

GRACE TODAY

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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

Greensleeves • Vaughan Williams • Orchestral Prelude
The Master's University Orchestra; Ben Mason, Conductor

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling • Wilberg
The Master's University Singers and Orchestra; Dr. Paul T. Plew, Director

Selections from *The Messiah* • Handel
“Comfort Ye My People”
“And the Glory of the Lord”
“For Unto Us a Child Is Born”
“Hallelujah Chorus”

The Master's University Singers and Orchestra

In the Bleak Midwinter • Holst-Rossetti/Benjamin • Anna Prykhitko

Hymn 224 Joy to the World! • Congregation

MESSAGE: **THE EXALTED SON**

John MacArthur • Philippians 2:9–11

Doxology Hymn • Congregation

Toccata on “Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella” • Trad./Hudson
Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

What Child Is This? • Trad./Rouse • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Hymn 237 Joy Has Dawned • Offertory

MESSAGE: **COME AND SEE THE KING**

Austin Duncan • John 1:43–51

Right Hand of Fellowship

Postlude

Welcome The Master's University Collegiate Singers and Orchestra

The Master's University Singers, under the direction of Dr. Paul T. Plew, is a non-auditioned, campus community choir that performs a wide variety of classical and contemporary sacred music.

The Master's University Orchestra personnel come from a mixture of both talented university students and accomplished instrumentalists from the greater Los Angeles area. Under the direction of Ben Mason, they perform concerts with a wide variety of musical literature.

Doxology Hymn

Hymn 238 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels, sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb;
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

* 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 • January 5
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 **Review Sunday**

PASSAGE **Judges 2:6–23**

PRINCIPLE Believers must obey God wholeheartedly while living in a sinful world.

FEATURED HYMN "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 206)

ASK YOUR CHILD What happened to Israel after Joshua died?

APPLY By praying that God will reveal idols in your heart.

THIS WEEK As a family read Judges 2:6–23

NEXT WEEK Matthew 1:18–25; Luke 1:26–38

On GraceWalk

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

On the Patio

- **Christmas Concert Tickets**
- **Grace Equip**
- **Juniors Winter Camp**
- **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

LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS

by Sinclair Ferguson

"Sinclair Ferguson has put a powerful tool into our hands in this book. Every Christian reader will benefit by acquiring the rich truths of the incarnation of the Son of God for our own worship and evangelism." —John MacArthur

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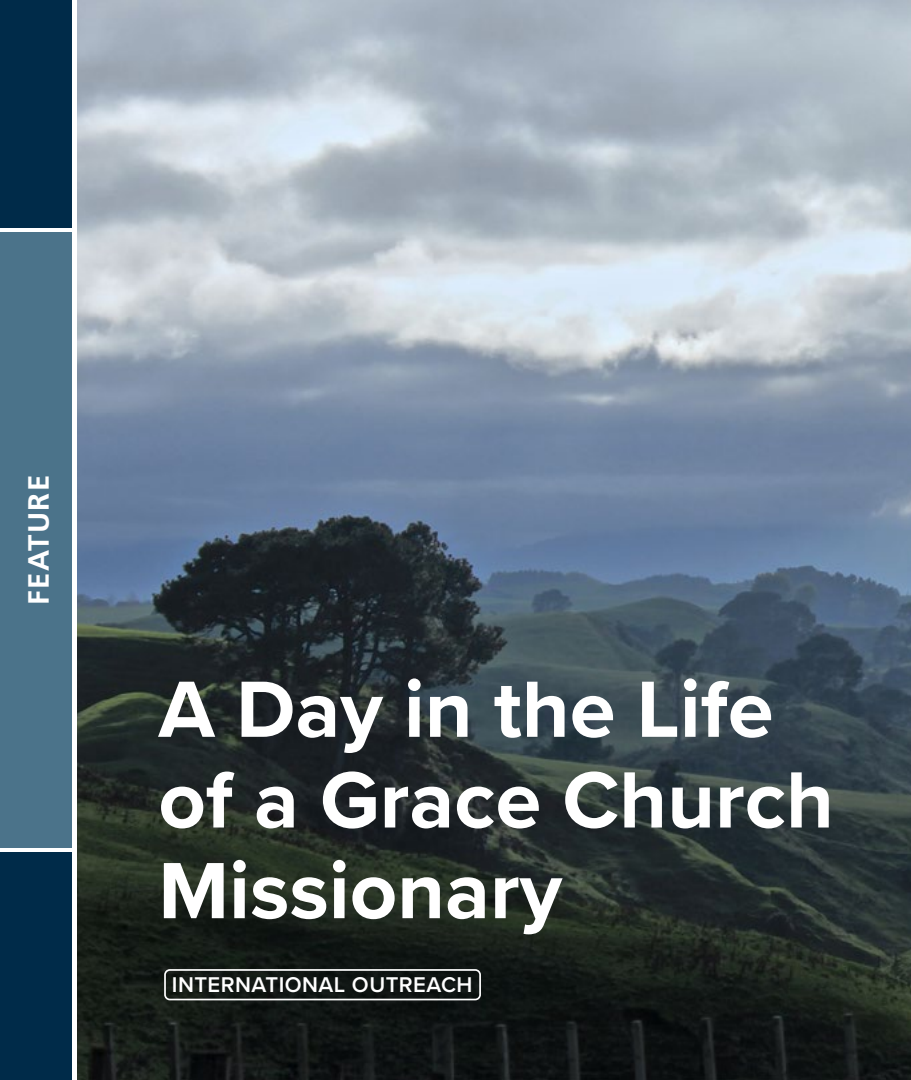
"The Supernatural Birth of Jesus"

- NRBT CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

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- John MacArthur's sermons: audio, video, and transcripts
- Resource library: blog, devotionals, articles, Q&As, and more
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Adapted from the **Generations of Grace Family Devotional**, available at the bookstore.



A Day in the Life of a Grace Church Missionary

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

The morning sun is just beginning to peak behind the cloudy, gray-streaked sky. It is 6:30 a.m., and the kingfishers are awake with me. I hear their eager chirping against the backdrop of rain gently pattering against the tile roof. I am reading through 1 Peter in my quiet time and am struck by chapter four, verses 17–18. “For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ‘And if the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner.’”

From 7:00–8:00 a.m., I take time for seminary class review. Reading through my notes, making sure the material is clear and helpful to meet the needs of many different students. Praying the lessons are beneficial in shaping them into effective pastors and future church leaders. I look forward to breakfast with my family. They are cheerful and talkative and one of my favorite blessings in life.

At 8:00 a.m., I arrive at my seminary office and spend time grading papers. It is a joy to realize that the students are growing, not only in their academics, but in their likeness to Christ. I see the effects of deep study in the Word on their character as they become more holy and spiritually mature. At 9:30, I begin my first class, Hebrew exegesis. From 11:15–1:00 p.m. I teach “Expository Preaching Through the Gospels.” This is one of my favorite classes as it provides the building blocks for the students to grow as preachers while studying the life and ministry of Christ. At 1:00 p.m., all the teachers and students join together for lunch and fellowship. Afterward, I am available to speak and pray with students who are seeking personal or academic counseling. It is important for me to be available to come alongside and encourage these men.

My advanced class on eschatology begins at 2:00 p.m. At 3:45, I begin grading new assignments and planning lessons for the next day. This is also when I prepare my sermon for Sunday morning. I love studying the Word and discovering the intention of the Spirit in the text.

At 6:00 p.m., our family enjoys dinner together, then we either attend a home fellowship group or host members of the church or friends for fellowship, counseling, and mutual edification. By 8:30, our family is home enjoying time together. From 10:00–11:30 p.m., I spend time reading and studying the Old Testament before I go to sleep.

I am always encouraged by God’s providential care for our family, church, and students. I am thankful for the discipline and pruning that protects and sanctifies His church. It is humbling and refining, recognizing that we have been set apart to do His will in our lives. I am reminded of one of my favorite verses, “But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world” (Galatians 6:14).

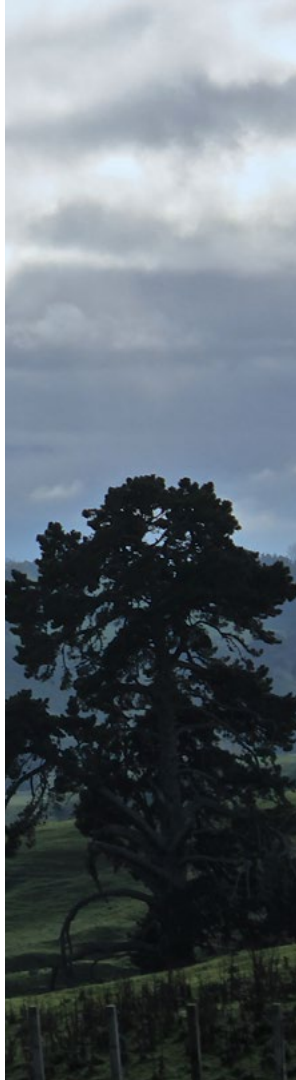
For me to pastor and teach at a seminary overseas is not just a job, it’s a delight. I count it a joy to do what I love every day—study the depths of wisdom and knowledge contained in Scripture and witness the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in people’s lives. I can’t imagine doing anything else!

Our GMI missionaries are faithfully serving the Lord with joyful and unwavering dedication. Please pray for them regularly and consider giving to one of their many gospel and church strengthening ministries around the world.

2020 Missionary Calendar

The 2020 Missionary Calendar will be available on the patio starting next Sunday, December 15.

One per family, please.



CURRICULUM RELEASE SPRING 2020

Our Sunday evening children’s program, Adventure Club, is almost ready to share with other churches. Designed to complement our Sunday school curriculum, Generations of Grace, Adventure Club presents a clear gospel message in the midst of a dark and confusing world. Please pray that this program will be used powerfully to bring the light of God’s truth to children everywhere.



Help spread the word that the Adventure Club curriculum will be available by Shepherds’ Conference in March 2020. For more information, visit:

generationsofgrace.com/ac-signup



Christmas Concert December 19–22

Thursday & Friday, 7:30 p.m. • Saturday, 2:00 & 6:00 p.m. • Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

Worship Choir • Symphonic Orchestra • Vocal Solos & Ensembles • Handbell Choir • Children's Choir

Call 818-909-5670 or go to gracechurch.org/concert for more information. Tickets are available at the patio table on Sunday mornings and from the church receptionist during the week.

Child care is available for children five years old and younger.



The Hidden Wonders of Christmas

Sunday Night Series • Tonight through December 15

Don't miss this exciting, three-part series as we deepen our understanding of the story of our Savior's birth.

Grace Around the World

The **Gonzalez** Family

David & Laura, Noa Grace

Serving in **Spain** since **2018**



Prayer / Praise

- Pray that we would be faithful in preaching God's Word and have wisdom in parenting.
- Pray for maturity and spiritual growth for our church.

For more information visit gracechurch.org/vigo.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$19,492**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Russian Outreach Bible Study

Today • 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.

SHORT-TERM MINISTRIES HIGHLIGHT

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



Team Singapore December 13–23

Team Members Shihong Zu (team leader), Dylan Flannery, Kent Hirano, Ellie Kim, Ivana Mai, Michelle Ngo, Aaron Philip, Rachel Zu

Host Roger Ng

Ministry Vacation Bible School, Evangelism

Homebound Ministry

Remember to let the homebound members of our church family know that you care about and are praying for them during the Christmas season. Drop off your cards and notes at the Information window at the Welcome Center today.

Junior High Winter Camp

January 3–5 • Thousand Pines Christian Camp

For details or to register, visit gracechurch.org/xchange.

Juniors Winter Camp **Heroes of the Faith**

January 3–5 • Forest Home • Cost: \$225

Registration is open on the patio and at gracechurch.org/children.

Communion

December 15 • 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. —1 Corinthians 11:26

Joyful Givers **2019 Tax Information**

All contributions for calendar year 2019 must be received by the church no later than our December 29 offering or postmarked no later than December 31, 2019. The church campus will be closed for the holidays December 23–27, 2019; December 30–31, 2019; and January 1, 2020. Contributions received or postmarked after Tuesday, December 31, 2019, will be recorded in 2020. The elders, pastors, and church staff thank each of you for faithfully and sacrificially giving to the Lord.

High School Winter Camp **January 18–20 • Forest Home**

For details or to register, visit gracechurch.org/oneighty.

Job Opportunity

Customer Service Rep. Adventure Club has several part-time openings (20–29 hours/week) available for Customer Service Reps. Responsibilities include answering phones, processing orders, and answering questions regarding the curriculum. Position requires excellent customer service and organizational skills, and problem solving ability. Applicants for employment must be, if employed, biblically qualified as a deacon or deaconess and a member of Grace Church. For more information or to request an application, contact Human Resources at HR@gracechurch.org or 818-909-5672.

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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