spans four days, Tuesday–Friday (March 5–8), and we need 1,000 volunteers to serve during that week. Remember that, as Shepherds’ Conference is a ministry of Grace Community Church, volunteers must be members of Grace Church. If it is your first time volunteering for Shepherds’ Conference, please visit us at our patio tables for first-time volunteer registration. Returning volunteers may register at gracechurch.org/volunteer or visit us at our patio tables where we will be happy to help you.

As you plan to serve, remember...

The deadline for volunteer sign-ups is Sunday, **January 20**.

There will be a mandatory meeting for all volunteers on Sunday, **January 27**, in the Family Center.

Today's Guest Speaker

Michael Reeves serves as president and professor of theology at Union, Oxford, UK. He has previously served as head of theology for the Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship. Dr. Reeves has also served as associate minister at All Souls Church, Langham Place, and is the author of several books and numerous articles. He and his wife, Bethan, have two daughters.



Tonight's Guest Speaker

Steve Lawson serves as president of OnePassion Ministries (onepassionministries.org) and professor of preaching at The Master's Seminary. A graduate of Texas Tech University, Dallas Theological Seminary, and Reformed Theological Seminary, Dr. Lawson also serves on the board of directors of The Master's University and Seminary and as a teaching fellow with Ligonier Ministries, where he also serves as a board member. He and his wife, Anne, have four children.



2019 Missionary Calendar

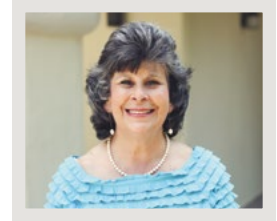
The 2019 Missionary Calendar is available on the patio this morning.

One per family, please.

Grace Around the World

Ellen Parker

Serving in **Mexico** since **1981**



Prayer / Praise

- Pray for a group of young women who have been participating in a discipleship group on holiness.
- Pray for the three, weekly ladies Bible studies the Lord has entrusted me with from my church.

For more information visit gracechurch.org/parker.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$53,578**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Monthly Missions Meeting

Hosted by the Elders' Council Handling Outreach (ECHO)

Tuesday, January 8 • 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 Carlan Wendler (Burundi), Sixto Dormi (Ecuador), and Leon Coates (England).

Communion

January 13 • 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

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.

Winter Camps

Please note that Juniors and XCHANGE will not meet this morning due to Winter Camps.

One with Christ

Monday, January 7 • 9:30 a.m. • CC130

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

High School Winter Camp

January 19–21 • Forest Home

For details or to register, visit gracechurch.org/oneighty.

Sojourners Women's Fellowship

Thursday, January 17 • 9:30–11:30 a.m. • T270s

Speaker: Marge Stamper • Topic: "Being a Good Listener"

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

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 or call 818-909-5537.

With the Lord

Glenda Hotton recently went to be with the Lord. Please remember her family in your prayers. Today's pulpit flowers are in honor of her memory.

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
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, 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
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
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**

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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