

GRACE TODAY

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John MacArthur
PASTOR-TEACHER

Clayton Erb / Minister of Music

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

Prelude in B • Dupré • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 96 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* • Congregation

Come, Thou Fount • Wyeth/Wilberg • Worship Choir, Orchestra

It Was Finished on the Cross • Stone-Braselton/Knight • Philip Webb

Hymn 274 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* • Congregation

MESSAGE: **THE CALL FOR UNITY IN THE CHURCH**

John MacArthur • Philippians 1:27–30

Communion

O God, Our Help in Ages Past • Croft/Sturz • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

I Will Sing of My Redeemer • Bliss-Prichard • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Parent Dedication • John MacArthur

Hymn 201 *There Is a Redeemer* • Offertory

MESSAGE: **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

John MacArthur

Postlude

Anthem

Come, Thou Fount

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger, Bought me with His precious blood.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Words by Robert Robinson (1758); music by John Wyeth (1813); arranged by Mack Wilberg

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 **Review Sunday**

PASSAGE **Deuteronomy 6:1–9**

PRINCIPLE God blesses those who are obedient to His Word.

FEATURED HYMN "O Worship the King" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 135)

ASK YOUR CHILD How can we be obedient to God?

APPLY By demonstrating your love for God through obedience to His Word.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Deuteronomy 6:1–9

NEXT WEEK Joshua 5:13–6:27

On GraceWalk

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

On the Patio

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

Bookstore

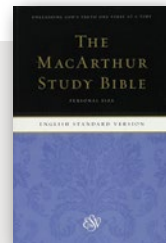
The Bookstore is open after each service and during the week. It is located on the south side of the Worship Center.

HIGHLIGHT

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TELEVISION gty.org/television

"Leaving the World to Reach the World"

- 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.

Membership Matters

Benefits of Church Membership

Here at Grace Church, we believe that God desires every believer to be committed to one another in the local church. We teach that church membership is both biblical and beneficial. Christians who do not join the local church in membership are not only irregular, but they also miss out on the advantages that accompany a commitment in membership.

Loving Accountability. Commitment naturally leads to richer fellowship. God wants you to have close Christian friends to help you live for Him (1 Thessalonians 5:11; Galatians 6:1). You have brothers and sisters in Christ who can help you fight off sin and hold you accountable.

Mutual Edification. Each believer is given spiritual gifts for the “common good” (1 Corinthians 12:7) and for the “equipping of the saints” (Ephesians 4:12). We benefit from other Christians who use their spiritual gifts to serve, sharpen, and encourage us. We, in turn, have the privilege of doing the same for others. Neglecting membership is a lose-lose situation for you and the other believers in the body.

Theological Guardrails. Sheep who stray from the flock are a natural target for the wolves. You make yourself easy prey for false

teachers when you are disconnected from leaders and other Christians who can help you discern biblical truth. Isolation naturally leads to wrong beliefs. Committing yourself to other believers (especially more mature and discerning) submits your life to correction and edification in the truth.

Biblical Preaching. The Word of God sanctifies (John 17:17). Putting yourself under the preaching of God's Word will expose your sin and instruct you on how to grow in Christlikeness. Every Christian needs a steady diet of spiritual nourishment if they are going to grow spiritually (1 Peter 2:1–3).

Corporate Worship. We were made to worship God. While all of life should be an act of worship (Romans 12:1–2), God places a special emphasis on the importance of the regular gathering of His people where we join our voices in singing (Colossians 3:16), sit under the preaching of God's Word (1 Timothy 4:13), and fellowship with and serve one another as the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12–27; Hebrews 10:24–25). During those spiritually dry times that we all go through, being with other worshipers can reignite passionate worship in your heart.

Consistent Giving. Staying at one local church gives you the unique opportunity to witness the specific ways God uses the church's offerings to further the ministry there (building projects, supporting missionaries and pastors, evangelistic efforts, more effective ministry tools, etc.). Here at Grace, we have the opportunity to see the Kingdom of God grow both locally and around the world.

Effective Evangelism. For many believers, sharing the gospel is not naturally easy. Being alone only enhances our fear and laziness toward evangelism. Yet when we unite in the purpose of sharing the gospel, we walk in a manner worthy of our heavenly citizenship (Philippians 1:27). Evangelizing alongside other Christians emboldens us when we are fearful and spurs us on when we are lazy.

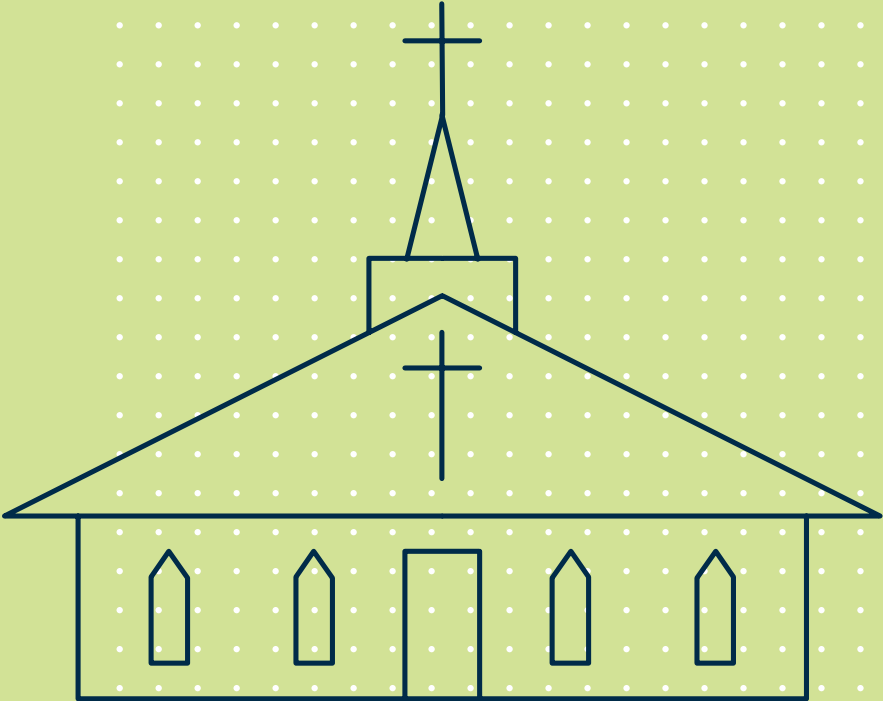
Membership is biblical and beneficial. If you have any questions or desire these benefits in your life, please stop by our Member Center after either morning service. ●

New Members

Grace Church welcomed another group of new members with the Right Hand of Fellowship. Each of these individuals completed the membership class in fulfillment of Grace Church's membership requirements.

The following new members received the Right Hand of Fellowship in SEPTEMBER.

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| Dawn Anderson | Max Megee |
| Oscar Blanco | Teresa Mejia |
| Cleo Blankinship | Ellie Miller |
| Dori Calissendorff | Matthew Moore |
| Robert & Elizabeth Carwardine | Stephanie Moriarty |
| Naomi Changcoco | Daniel & Natalie Newbill |
| Julie Chen | Marc Palis |
| Jaden DeWeese | Ben & Kristina Patton |
| Katie Frankman | Alexandra Ramirez |
| Briza Garcia | Barbara Reese |
| Monirah Gasilan | Natalie Sayadian |
| Nancy Gilbert | Sarah Sayadian |
| Brianna Harris | Ruth Shryock |
| Ricardo Hurtado, Jr. | America Soto |
| Ricardo Hurtado, Sr. | Hope Tatlock |
| Ofelia Ramirez | Michelle Thomas |
| Wells & Nicolena Hutchins | Mark Tillinghast |
| S. Andrew Jin | Andrew Vacaflor |
| Gerald & Amber Kaye | Daniel Vaughan |
| Dorian Kim | Val Victa |
| Natalia Kim | Max Weyker |
| Gabriela Lazo | Robert Zeravica |
| David Lee | |
| Joanne Lucas | |
| Ivan Magtajas | |
| Michael Mead | |



Short-Term Ministries 2020

Informational Meeting

October 27 • 12:30–1:30 p.m. • Family Center

Every summer, our church sends Short-Term Ministries teams all over the globe to come alongside and serve our missionaries. Come join us in the Family Center on Sunday, October 27, to learn about next summer's teams and how you can participate in this exciting ministry opportunity.

Elders Meeting

Thursday, October 24 • 7:00 p.m. • CC230s

Open to our church family

WE STAND AMAZED!

A Glimpse into the Heavenslies

NOVEMBER 16, 2019

Grace Community Church | Women's Fall Event

Speaker: Logan Carr | Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)

Register at gracechurch.org/women

Childcare is available for this event.

Grace Around the World

Alejandro & Monica Peluffo

Serving in **Argentina** since 2013



Prayer / Praise

- Praise the Lord for our church's testimony and for the men who are being trained in Lobos as pastors and leaders.
- Pray that God would continue to strengthen our relationships with national pastors and churches.

For more information visit gracechurch.org/peluffo.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$13,419**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

God's Word in Hebrew

October 27 • Before and after both morning services • GraceWalk

Jerry and Nancy Sands, representatives with the Society for Distributing Hebrew Scriptures, will be offering a *limited supply* of free, bilingual Hebrew/English Old and New Testaments, as well as CDs containing thirty-seven Bibles in seventeen languages. Please take a Bible to give to your unbelieving Jewish family members, friends, and neighbors.

Joint Heirs Ladies TEA

Teaching, Edification, Application

Monday, October 21 • 7:00 p.m. • T260s

Speaker: Glenna Andersen

All women are welcome.

Sojourners Women's Fellowship

Thursday, October 24 • 9:30–11:30 a.m. • T270s

Guest Speaker: Marge Stamper • Topic: "Numbering Our Days"

Childcare for children pre-K and younger by reservation (at least two days in advance). All women are welcome. Call 818-887-9717 for more information.



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EXPERIENCE
dorm life, classes, chapel,
campus wide events

EXPLORE
majors, athletics, arts

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

Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders, Tom Leman • H220s

\$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.

Alzheimer's-Dementia Ministry

Saturday, October 26 • 9:00 a.m. • CC130s

Families touched by dementia are invited to meet monthly for spiritual encouragement, helpful shepherding, and warm fellowship over a light breakfast. Loved ones with dementia are welcome. If you are bringing your loved one, please call Pastor Rick McLean 818-909-5519.

One with Christ **Monday, October 21 • 9:30 a.m. • CC130**

Bible study primarily for women who have lost their husbands through death or divorce.

Unequally Yoked **Tuesday, October 22**

Bible study primarily for women married to unbelieving husbands. For information, call 818-909-5521.

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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Children
818-909-5631

Logos Institute
818-909-5500

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818-909-5644

Men
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