

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*Fugue in D Major* • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist*Hymn 96 When Morning Gilds the Skies* • Congregation*Hymn 104 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**Who Is on the Lord's Side?* • Reichardt/Rice • Brass Ensemble, Organ*The Armor of God* • Beck/Gassman • Worship Choir, Congregation*A Charge to Keep I Have* • Mason/Rice • Men's Quartet*Hymn 425 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* • CongregationMESSAGE: **THANKSGIVING IN EVERYTHING**

Nathan Busenitz • 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Recessional • Handel • Organ Postlude**6:00 pm***Come Praise and Glorify* • Chester-Kauflin • Instrumental Prelude**Songs of Praise** • Congregation**Baptism** • Mark Zhakevich*Hymn 162 Wonderful, Merciful Savior* • OffertoryMESSAGE: **JOSIAH'S REVIVAL**

Kevin Zuber • 2 Chronicles 34–35

Postlude**Anthem****The Armor of God**

Put on the full armor of God that you may be able to stand firm!
 Stand firm, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,
 And having shod your feet with the Gospel of peace,
 Taking up the shield of faith, and the helmet of salvation,
 And the sword of the Spirit, the sword of the Spirit,
 Which is the Word of God.

Peace, peace, peace be to you, my brethren,
 And love, love, love with faith from God, the Father
 And the Lord Jesus Christ.

Peace, peace be to you, my brethren,
 And love with faith, faith,
 Faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
 Grace, grace, grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ
 With a love, with a love incorruptible!

Congregation joins
 Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put your armor on,
 Strong in the strength which God supplies through His eternal Son;
 Strong in the Lord of Hosts, and in His mighty pow'r,
 Who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror.

Leave no unguarded place, no weakness of the soul;
 Take ev'ry virtue, ev'ry grace, and fortify the whole.
 From strength to strength go on, wrestle and fight and pray;
 Tread all the pow'rs of darkness down and win the well-fought day!

Amen, Amen, Amen!

Words by John Ness Beck (1982) and Charles Wesley (1741); based on Ephesians 6:10–24
Music by John Ness Beck and George L. Elvey (1868)

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.

Next Membership Class • October 6
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 Calls Joshua to Be His Servant**

PASSAGE **Joshua 1:1–9**

PRINCIPLE God requires believers to live as His servants.

FEATURED HYMN "Take My Life and Let It Be" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 393)

ASK YOUR CHILD What did God command Joshua?

APPLY By being strong and courageous in serving God.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Joshua 1:1–9

NEXT WEEK Joshua 2

Adapted from the Generations of Grace Family Devotional, available at the bookstore.

On GraceWalk

- Christmas in September
- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Local Outreach
- Walk for Life

On the Patio

- 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

LONG BEFORE LUTHER TRACING THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL FROM CHRIST TO THE REFORMATION

by Nathan Busenitz

Foreword by John MacArthur

"Were Luther and his fellow Reformers the first in church history to understand the biblical gospel accurately? This book provides a welcome answer." —John MacArthur

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PROCLAIMING THE TRUE GOSPEL

If we have an incorrect understanding of the gospel, then the rest of our faith is in vain (1 Corinthians 15:14). Doctrine informs everything we do, say, and think as we run the race, and this year's Spanish Expositors Conference (directed to Spanish-speakers living in the US and various countries) was centered around that crucial concept.

In 2016, the year we had our first conference, 600 people attended. This year, we had the privilege of ministering to more than 2,000. Beyond the

increase in numbers, the impact of this conference far exceeds the walls of our campus. Grace Church's Spanish Expositors Conference is one of the most viewed conferences on social media in the Spanish-speaking world; entire churches in Latin America gathered to watch the conference online last week, to be blessed by the preaching of the Word of God.

The keynote preachers for the conference were John MacArthur, Henry Tolopilo, Josiah Grauman,

Michael Mahoney, Paul Washer, Sugel Michelén, Evis Carballosa, and Justin Peters, among many other faithful brothers. The themes considered during the conference included the gospel and pragmatism; the correct perspective on evangelism; the gospel and the justice of God; the lie of the prosperity gospel; and the need to plant churches for the advancement of the gospel.

In addition to a time of edifying teaching and purposeful fellowship, our conference attendees were also blessed by the incredible hospitality of our church family. More than 200 volunteers served during the conference, and we know that example of faithfulness and generosity speaks volumes to the heart of our church.

From the Conference Department, thank you to everyone who supported this event—with your prayers, by providing scholarships for the attendees, and in the way you served and represented our Savior so well.

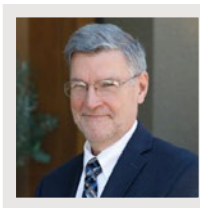
Please continue praying for the spiritual awakening that has begun in the Spanish-speaking world; that God would be glorified, and the gospel would be accurately and faithfully proclaimed. ■



CONFERENCIA EXPOSITORES

Today's Guest Speaker

Kevin Zuber serves as professor of Bible exposition and systematic theology at The Master's Seminary. A graduate of Grace Theological Seminary and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Dr. Zuber also has more than twenty years of pastoral and teaching experience. He and his wife, Diane, have two grown sons.



Stop by the table on GraceWalk to encourage our missionary families with a personal note and a heartfelt gift. Visit gracechurch.org/cis to learn more about Christmas in September or give a gift online.

Premarital/Marriage Seminar

A prerequisite for engaged couples desiring to get married at Grace Church, this seminar is also helpful for those who are purposefully dating, as well as married couples interested in God's plan for a successful marriage.

Part 1 Friday, October 25, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, October 26, 9:00 a.m.–noon

Part 2 Friday, November 15, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, November 16, 9:00 a.m.–noon

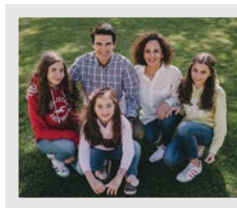
\$35 for church members or TMS/TMU students; \$65 for non-members. For more information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/premarital or call 818-909-5537.

Grace Around the World

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David & Loida, Abigail, Noa, Sofia

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Prayer / Praise

- Praise the Lord for our new church building and pray for the many visitors who will hear the gospel.
- Praise God for the new class of students coming to our seminary from Portugal and across our own country.

For more information visit gracechurch.org/robles.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$12,725**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Retirement Home Ministry

Sundays, 1:00–3:00 p.m.

On Sunday afternoons, teams of volunteers visit two assisted-living facilities in Northridge. They provide a worship service with songs, Scripture reading, exhortation, and a short sermon. This is a wonderful opportunity to build relationships and minister to the fainthearted.

For more information, call 818-909-5721.

Adventure Fair Saturday, October 5 • Noon–4:00 p.m.

Adventure Club kids and their families, friends, and neighbors are invited to come enjoy games, prizes, face painting, bounce houses, food, fellowship, and more!

Please note that parking for the fair will be in the north lot only.

Walk for Life Supporting the Open Arms Pregnancy Center

Saturday, October 12 • 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. • First Baptist Church, Canoga Park

Stop by the table on GraceWalk this morning to register and pick up a sponsor pledge form. For more information, visit WithOpenArms.org/events.

Job Opportunities

Nursery Workers. Children's Ministry currently has part-time openings (5 hours/week) for nursery workers on Wednesday mornings. Must be able to exhibit love to parents, children, and staff, and desire to serve through humility, patience, and joy. Prior work experience in childcare is preferred, and applicants must be able to successfully pass a background check.

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.

Parent Dedication October 20

This is a time when parents commit to raising their children according to the principles of God's Word. Parents who are members of Grace Church and whose babies are 24 months of age or younger may sign up before October 6 by emailing childrens@gracechurch.org.

Blood Drive October 6 • 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

The Children's Hospital Los Angeles Bloodmobile will be in the main parking lot, on the west side of the seminary building. For more information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/crossroads. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Bible Study Retreats

Please note that 180/High School Ministry will not meet this morning due to Bible study retreats.

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.

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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