

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.



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8:30 & 10:30* am

Sinfonia from Cantata No. 29 • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 135 O Worship the King • Congregation

Hymn 136 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Be Thou My Vision • Trad./Krogstad • Philip Webb

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee • Beethoven/Simeone • Worship Choir

Great Is Thy Faithfulness • Runyan/Krogstad • Philip Webb

Hymn 61 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah • Congregation

MESSAGE: **SEARCH AND RESCUE: A MINISTRY OF ANYONE TO ANYONE**

Harry Walls • James 5:19–20

I Will Sing of the Mercies • Fillmore/Sturz • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Baptism • Josh Petras

Hymn 275 The Old Rugged Cross • Offertory

MESSAGE: **THE DIMENSIONS OF GOD'S LOVE**
Austin Duncan • Ephesians 3:17–18

Postlude

Instrumental Praise

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

Joyful, we adore Thee, Lord of love and glory;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and Heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea.
Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, O Lord of love.

Drive clouds of dark and doubt away.
Fill us with love and light the way.
Praise the Lord of love, Praise the Lord above,
Praise, praise ye!

Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us Sunward In the songs of life,
In the triumph song of life,
Sing, sing, sing His praises ever,
Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, stars and angels sing before Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love.

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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 **Promotion Sunday**

PASSAGE **Bible Overview**

PRINCIPLE You can trust God's Word.

FEATURED HYMN "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 26)

ASK YOUR CHILD How do you know you can trust God's Word?

APPLY By trusting God's Word.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Genesis 1–3

NEXT WEEK Deuteronomy 4:1–20

On GraceWalk

- **Fundamentals of the Faith**
- **Christmas in September**
- **Local Outreach**

On the Patio

- **Logos Institute**
- **Men of the Word**
- **Spanish Ministry**
(by the Chapel)
- **Truth Matters Conference**

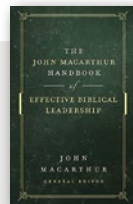
Bookstore

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

HIGHLIGHT

THE JOHN MACARTHUR HANDBOOK OF EFFECTIVE BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP

This book will help you guide others with integrity and conviction and accurately interpret and apply God's Word.



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Grace to You

RADIO gty.org/radio

"Bible Questions and Answers, Part 30"

- 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 3"

- 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.




CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER

There's a special meaning behind the words "Christmas in September" at Grace Church. For our church family, Christmas in September is an expression of love from the body of Christ on Roscoe Boulevard to those sent out to the world to proclaim the eternal gospel. Just as the Philippians tangibly demonstrated their love for Paul by sending the apostle a gift through Epaphroditus, every September we demonstrate our love for those sent out from among us to take the treasure of the gospel to the world through our hand-written notes and sacrificial giving.

What does Christmas in September mean to our missionaries? Ministering in a faraway land takes a toll, bringing changes in friends, neighbors, culture, and ministry. Christmas in September encourages

and reminds our missionaries of our love, prayer, and concern for them as they faithfully serve. Like soldiers on the battlefield receive letters and packages from home, our missionaries on the spiritual battlefield also need the support and reminder that those who sent them are praying for them and communicating their love, especially during the Christmas season. These faithful servants are fortified and refreshed in their faith by seeing, knowing, and hearing that their home church is committed to them—seeking to grow closer, despite the distance, by lifting them up in our prayers before our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christmas in September is one manifestation of loving one another. In 1 John 3:11, we hear "that we should love one another." What do you do for



those you love? You demonstrate your love through your actions—what you sacrifice on their behalf. We are blessed here at Grace Church by being united together in Christ, but our unity doesn't stop here; it travels to the remotest parts of the earth! Send your love, prayers, and gifts around the world this Christmas. ■

Please visit our table on GraceWalk any Sunday this month to demonstrate your love to our missionaries by sending them a note and telling them you are praying for them. You can also take this opportunity to prayerfully consider giving a special monetary gift that will encourage them at Christmas.



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Truth Matters Conference Volunteer Sign-Ups

This October, we have a unique opportunity to serve the body of Christ as our church hosts the Truth Matters conference, sponsored by Grace to You. The conference theme is "The Sufficiency of Scripture," recognizing God's blessing of our pastor through his fifty years of faithful preaching. We need volunteers to help care for the 3,500 people attending the conference, October 16–18. For information, stop by the patio table after either service this morning or visit gracechurch.org/volunteer.

Logos Institute Fall Classes

The Synoptic Gospels: Portraits of the King

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

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.

Promotion Sunday

This morning, our Sunday School-age children will move up to their new classrooms. For room locations, check the sign that is posted at the Children's Center.

Grace Around the World

The Alvord Family

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Prayer / Praise

- Pray for the Lord's continued provision as we launch our new seminary in Ukraine.
- Pray that our church would grow in their conviction about the importance of expository preaching.

For more information visit gracechurch.org/alvord.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$10,013**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Acton Rehabilitation Center

Sundays and Wednesdays

Every Sunday, ministry leaders take men's and women's small groups to the drug and alcohol rehab center in Acton to preach, lead Bible studies, teach FOF classes, and offer one-on-one counsel. A men's group also ministers on Wednesday evenings. For more information call 818-909-5721.

Every Woman's Grace

A Study of Romans: Fundamentals of Christian Faith

Wednesdays, beginning September 11 • 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 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. Registration is only for women new to EWG; there is no need to sign up if you attended last year. Register online at gracechurch.org/ewg.

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.

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.

Grace Evangelism

September 15–November 10 (Sunday mornings) • 8:30 or 10:30 a.m.

Grace Evangelism is a nine-week, interactive evangelism training course designed to equip believers with a clear, understandable, and faithful gospel message. Learn the vital components of the gospel, the implications of a God-centered message, and how to proclaim the gospel faithfully. For more information or to register, stop by the Local Outreach table on GraceWalk this morning or call 818-909-5721.

Conferencia Expositores 2019 September 27–28

Register at conferenciaexpositores.org

Fund a scholarship at gracechurch.org/conferenciaexpositores

Titus 2 Tuesday September 10 • 7:00 p.m.

This Month's Topic: The Greatest Sermon Ever Preached

All women are invited to join us as we consider an overview of the Sermon on the Mount, one of the most significant teachings of Christ in the New Testament. We meet at homes in Encino, Glendale, Northridge, Pasadena, Shadow Hills, Simi Valley, Stevenson Ranch, and Torrance. For specific meeting locations and RSVP information, please visit gracechurch.org/t2t or email gcctitus2@icloud.com.

Russian Outreach Bible Study

September 8 • 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.

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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