

GRACE TODAY

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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

His Yoke Is Easy • Handel • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 24 *O My Soul, Bless God the Father* • Congregation

Hymn 23 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Come, Christians Join to Sing • Trad.-Bateman/Hart-Rice
String Orchestra, Woodwinds, Piano

Blessed Is the Man • Marshall • Worship Choir

Hymn 64 *Like a River Glorious* • Congregation

Somewhere Beyond the Moon • Ahlstrom-O'Brien-Carswell/Rice • Christian Ebner

MESSAGE: **THE VENGEANCE OF THE LORD JESUS, PART 2**
John MacArthur • 2 Thessalonians 1:6–10

Doxology Hymn • Congregation

Their Sound Is Gone Out • Handel • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

O Worship the King • Haydn/Billingsley • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Baptism • Josh Petras

Hymn 154 *Oh, the Deep, Deep Love* • Offertory

MESSAGE: **LEARNING TO LOVE LIKE THE SAVIOR**
Paul Twiss • 1 John 3:11–18

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

Blessed Is the Man

Blessed, blessed is the man,
Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the way of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
And on His law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree, is like a tree planted by streams of water.

Words based on Psalm 1; music by Jane M. Marshall

Doxology Hymn

Hymn 358 *Ye Servants of God*

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name all victorious of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

Then let us adore and give Him His right;
All glory and power, all wisdom and might;
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

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.

Next Membership Class • March 3
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 Prepares Israel for Deliverance**

PASSAGE **Exodus 1–2**

PRINCIPLE God has compassion for His people.

FEATURED HYMN "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 136)

ASK YOUR CHILD Why did Pharaoh decide to kill all of the Israelites' baby boys?

APPLY By crying out to God for help in times of trouble.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Exodus 1–2.

NEXT WEEK Exodus 3:1–4:31

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**
- **Shepherds' Conference Prayer Cards**
- **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

REMAINING FAITHFUL IN MINISTRY

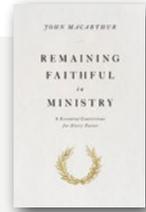
by John MacArthur

In an age when failure and burnout are increasingly common, this book is a call to conviction-driven faithfulness.

"Saturated with deep biblical conviction and vast pastoral experience." —Albert Mohler

"A power-packed guide." —Sinclair Ferguson

"Accurate and honest, direct and encouraging, clear and plain, MacArthur has produced a portrait in words. As Paul reflects Christ, so should the faithful minister. Unintentionally, MacArthur here has written his own autobiography." —Mark Dever



Grace to You

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God Won't Let You Go

- 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

"The Patriarchs: An Enduring Faith"

- 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"

WE ENJOY THE SHADE

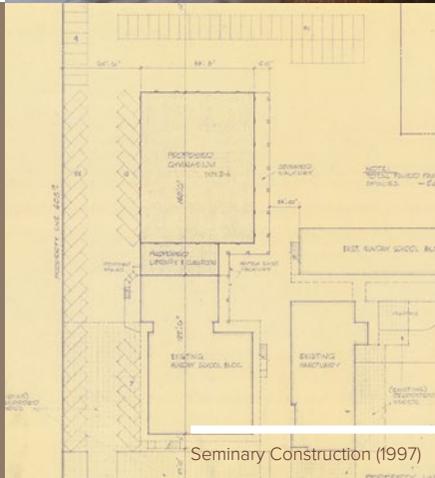
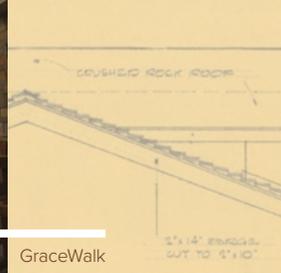
FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

"Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness." —Romans 12:6–8

Each of us is gifted in a different way. People excel in all kinds of areas, but one thing is certain: when we use our gifts in the church body, they function the way they were intended to—to glorify God and edify His people. At Grace Church, we are blessed to reap the benefits of faithful service given by believers who came before us. One generation plants the tree, the next waters, and we enjoy the shade; this is the story of our Facilities Department.



GraceWalk



Seminary Construction (1997)



Worship Center Construction (1977)



When Pastor John was called to Grace Church fifty years ago, the only buildings we had were the Chapel, the Heritage Building, and an old chicken coop. As the church grew, God provided the means to build the Family Center and Children's Building (1970), the Worship Center (1977), the Tower Building (mid 1980s), and the Seminary building (1997). Our campus is a tangible reminder of God's great kindness to our church, and we strive to use these blessings to honor Him.



Family Center

Our philosophy is that our campus exists to facilitate ministry. The Facilities Department is composed of five distinct departments—construction, maintenance, custodial, groundskeeping, and security—and we approach all of our tasks with the goal that our time together as a church family would be free from distractions. This includes considering things like sound, temperature, décor, landscaping, and safety. We want the setting to enable the work of ministry in the best way possible.

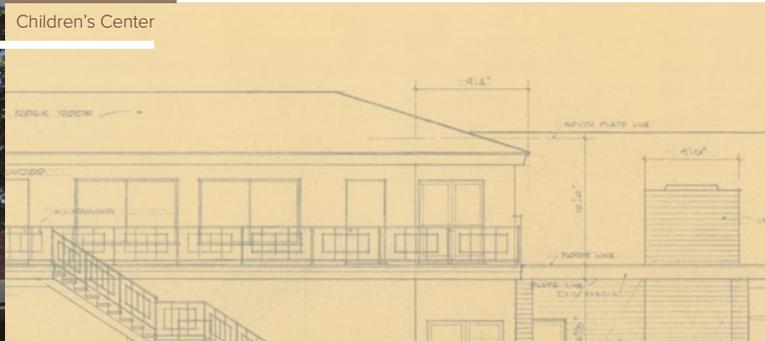
For example, with our recent Basement remodel, we tried to make the space as multi-use as it can be for the ministries that use it each week. It works for high school and junior high but can also be used for other events like Bible studies, classes, dinners, and church overflow. Our team designed the space to be used the right way, and our elder board provided wisdom and direction about the project's scope, budget, and timeline. This is the same picture we see with any of our projects—people who are gifted in dramatically different ways working together for the glory of God.

God has been gracious to assemble this team at this time in the life of the church. We have people on staff who are uniquely gifted in highly specialized areas, including carpentry, painting, plumbing, electrical, contracting, groundskeeping, security, and architectural design. When these professionals use their gifts for the work of ministry, the work becomes efficient in a way that allows us to maintain the church campus while also expanding and remodeling at the same time.

As Christians, we know that our gifts differ according to God's grace, and the Bible calls us to use them accordingly. The ultimate goal of all our work—whether at church, in the workplace, or at home—is to bring glory to the Giver of all good gifts. We hope that as you enjoy our campus, you will be reminded of God's goodness and encouraged to use your gifts according to the grace He's shown you. ■



Children's Center



Departing for the Field

Kwacha Simwaka was born and raised in Malawi, Africa, and he pursued theological training at Christ Seminary in Polokwane, South Africa. After finishing his studies there, he moved to California in 2008 to attend The Master's Seminary for pastoral training. While attending seminary, Kwacha served in Student Ministries where he met his wife, Amanda. The Simwakas have three daughters—Shirley, Charlotte, and Magnolia. Please pray for the Simwaka family as they join Dave and Carol Beakley in ministry work at Christ Baptist Church and Seminary in Polokwane on March 10.



Grace Around the World

Fernando & Julia Jaimes

Serving in **Colombia** since **2016**



Prayer / Praise

- Praise God for our congregation's love and sacrificial service.
- Pray that the Lord would provide a permanent location for our church and training center.

For more information visit gracechurch.org/jaimes.

Shepherds' Conference

Prayer Cards

Prayer cards listing conference attendees are available on the patio this morning. Pick up a card and pray for our guests by name in the days leading up to the conference.

Parking Restriction

Sunday, March 3

Please note that the entire east side of the main parking lot (behind the Tower building and Family Center) will be closed to accommodate preparation for the conference.

Grace Church Connection

Keep current with what's new around Grace Church each month. To subscribe to our monthly email update, visit gracechurch.org/news.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$10,255**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Russian Outreach Bible Study

Today • 12:30–2:30 p.m. • H221–222

If you speak or understand Russian, know someone who does, or have a heart to see Russian-speaking people saved, please visit one of our Sunday afternoon meetings. Join us as we pray about how to reach the Russian community in Los Angeles with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sunday School Teachers

Children's Ministry is in need of Sunday school teachers for the three- and four-year-old classrooms during the 10:30 a.m. service. If you are interested in serving, please pick up an application at the Welcome Center. For additional information, email childrens@gracechurch.org.

The Master's Academy International

2019 International Symposium

The Church: Global Implications of Ecclesiology

Monday, March 4 • Calvary Bible Church, Burbank

To register, visit tmai.org/symposium.

Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic

Volunteer Training

Friday, March 8, 6:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, March 9, 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Friday, March 15, 6:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, March 16, 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

For more information, call Jhaneth at 818-626-9404 or email [Jhaneth at 818-626-9404 or email Jhaneth at openarmspregnancy@gmail.com](mailto:Jhaneth@openarmspregnancy@gmail.com).

Sojourners Women's Fellowship

Thursday, March 14 • 9:30–11:30 a.m. • T270s

Speaker: Helen Varner • Topic: "Choosing Gratitude"

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

This month's fellowship will be followed by our annual fashion exchange.

STM 2019

Team Needs

There are still a limited number of openings for some of this summer's teams. Please see the specific needs below.

Germany • two men and two married couples

Spain • six young men and women

Italy • three young men and women

Ukraine • five young men and women

Dominican Republic • two married couples and two young men or women

Cameroon • two women or a married couple

London • four men, one woman, and two married couples

Philippines • one man

Opportunities to serve include supporting church plants, evangelism, youth and children's ministries, teaching English, and sports outreach. For more information, email stm@gracechurch.org.

Logos Institute Classes

The General Epistles

March 16–30 (Saturdays) • 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Instructor: Chris Gee

TH 104 Soteriology and Ecclesiology

March 19–April 23 (Tuesdays) • 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Chris Burnett

For more information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/logos.



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: Luis Contreras,
Rubén Pidal, 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)

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 &
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818-909-5537

Prayer
818-909-5519

Spanish
818-909-5722

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818-909-5519

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818-909-5521

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