

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

Tu es Petra • Mulet • Stephen Sturz, Organist

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

Hymn 364 *How Firm a Foundation*

The Word • Holst/Barker • Worship Choir

The Promise • Smith/Hamilton • Kory Welch

Hymn 113 *Join All the Glorious Names* • Congregation

JOHN MACARTHUR PREACHING

Doxology Hymn • Congregation

Fugue in G Minor • Dupré • Organ Postlude

Doxology Hymn

Hymn 176 *Be Thou My Vision*

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Please note that there will be no worship service this evening.

* 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

The Word

He, the Word, from the beginning, was with the Father one;
And the Word made earth His dwelling place to bring all things above.
He has brought us to a dawning, opening up a brand-new day;
And the Word became light for us, shining bright the way.

We beheld the Father's glory, and glory of His Son.
Word of God fullness of all grace and truth, fill us with life and love.

He, the Word, from the beginning, the Father's plan fulfilled;
Born to die for our deliverance, the living Christ prevailed.
He has brought us to a dawning, opening up a brand-new day;
And the Word became light for us, shining bright the way.

When He comes again in glory, Lord Jesus, King of kings,
Every knee on earth will bow to Him in all His victory!
He has brought us to a dawning, opening up a brand-new day;
And the Word became light for us, shining bright the way.

We beheld the Father's glory, and glory of His Son.
Word of God fullness of all grace and truth, fill us with light and love!

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Words by Randy Cox (based on John 1:1–5, 14; Isaiah 60:1; Revelation 22:5)
Music by Gustav Holst; adapted and arranged by Ken Barker

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
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 Sends Plagues on Egypt**

PASSAGE **Exodus 7–10**

PRINCIPLE God is awesome and powerful.

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

ASK YOUR CHILD Why did God send the plagues?

APPLY By telling other people about God's greatness.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Exodus 7–10.

NEXT WEEK Exodus 11–13

On GraceWalk

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

On the Patio

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

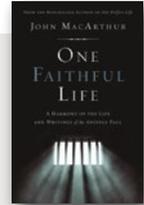
Bookstore

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

NEW FROM JOHN MACARTHUR

ONE FAITHFUL LIFE *A HARMONY OF THE LIFE AND LETTERS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL*

This first-of-its-kind harmony weaves together the apostle's letters with the book of Acts and important background information from the Gospels to create a seamless, chronological narrative.



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Grace to You

RADIO gty.org/radio

The Gospel According to Paul

- KKLK 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

"Paul's Transformation, Part 1"

- 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.

DISCERNMENT IN A SECULAR AGE

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

—PHILIPPIANS 1:9-11

During his imprisonment in Rome, Paul's pastoral concern for the church in Philippi overflowed in a prayer that highlighted a need for discernment. Paul brought this need before God, in part, because he understood the wisdom required to love those within the church who were in conflict (Philippians 4:2) and their opponents outside the church who were persecuting them (Philippians 1:27-28). The need for discernment in the Christian life, however, does not stop with practicing love.

At a fundamental level, discernment is the ability to determine truth from error and right from wrong (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22). Sinclair Ferguson develops this definition further by stating that discernment also means, "distinguishing the primary from the secondary, the essential from the indifferent, and the permanent from the transient. And, yes, it means distinguishing between the good and the better, and even between the better and the best."

Discernment, then, goes well beyond avoiding errors (such as the prosperity gospel); true discernment means seeing and understanding life from God's perspective. It means evaluating everything in light of His Word, and as a result, making decisions that please God in every area of life. As Christians grow to live this way, we learn the type of discernment Paul prayed for—to "approve the things that are excellent" and live "sincere and blameless" lives that are "filled with the fruit of righteousness" (Philippians 1:10-11).

This sort of discernment is woefully lacking in our day. Our pastor explains this pressing need with the following words.

Unfortunately, discernment is an area where most Christians stumble. They exhibit little ability to measure the things they are taught against the infallible standard of God's Word, and they unwittingly engage in all kinds of unbiblical decision-making and behavior. In short, they are not armed to take a decidedly biblical stand against the onslaught of unbiblical thinking and attitudes that face them throughout their day.

When this deficit marks Christian men, in particular, the negative consequences of poor decisions and unbiblical behavior are only magnified.

This year's Men of the Word conference will focus on this vital Christian discipline. Our pastor, John MacArthur, and guest preacher Philip De Courcy (of Kindred Community Church, Anaheim Hills) will challenge men to grow in discernment, especially as our culture grows increasingly hostile to biblical truth and its implications. Whether you are new to Grace Church or a long-standing member, we encourage all men to join us on April 13 as we seek to grow in discernment. ■

DISCERNMENT



2019 Men of the Word Conference

Saturday, April 13 • 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Worship Center

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)

Register online at

gracechurch.org/motw

Logos Institute Classes

The General Epistles

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

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.

Evangelism Ministries

The Bible describes Christians as ambassadors for Christ—those who were saved to “proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). One of the most joyful duties we have is to proclaim this great gospel to others. To this end, Grace Church members hold evangelistic Bible studies in jails, rehab centers, assisted living facilities, hospitals, and on Skid Row. Groups also go door-to-door right here in our own neighborhood.

Acton Rehabilitation Center • Abortion Clinic Outreach
Basketball Outreach • Castaic Jail Ministry • Downtown Jail Ministry
Hope Bible Study • Neighborhood Outreach • Volleyball Outreach

For more information about any of these ministries, call 818-909-5721, or visit gracechurch.org/local.

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.

Grace Around the World

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Gianluca, Giuliano

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Prayer / Praise

- Pray that the Lord would build His church by saving those with whom we’ve shared the gospel.
- Pray that God would provide us with more opportunities for evangelism.

For more information visit gracechurch.org/mollica.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$15,576**. 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. • **CC230s**

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.

Evening Service Schedule

Tonight's evening service has been canceled to allow for a time of rest following the Shepherds' Conference.

The Master's Kids Informational Meeting

Tuesday, April 9 • 10 a.m.–Noon • T270s

Attendance gives you priority for the 2019–2020 class. To sign up for childcare (five years and younger), contact Beth Voorheis, program director, by March 27 at bvoor@sbcglobal.net. Please include your child's name and birthdate.

TMK is a Bible-based kindergarten-prep program for moms and kids starting kindergarten in fall 2019.

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.

With the Lord

Wally Goltry recently went to be with the Lord. Please remember his family in your prayers. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, March 16, at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

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

Communion

March 17 • 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

Joint Heirs Ladies TEA Teaching, Edification, Application

Monday, March 11 • 7:00 p.m. • T260s • Speaker: Debra Rea

All women are welcome.

Titus 2 Tuesday

March 12 • 7:00 p.m. • This month's topic: The Life of Fanny Crosby

All women are invited to join us as we learn about the life of Fanny Crosby (1820–1915), who wrote more than 9,000 hymns including "To God Be the Glory" and "Blessed Assurance." Though Crosby was blind, she had a clear vision of her Savior and a heart that held fast to the truths of His Word.

Please join us at homes in Encino, Glendale, Northridge, Shadow Hills, Simi Valley, South Bay, and Valencia. For specific meeting locations and RSVP information, visit gracechurch.org/t2t or email gcctitus2@icloud.com.



Open today for lunch; come see what's on the menu!

Breakfast Sunday • 7:00–8:30 a.m.
Tuesday–Thursday • 7:00–9:30 a.m.

Lunch Sunday • Noon–1:30 p.m.
Monday–Friday • 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

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

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 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

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