

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

Fugue in G Major (Gigue) • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 188 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness • Congregation

Hymn 187 Before the Throne of God Above

Our Great Savior • Prichard/Maddux-Rice • String Orchestra, Woodwinds

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring • Bach/Trehanne • Worship Choir

Hymn 143 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name • Congregation

Sovereign Over Us • Keyes-Brown-Mooring/Rice • Michael Mahoney

MESSAGE: **THE SOVEREIGNTY OF SALVATION, PART 1**
Steve Lawson • Romans 8:28–29

O Christ, Forgive Thy Servants • Dupré • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

How Great Our God's Majestic Name • Hatton • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Hymn 171 The King of Love My Shepherd Is • Offertory

MESSAGE: **THE SOVEREIGNTY OF SALVATION, PART 2**
Steve Lawson • Romans 8:29–30

Postlude

Anthem

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
Holy wisdom, Love most bright,
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring
Soar to uncreated Light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned
With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to Truth unknown,
Soaring, singing 'round Thy throne.

Music by J.S. Bach (BWV 147, 1716); words by Robert Bridges (c. 1906)

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 **God Gives Israel a Prophet and Judge**

PASSAGE **1 Samuel 1:1–7:17**

PRINCIPLE God graciously intervenes in the lives of men.

FEATURED HYMN "My Jesus, I Love Thee" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 380)

ASK YOUR CHILD How did God bless Israel with a prophet and judge?

APPLY By rejoicing that God intervenes in the lives of men.

THIS WEEK As a family, read 1 Samuel 1:1–7:17

NEXT WEEK 1 Samuel 8–12

On GraceWalk

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

On the Patio

- **Grace Equip**
- **Missionary Calendar**
- **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

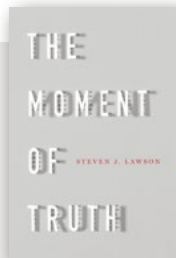
THE MOMENT OF TRUTH

by Steve Lawson

Dr. Steve Lawson speaks into our cultural moment, helping Christians and skeptics alike to answer Pilate's age-old question, "What is truth?"

"Dr. Steve Lawson is one of the most committed and capable biblical expositors of this generation." —Albert Mohler

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

DOCTRINAL CLARITY FOR A CONFUSED GENERATION

"Twenty-twenty" is a term used to express perfect visual acuity measured at a distance of twenty feet. Someone with twenty-twenty vision can see clearly, at twenty feet, what should normally be seen at that distance. This is the benchmark for accurate focus. The 2020 Shepherds' Conference theme, "Twenty Twenty Vision," carries the same idea. It is vital to maintain our focus through the lens of Scripture so that we can continue to see God's standards accurately.

We are living in a critical time when there is a great need for doctrinal clarity. As the culture redefines the church, there is a growing unwillingness on the part of pastors and elders to stand by what they know is sound doctrine. Standing for the truth in this climate of compromise requires courage rooted in clarity. In 1 Corinthians 16:12-14, where the apostle Paul wrote, "act like men, be strong," he could have been speaking to this generation.

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SHEPHERDS' CONFERENCE
MARCH 4-6, 2020

The Bible calls believers to confront the culture rather than accommodate it—especially those in positions of leadership. In the midst of a darkening culture, it is absolutely critical that we have strong men preaching sound doctrine in strong churches.

This makes Shepherds' Conference 2020 perhaps the most strategic and important conference we have had in many years. Since 1980, the mission statement of Shepherds' Conference has been,

"to provide the opportunity for men in church leadership to be challenged in their commitment to biblical ministry and to find encouragement together as servants of our chief Shepherd."

By the grace of God and with the help of our church family, we will continue to focus on this mission statement with excellence.

Our prayer is that this conference will be transformative—that each message, breakout session, and casual conversation will help focus the hearts and mind of our attendees on the truth they have been called to proclaim. With this in mind, we hope you will be challenged and encouraged to pray for, financially support, and serve at Shepherds' Conference 2020. ●

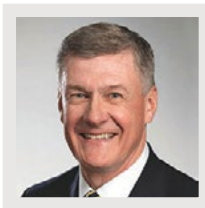
IMPORTANT INFO FOR VOLUNTEERS

- All volunteers must be members of Grace Community Church in order to serve.
- The 2020 conference is a three-day conference, so it will run from Wednesday, March 4, through Friday, March 6.
- Patio registration begins on January 5 for first-time volunteers. Returning volunteers will be able to sign up online.
- The deadline for signing up to volunteer is January 19.
- There will be a Volunteer Prayer Meeting on Sunday, January 26, in the Family Center from 12:30-2:00 p.m. This meeting is important for all volunteers to attend.



Today's Guest Speaker

Steve Lawson serves as president of OnePassion Ministries (onepassionministries.org) and Professor of Preaching at The Master's Seminary. A graduate of Texas Tech University, Dallas Theological Seminary, and Reformed Theological Seminary, Dr. Lawson also serves on the board of directors of The Master's University and Seminary and as a teaching fellow with Ligonier Ministries, where he also serves as a board member. He and his wife, Anne, have four children.



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.

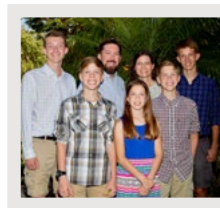
Acton Rehabilitation Center
 Abortion Clinic Outreach
 Basketball Outreach
 Castaic Jail Ministry
 Hope Bible Study
 Neighborhood Outreach
 Volleyball Outreach

For more information about any of these ministries, call 818-909-5721, or visit gracechurch.org/local.

Grace Around the World

The Moorhead Family

Jonathan & Sharon, Nahum, Isaac, Jesse, Jonas, Miriam
 Serving in **Russia** and the **Czech Republic** since **2008**



Prayer / Praise

- Pray for a smooth transition back to the Czech Republic later this month after some time in the US.
- Pray for wisdom and encouragement for Jonathan and our church leaders in dealing with difficult shepherding issues.

For more information visit gracechurch.org/jsm.

Faith Promise

Remember, your Faith Promise giving is a great way to support our missionaries throughout the year.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Basketball Outreach

Mondays • 8:00 p.m. • Family Center

Every Monday night, the Family Center is transformed into Grace Gym for an evening of basketball and evangelism. The neighborhood comes to play basketball in our gym, and at halftime there is a faithful gospel presentation. We would love for our church family to join us in modeling how to compete in a Christlike manner, and in taking opportunities between games to personally engage our friends with the gospel.

Grace Equip Winter Classes

Theology 103: Humanity, Sin, Angels, and Demons

January 6–February 3 (Mondays) • 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Discipleship Counseling 2

January 8–April 1 (Wednesdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Old Testament History: Books I & II

January 14–April 7 (Tuesdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Consejería Bíblica Nivel 2

January 6–March 30 (Mondays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

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

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, January 10, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, January 11, 9:00 a.m.–noon

Part 2 Friday, February 21, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, February 22, 9:00 a.m.–noon

Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders, Tom Leman

\$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.

High School Winter Camp

January 18–20 • Forest Home

For details or to register, visit gracechurch.org/180.

Winter Camps

Please note that Juniors and XCHANGE will not meet this morning due to winter camps.

Sunday School Teachers

Children's Ministry has an urgent need for Sunday School teachers during the 10:30 a.m. service. If you are interested in serving, please pick up an application at the Welcome Center. For additional information, email childrens@gracechurch.org.

Sojourners Women's Fellowship

Thursday, January 16 • 9:30–11:30 a.m. • T270s

Speaker: Evy Anderson • Topic: "Snowflake Christians"

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.

Job Opportunity

Customer Service Representatives. Adventure Club has several part-time openings (20–29 hours/week) available for customer service representatives. Responsibilities will 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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