

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**BILL BRANDENSTEIN, DIRECTOR*****Fugue in A Minor*** • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist**Hymn 304 *He Was Wounded*** • Congregation***Whiter Than Snow*** • Fischer/Rice • String Orchestra, Woodwinds, Piano***And Can It Be?*** • Forrest • Worship Choir**Hymn 196 *I Will Glory in My Redeemer*** • Congregation***Change Me Now*** • Mason-Lawton/Rice • Carmella JonesMESSAGE: **THE SUPPER'S LAST SONG**

Nathan Busenitz • Psalm 118

Communion***Old Hundredth*** • Trad./Bock • Organ Postlude**6:00 pm*****10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*** • Redman-Myrin/Galbraith-Henderson-Ohison
Instrumental Prelude**Songs of Praise** • Congregation**Hymn 374 *My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness*** • OffertoryMESSAGE: **THE KING'S KINDNESS**

Jay Lennington • 2 Samuel 9

Postlude**Instrumental Praise****Whiter Than Snow**

Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole;
 I want Thee forever to live in my soul.
 Break down every idol, cast out every foe;
 Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
 Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow.
 Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, let nothing unholy remain,
 Apply Thine own blood and extract every stain;
 To get this blest cleansing, I all things forego—
 Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
 Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow.
 Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

The blessing by faith, I receive from above;
 O glory! my soul is made perfect in love;
 My prayer has prevailed, and this moment I know,
 The blood is applied, I am whiter than snow.
 Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow.
 Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Words by James L. Nicholson (1872); music by William G. Fischer (c. 1870s)

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
103 • 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 Offers Israel Healing from Sin**

PASSAGE **Numbers 20:2–13; 21:4–9**

PRINCIPLE God is merciful and faithful.

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

ASK YOUR CHILD How did God offer healing from the snakebites?

APPLY By trusting Jesus as Savior.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Numbers 20:2–13; 21:4–9.

NEXT WEEK Numbers 22:1–24:25

On GraceWalk

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

On the Patio

- **Logos Institute**
- **Truth Matters Conference**
- **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

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD REFLECTIONS ON TWENTY CENTURIES OF CHURCH HISTORY

by Sinclair Ferguson

Sinclair Ferguson takes the reader on a tour of Christian history, featuring stories and songs to give believers a sense of their place in God's kingdom and encourage them in their walk.

Available today for 30% off retail



Grace to You

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Heaven

- KKL 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 Beauty and Blessing of Forgiveness, Part 1"

- NRBT 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.

Competent to Counsel

An Interview with Bill Shannon, Pastor of Discipleship Counseling

“When I started out in counseling, I remember thinking: none of these people have the answer. Back then, a lot of counseling would try to integrate Scripture with ideas that seemed to work in other disciplines, rather than just using the Bible itself. So when I was introduced to biblical counseling (or discipleship counseling), I was absolutely struck with the thought that *this is life changing*. This actually helps people. In some cases, people were getting saved, and in others, people were changing their lives radically because they were being confronted with the Word of God. This is the way I like to put it: sermons and Bible teaching bring the Word of God to us—counseling brings us to the Word of God. People hear the Word taught faithfully, and eventually they realize their lives need to be held up to the truth and refined by applying it closely and consistently.”

Bill Shannon, our Discipleship Counseling pastor, talks about the

transforming power of God’s Word in two ways. It works first in our hearts to convict us of sin as we hear the truth, and then gives us instruction on how to turn from sin and put on righteousness as we bring ourselves to the Word in repentance.

“Discipleship Counseling is a three-level curriculum and it starts out with an overview of theology—teaching about the supremacy of God, and the sufficiency of His Word. I think, especially being at Grace Church, we know in our heads that Scripture is sufficient, but that doesn’t necessarily mean it’s in our hearts. With these classes, we’re trying to help people get that truth into their hearts and learn to believe they can actually trust the Word of God. Once we’ve established that foundation, we look at the practical things like marriage and family, biblical divorce, husbands’ and wives’ roles, and other specific issues like communication, conflict resolution, depression, and fear and anxiety. We also talk about things



Discipleship Counseling I

Introduction to Biblical Counseling

September 11–December 4 (Wednesdays)

T370s • 6:30–8:30 p.m. • Cost: \$75

Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders,
Jonathan Tucker

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

like addictions (which I think we can more accurately understand as “enslavements”), decision making, and the will of God. Those are just some of the subjects we cover, and at the end of these classes, everyone who attended will have spent lots of hours in biblical counseling and practical study.”

“When people ask me about Discipleship Counseling, I tell them it’s basically the outflow of what the Scriptures call every believer to do, which is to love and care for one another. We are to bear one another’s burdens. We are to love one another so much that we care more about their spiritual and physical lives than we care about our own. As believers, we want to help others, but this isn’t a short-term kind of situation; it’s something that happens over many days, weeks, and months of being involved with a person, and Discipleship Counseling provides a great framework for growing those kinds of relationships.”

“I think any believer can benefit from these classes. Romans 15:14 says that we are all competent to counsel or instruct one another. What does that mean? Well, if somebody comes to you and says, look, I’m struggling with anger—where do you go in Scripture? We can all call it sin, but where do you go to offer them counsel? Those are the kinds of things you should be able to help somebody understand. Everyone who takes these classes, whether they become counselors or not, will be able to help people in their families, Bible studies, and neighborhoods by showing them that Christ does have the answer and pointing out where it’s found. I usually tell people, if you’re unsure about taking the class, give me two weeks. You don’t have to pay for it until after that time, but give me the two weeks and I think you’ll be convinced that this will greatly benefit you in your personal fight against sin and your ministry to other people.” ■

SHORT-TERM MINISTRIES HIGHLIGHT

Please pray for our teams as they prepare for, serve, and return from the field.



Team Malawi

August 22–September 8

Team Members Jeffery Yan (team leader), Amy Junus, Nicole Lam, Samantha Leong, Shao Wang, Grace Ye, Justin Yu

Host Jim Ayres

Ministry CAPA Training Center Support, Website Development

Healthcare Professionals Dinner

Hosted by GMI

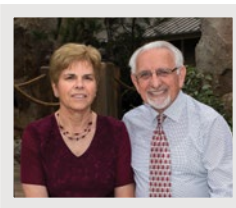
August 24 • 6:00–8:00 p.m. • Family Center

If you work in the healthcare field, please join us on Saturday, August 24, for a dinner and time of fellowship with others in healthcare and allied fields. Business casual. For more information or to RSVP, email gracehealthpros@gmail.com.

Grace Around the World

Miško & Mira Horvatek

Serving in **Croatia** since **1987**



Prayer / Praise

- Praise the Lord for our recent Bible camp led by several graduates from the Theological Bible Academy.
- Pray for growth in new believers who heard the Word at this conference.

For more information visit gracechurch.org/horvatek.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$12,370**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Truth Matters Conference

Volunteer Sign-Ups

If you're looking for a way to serve this fall, we have an urgent need for volunteers for the Truth Matters conference on October 16–18 (hosted by Grace to You). Register online at gracechurch.org/volunteer or stop by the patio table this morning. The deadline for volunteer sign-ups is September 8; there is a mandatory volunteer meeting on September 15.

Please note that you must be a Grace Church member to volunteer.

Men of the Word

The Mercies of God: A Study of the Key Components of Our Salvation

Wednesdays, beginning September 4 • 7:00–8:45 p.m. • Worship Center

For more information, stop by the patio table this morning or visit gracechurch.org/motw.

Every Woman's Grace

Wednesdays, beginning September 11 • 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

All women are invited to join us for a time of Bible study and fellowship as we begin a study through the book of Romans. Register online at gracechurch.org/ewg.

Women's Cancer Ministry

August 21 • 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).

Job Opportunity

Revenue Accountant. The Grace Church Accounting Department has a full-time opening for a revenue accountant. Duties include maintaining the general ledger, performing account reconciliations, overseeing donation entry and donor inquiries, preparing journals, preparing financial reports in Excel format, and other general office duties. Requirements include experience in the field of accounting or bookkeeping; excellent organizational, analytical, and multi-tasking skills; the ability to work in a fast-paced environment; a customer service background; and proficiency with Microsoft Office. Must be available Monday–Friday. Applicants for employment must be, if employed, biblically qualified as a deacon or deaconess and be a member of Grace Church. For more information or to request an application, contact HR at HR@gracechurch.org or 818-909-5672.

Conferencia Expositores 2019

September 27–28

Register at conferenciaexpositores.org

Fund a scholarship at gracechurch.org/conferenciaexpositores

Logos Institute Fall Classes

The Pentateuch: Redemption Initiated

August 27–October 1 (Tuesdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m. • Instructor: Michael Wurtz

Theology 101: Prolegomena and Bibliology

August 27–October 8 (Tuesdays) • 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Instructor: Chris Burnett

The Synoptic Gospels: Portraits of the King

September 5–19 (Thursdays) • 6:30–9:00 p.m. • Instructor: Herald Gandhi

Discipleship Counseling 1

September 11–December 4 (Wednesdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders, Jonathan Tucker

Church History 102: Councils, Crusades, and Catholicism

September 23–November 4 (Mondays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m. • Instructor: Nathan Busenitz

Biblical Counseling 1 (Spanish)

September 9–December 2 (Mondays) • 6:00–9:00 p.m. • Instructor: Jonathan Tucker

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

With the Lord

Teresa (Teri) Kirkendall recently went to be with the Lord. Please remember her family 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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818-909-5500

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818-909-5631

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