

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*Toccata from Symphony No. 5* • Widor • Stephen Sturz, Organist*Hymn 55 O God, Our Help in Ages Past* • Congregation*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* • Trad./Rice • Orchestra, Organ*Sing Out, My Soul* • Hayes • Worship Choir*Hymn 47 Tell Out, My Soul* • Congregation*No More Night* • Harrah/Vrtacnik • James PhillippyMESSAGE: **A THRONE MAKES THE BEST ANCHOR**

Austin Duncan • Psalm 93

Finale from Symphony No. 2 • Widor • Organ Postlude**6:00 pm***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* • Trad. • Instrumental Prelude*Songs of Praise* • Congregation**Baptism***Hymn 210 I Will Sing of My Redeemer* • OffertoryMESSAGE: **FAITH THAT RUNS**

Nathan Busenitz • Hebrews 12:1–3

Postlude**Plaza Fellowship****Anthem****Sing Out, My Soul**

Sing out, my soul, the goodness of our God,
 The mercies of our God,
 The greatness of our God!

Sing out, my soul, the goodness of our God!
 With joy we behold all the hope of each new-born day.
 All nature shouts God's praise in myriad wondrous ways;
 Thanksgiving swells in every breast; give thanks, my soul!

Sing out, my soul, the mercies of our God,
 Whose wisdom ordained that we dwell in community;
 Through fellowship we grow, God's greater love to know;
 Reunion speaks of heaven's bliss; rejoice, my soul!

Rejoice, my soul, rejoice, my soul,
 Rejoice, oh my soul, rejoice.
 Sing with joy, my soul.
 Sing out, my soul, the mercies of our God,
 The greatness of our God!

Sing out, my soul, the greatness of our God!
 With God as our strength; we can know our defense is sure.
 Though mortal powers fail, with God we shall prevail,
 And human hearts must celebrate; sing out, my soul!
 Amen! Amen! Amen!

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Words by Beth Rice Lutrell; music by Mark Hayes

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

* 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.

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 **Israel Rejects God's Plan**

PASSAGE **Numbers 13–14**

PRINCIPLE God is displeased when we disobey.

FEATURED HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 104)

ASK YOUR CHILD What kind of report did the spies bring back?

APPLY By trusting that God's plan is best.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Numbers 13–14.

NEXT WEEK Numbers 16:1–17:11

On GraceWalk

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

On the Patio

- **Children's Ministry**
- **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.

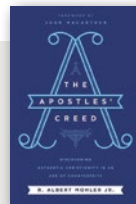
HIGHLIGHT

THE APOSTLES' CREED DISCOVERING AUTHENTIC CHRISTIANITY IN AN AGE OF COUNTERFEITS

by Dr. Albert Mohler

"Doctrinally rich insights from our trusted friend and biblical scholar who, with the bright light of his sanctified mind, illuminates the riches outlined in these ancient words—read and see." —John MacArthur

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Grace to You

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- **"The Purpose of Trials"**

- 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 Perfections of Love, 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.



Investing in Eternity

And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." —Mark 9:35

In our society today, everyone wants to be first. We see this daily in social media. Most of social media is about promoting self. People want the accolades of other people as they strive to be known. However, this was not the heart of our Savior. He came not to be served, but to serve others and ultimately lay down His life (Mark 10:45). Jesus tells His disciples that if anyone wants to be first, they must be last and be a servant of all. This truth ought to encourage our hearts to be like our Savior and serve the way He did.

One of the ways you can do that at Grace Church is by serving in Children's Ministry. Every week, there is an opportunity to serve the body of Christ by serving the children. Our children are important to us just like they were important to Christ (Mark 9:36–37). Those who serve in Children's Ministry are an example of Christ to the children. They serve with humility and

love. They teach the children God's Word and desire to point them to Christ. They follow the example of Christ and faithfully serve the body of Christ every week. You have an opportunity to serve and be an example to these children, as well.

Every week, we are blessed to have more than 1,000 children on our campus, which means there are many ways that you can serve. You can serve on Sunday mornings in our nursery by caring for babies and toddlers, teach older children in a Sunday school class, or serve in our special needs class. You can also serve as part of our welcome team for new families who are visiting Grace Church for the first time. Sunday evenings also offer opportunities to serve in Adventure Club and help children memorize and apply God's Word in their lives.

Whether on Sunday morning, Sunday evening, or in the nursery, there is an opportunity for you in Children's Ministry. We invite you to come by one of the Children's Ministry tables on the patio this morning to find how you can get plugged in. We would love to talk to you about how you can serve and make an investment in children for eternity. ■

PROCLAIMING THE TRUE GOSPEL

The Spanish-speaking church throughout the world is experiencing unprecedented growth, but with rapid growth comes great potential for error. Numerous Latin-American churches are being led astray by the teachings of the prosperity gospel and other deviations from the biblical message of salvation. The true gospel is under attack, and we must respond.

For this reason, we have called upon pastors and church leaders to join us in exalting the gospel as the only message that can save. On September 27 and 28, we will be holding our fourth annual Spanish Expositors' Conference. This year's theme will be "Proclaiming the True Gospel," and the conference will feature teaching from John MacArthur, Paul Washer, Justin Peters, Sugel Michelén, Evis Carballosa, Henry Tolopilo, Michael Mahoney, and Josiah Grauman, among others. We are sure to be blessed by the ministry of these faithful men as they contend with the theological aberrations in the Spanish-speaking church.

Please join us in praying for this event, as we expect more than 2,000 Spanish-speakers to be in attendance. Pray for our speakers as they challenge the attendees to pursue Christ-exalting preaching and teaching. Additionally,

please pray for our key partner ministries, the Spanish programs at The Master's Seminary. We pray that the Lord will use this conference to stir the hearts of many men to pursue pastoral training.

Another way you can support this conference is by funding a scholarship. There are many pastors and church leaders who have expressed a desire to come but do not have the means to register. If you are interested in helping support a potential attendee in this way, you can do so online at gracechurch.org/conferenciaexpositores or by visiting the conference table outside the chapel today.

We also want to extend a formal invitation to any Spanish speakers in our own congregation. If you or anyone you know might benefit from the conference, registration is open until September 15. Feel free to visit our website for more information.

We are so grateful to the Lord for all the ways He uses our church around the world. Thank you for your prayers as we seek to lift high the gospel of Jesus Christ.



CONFERENCIA EXPOSITORES

September 27–28, 2019

Grace Community Church

Register at
conferenciaexpositores.org

Fund a scholarship at
gracechurch.org/conferenciaexpositores

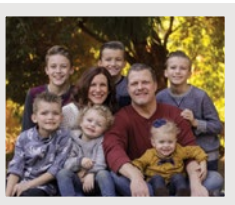
Grace Advance Highlight

Grace Advance is an equipping ministry of Grace Church that provides training and consultation for developing assemblies and existing churches in need of revitalization. This ministry uniquely prepares men for leading these congregations in communities around North America.

Seymour Helligar is a graduate of The Master's Seminary. Seymour has served as pastor of Grace Community Church of Long Beach since January 2014, and Grace Advance teams have supported GCLB this summer through evangelistic efforts in the community. Please pray that there will be spiritual fruit from these efforts.



Todd Barnett is a graduate of The Master's Seminary. Todd has pastored Anchor Bible Church of Redlands since its inception in 2012. A Grace Advance team helped with construction at their church facility this year, and it was a great opportunity to expand their facilities for their growing congregation. Please pray for wisdom for the leadership as they seek to shepherd this growing flock.



Please pray for our Grace Advance churches. For more information about Grace Advance and this year's teams, visit gracechurch.org/graceadvance.

2019 ASL Deaf Conference A Call to Discernment

August 16–17 • Grace Community Church

For more information, visit gracechurch.org/asldeafconference.

Grace Around the World

Todd & Lynn Dick

Serving in **Croatia** since **1998**



Prayer / Praise

- Pray that our students would grow in knowledge and godliness in this upcoming academic year.
- Praise God for how He is using our graduates to pastor and plant churches in four nations of the former Yugoslavia.

For more information visit gracechurch.org/dick.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$16,228**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Russian Outreach Bible Study

August 11 • 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.

Baby Rose

The rosebud is in honor of **Annasophia Jane Granlund**, born June 27, 2019, to Ruth and Luke Granlund.

Blood Drive August 11 • 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

The Cedars-Sinai Bloodmobile will be in the main parking lot, on the west side of the seminary building. Register online at DonateBloodCedars.org through the "Locate A Blood Drive" tool (using our Donor Group Code, "GRCC"), or email or text names and preferred times to David.Keys@cshs.org or 310-717-5996. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Attend a Fellowship Group

Adult fellowship groups exist to glorify God by studying His Word, practically applying that truth to daily life, and providing God's people with opportunities for worship, ministry, and building relationships with each other. Times and locations of fellowship groups are listed on the back page of *Grace Today*.

Women's Cancer Ministry August 7 • 10:00–11:30 a.m. • CC130s

Prayer group for women whose lives or families have been touched by cancer. For information, call Sonjeh (510-648-9925) or Doris (818-294-2854).

With the Lord

Hartley Brown and **Antonio Allan Lazar Jr.** 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 Wallis

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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Logos Institute
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Membership
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Men
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