

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.



8:30 & 10:30* am

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

Hymn 96 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* • Congregation

Hymn 104 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

The Word • Holst/Barker • Worship Choir

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

Hymn 293 *Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed?* • Congregation

MESSAGE: **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT, PART 5**

John MacArthur • Romans 8

Doxology Hymn • Congregation

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

Doxology Hymn

Hymn 176 *Be Thou My Vision*

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO WORSHIP SERVICE THIS EVENING.

* 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.

Anthem

The Word

He, the Word, from the beginning, was with the Father one;
And the Word made earth His dwelling place to bring all things above.
He has brought us to a dawning, opening up a brand-new day;
And the Word became light for us, shining bright the way.

We beheld the Father's glory, and glory of His Son.
Word of God, fullness of all grace and truth, fill us with life and love.

He, the Word, from the beginning, the Father's plan fulfilled;
Born to die for our deliverance, the living Christ prevailed.
He has brought us to a dawning, opening up a brand-new day;
And the Word became light for us, shining bright the way.

When He comes again in glory, Lord Jesus, King of kings,
Every knee on earth will bow to Him in all His victory!
He has brought us to a dawning, opening up a brand-new day;
And the Word became light for us, shining bright the way.

We beheld the Father's glory, and glory of His Son.
Word of God fullness of all grace and truth, fill us with light and love!

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Words by Randy Cox (based on John 1:1-5, Isaiah 60:1, and Revelation 22:5); music by Gustav Holst;
adapted and arranged by Ken Barker

To maintain a worshipful atmosphere in the services, please do not applaud after musical numbers.

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
102 • 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 Makes a Covenant with David**

PASSAGE **2 Samuel 7**

PRINCIPLE We can rejoice and trust in God's gracious promises.

FEATURED HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 2)

ASK YOUR CHILD What promise did God make to David and his family?

APPLY By trusting that God keeps His promises.

THIS WEEK As a family, read 2 Samuel 7

NEXT WEEK 2 Samuel 11:1–12:25

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.

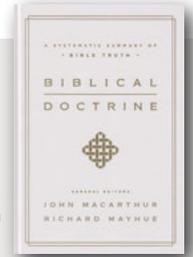
HIGHLIGHT

BIBLICAL DOCTRINE **A SYSTEMATIC SUMMARY OF** **BIBLICAL TRUTH**

John MacArthur & Richard Mayhew

"Here is the crown jewel from this brilliant pastor and author that will cause the truth of Scripture to shine even brighter before our eyes." —Steven J. Lawson

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- 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.

Pursue Integrity Relentlessly

by John MacArthur

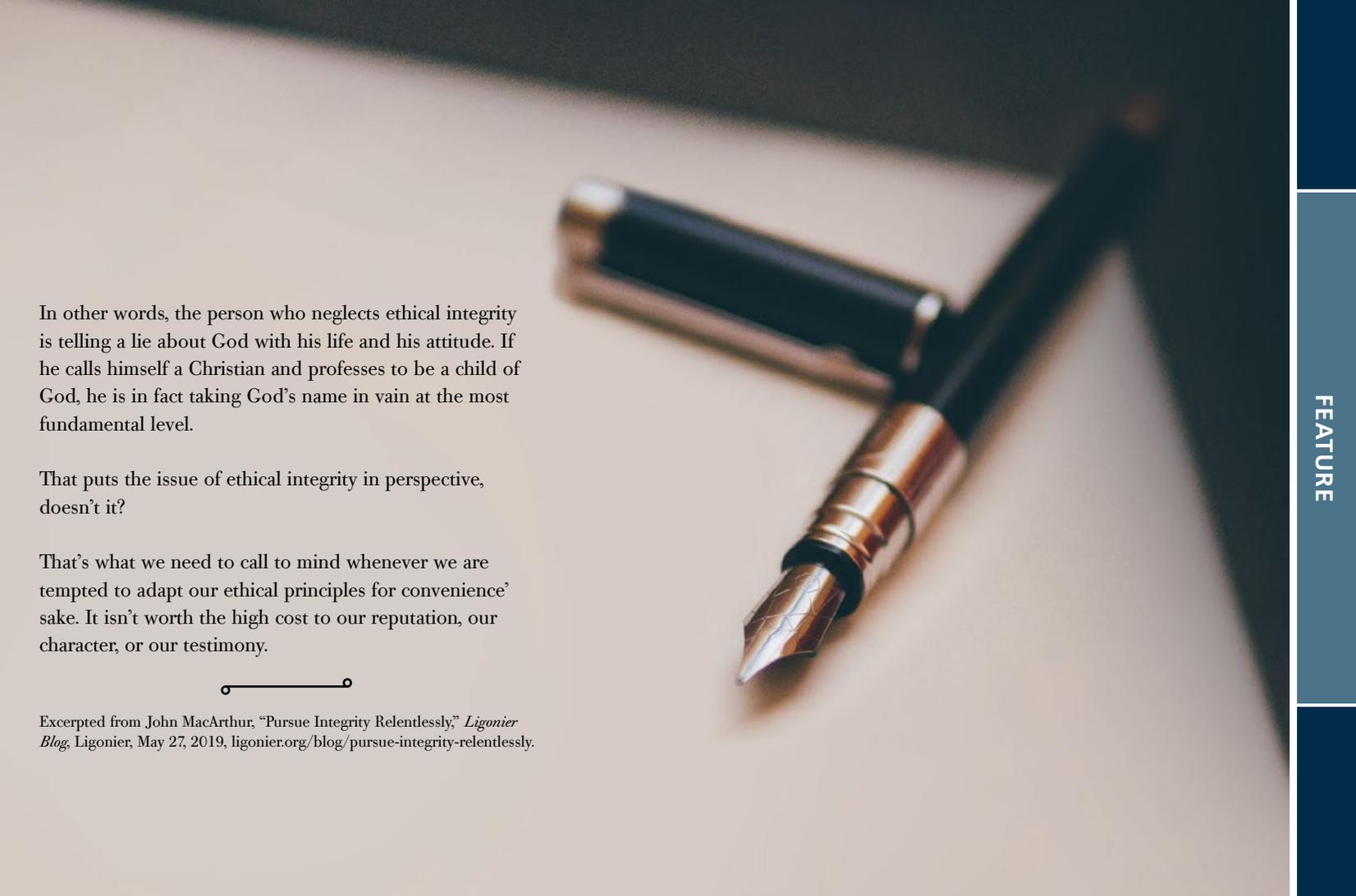


*Standing for the truth requires courage rooted in clarity. We live in a time dominated by confusion, and this year's Shepherds' Conference—with the theme, "Doctrinal Clarity for a Confused Generation"—has provided practical, focused wisdom for holiness in light of the culture. To the same end, we hope you're encouraged by these words from our pastor, originally published in *Tabletalk* magazine more than ten years ago.*

As important as it is to keep a good reputation in the community, it is a thousand times more important to safeguard our own personal character. That is why Jesus dealt with the issues of morality and ethics beginning with the innermost thoughts of our hearts. "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander" (Matthew 15:19).

It's probably not overstating the case at all to say that the single most important battlefield in the struggle for integrity is your own mind. That's where everything will actually be won or lost. And if you lose there, you have already ruined your character. A corrupt character inevitably spoils the reputation, too, because a bad tree can't bring forth good fruit (Matthew 7:18).

Consider what is being communicated when a Christian lacks ethical integrity. That person is saying he doesn't truly believe what Scripture plainly says is true of God: that "to do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice" (Proverbs 21:3). That "the sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, but the prayer of the upright is acceptable to him" (Proverbs 15:8). And that God "delight[s] in truth in the inward being" (Psalm 51:6).



In other words, the person who neglects ethical integrity is telling a lie about God with his life and his attitude. If he calls himself a Christian and professes to be a child of God, he is in fact taking God's name in vain at the most fundamental level.

That puts the issue of ethical integrity in perspective, doesn't it?

That's what we need to call to mind whenever we are tempted to adapt our ethical principles for convenience' sake. It isn't worth the high cost to our reputation, our character, or our testimony.



Excerpted from John MacArthur, "Pursue Integrity Relentlessly," *Ligonier Blog*, Ligonier, May 27, 2019, ligonier.org/blog/pursue-integrity-relentlessly.

Communion

March 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

Evening Service Schedule

There will be no evening service tonight to allow for a time of rest following the Shepherds' Conference.

Elders Meeting

Thursday, March 12 • 7:00 p.m. • CC230s

Open to our church family

Discipleship Counseling 3

April 8–June 24 (Wednesdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m. • T370s

Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders • Cost: \$80

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

Sunday School Volunteers

Children's Ministry has an urgent need for Sunday School volunteers 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.

Grace Around the World

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Prayer / Praise

- Praise the Lord for growing our church—we need to expand our building!
- Pray for the twenty men being trained at Shepherds' Seminary in Johannesburg.

For more information visit gracechurch.org/james.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$13,853**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

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.

Job Opportunities

Accountant. Accounting has a full-time opening for an accountant for Grace Ministries International. Duties include maintaining the general ledger, preparing journals, processing payroll, administering grants, and preparing financial reports in Excel format. Additional duties include acting as a liaison with Short-Term Ministries and doing general office work as assigned. Requires a bachelor's degree and a minimum of two years' experience in the field or related area. Strong Excel skills an advantage, basic knowledge of accounting and tax concepts and practices required.

Illustrator. Adventure Club has a part-time opening (29 hours/week) for an illustrator. Job requirements include proficiency in Photoshop, and strong character and background design skills. This position requires the ability to collaborate with a team to produce consistency with the model of projects, and the ability to manage a busy workload and meet strict deadlines.

All 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.

CIS Chair. The Master's University has a full-time opening for the chair of the Computer and Information Science Department. In addition to instructional responsibilities, the chair will provide leadership to the department, driving innovation in learning and programs. This position requires a master's degree in computer science or related field, as well as a minimum of three years of industry experience. For more information, visit masters.edu/employment.

Titus 2 Tuesday March 10 • 7:00 p.m.

Each year in March, Titus Two has the opportunity to consider biographies from some of the heroes of our Christian faith. This month, we will explore the life of Mary Slessor, a Scottish missionary who served in West Africa from 1876–1915. All women are welcome to join us 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.

The Master's Kids Informational Meeting

Tuesday, March 31 • 10 a.m.–Noon • T270s

Attendance gives you priority for the 2020–2021 class. To sign up for childcare (five years and younger), contact Beth Voorheis, program director, by March 24 at bvoor@sbcglobal.net. Please include your child's name and birthdate.

TMK is a Bible-based kindergarten-prep program for moms and kids starting kindergarten in fall 2021.

Sojourners Women's Fellowship

Thursday, March 12 • 9:30–11:30 a.m. • T270s

Speaker: Helen Varner • Topic: "Women of Passion Week"

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.

Joint Heirs Ladies TEA Teaching, Edification, Application

Monday, March 9 • 7:00 p.m. • T260s • Speaker: Ann Bradley

All women are welcome.

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 Walls

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
Pastor: Rich Gregory

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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