

# GRACE TODAY

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## Special Online Edition

Welcome to the Lord's day worship service at Grace Church.

"When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You. In God, whose Word I praise, in God I have put my trust; I shall not be afraid. What can mere man do to me?"

Psalms 56:3-4



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10:30\* am

BILL BRANDENSTEIN, DIRECTOR

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* · Beethoven/Simeone · Stephen Sturz, Organist

**Hymn 89 *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound*** · Congregation

**Hymn 180 *And Can It Be?***

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* · Peace/Maddux-Rice · Instrumental Praise

**Song of Joy** · Farrar/Beck-Marsh

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*** · Trad./Smith-Rice · Erin, Tara, and Adlai Greene

MESSAGE: **THE PRODIGAL SON**

John MacArthur · Luke 15:11–32

**Doxology Hymn** · Congregation

***To God Be the Glory*** · Doane/Sturz · Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

SUNDAY NIGHTS AT GRACE IN THE TENT

Tonight's live stream message is "The Substance of Faith," from Hebrews 11:1–3.

Welcome

**Songs of Praise** · Congregation

DEVOTIONAL

Closing Hymn

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 Live stream available at [gracechurch.org/live](http://gracechurch.org/live). \*Translations in Spanish, Korean, Arabic, Italian, Russian, and American Sign Language (ASL) are provided during the 10:30 a.m. service.

Doxology Hymn

**Hymn 171 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is***

The King of love my Shepherd is,  
 Whose goodness faileth never;  
 I nothing lack if I am His  
 And He is mine forever.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
 But yet in love He sought me  
 And on His shoulder gently laid,  
 And home, rejoicing, brought me.

Grace to You

RADIO [gty.org/radio](http://gty.org/radio)

***A Course for Life***

· KKLA 99.5 FM LOS ANGELES

M–F 6:30 am & 7:30 pm

· KDAR 98.3 FM OXNARD/VENTURA

M–F 2:00 & 10:00 am; Sun 2:00 am

TELEVISION [gty.org/television](http://gty.org/television)

**“Paul’s Transformation, Part 1”**

· NRBTV CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

ONLINE [gty.org](http://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”

## Generations of Grace Children's Sunday School



MESSAGE **God Led Nehemiah to Reconstruct the Wall**

PASSAGE **Nehemiah 1-7**

PRINCIPLE Believers must depend on God's strength to do God's will.

FEATURED HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 86)

ASK YOUR CHILD How did God accomplish His plan to rebuild the wall?

APPLY By depending on God's strength to do God's will.

THIS WEEK As a family read Nehemiah 1-7.

NEXT WEEK Nehemiah 8-13

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

## Grace Equip Fall Classes

**Theology 101: God's Word on the Bible and Theology**

**August 31-October 12 (Mondays) - 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

**Instructor: Chris Burnett - Cost: \$60**

**Discipleship Counseling 1**

**September 9-November 25 (Wednesdays) - 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders - Cost: \$80**

For information or to register, visit [gracechurch.org/equip](http://gracechurch.org/equip).

## Grace Church Podcasts

Visit [gracechurch.org/podcasts](http://gracechurch.org/podcasts) for a complete catalog of Grace Church teaching audio available for subscription today.

## Grace Around the World

### The Pidal Family

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### Prayer / Praise

- Praise the Lord for enabling us to resume our services in June, after three months of isolation.
- Pray for the eleven men who graduated from the Berea Seminary this year.

For more information, visit [gracechurch.org/pidal](http://gracechurch.org/pidal).

## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$6,743**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

## Grace Books Highlight

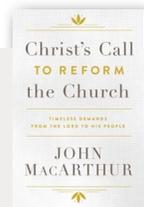
The Bookstore is open after each service and during the week. It is located on the south side of the Worship Center.

### CHRIST'S CALL TO REFORM THE CHURCH

by John MacArthur

A plea to the modern church to heed the divine warnings and reform before it succumbs to the kinds of compromise and error that invite God's judgment.

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# WISDOM

## LIVING SUCCESSFULLY IN A TREACHEROUS WORLD

### MEN'S MINISTRIES

The social upheaval we have witnessed over the past six months serves as a high-definition portrayal of Paul's description of unredeemed humanity—"For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools" (Romans 1:21–22).

One thing in particular that stands out is the rejection of the rule of cause-and-effect. Those in charge of public education are increasingly skeptical that  $2+2=4$ . Politicians imagine out loud that shuttering prisons will bring increased safety to our communities. Masses assemble to call for special protections for lawbreakers while decrying the nuclear family. Increasing numbers of young men believe they have an inherent right to a guaranteed income, even if they don't work. And the list goes on. At the center is the conviction that cause-and-effect

is an old social invention that must be demolished, and in its place a new order erected—one in which there will be no relationship between sowing and reaping.

To reject cause-and-effect is to reject the God of the Bible. God has revealed Himself as a God of faithfulness and order, not chaos and confusion. In fact, this constancy is what makes wisdom possible. Because ideas have consequences in God's universe, because particular behaviors foresee particular rewards or punishments, and because one reaps what he sows, a person can listen, observe, learn, and change to the extent that he can anticipate the dangers on life's path and navigate them with joy and success. But wisdom does not come from self-reliance. Those who lean on their own understanding are the very ones believing that  $2+2=5$ . Instead, wisdom begins, continues, and ends only with submission to God's Word (Proverbs 1:7).

In short, foolishness is the real pandemic, and the consequences are far more devastating than one can imagine. The extraordinary need of the day is for Christian men to live and lead with divinely-bestowed wisdom.

With this in mind, Men of the Word will embark on a year-long thematic study of the book of Proverbs—the curriculum on cause-and-effect. Beginning Wednesday evening, September 2, we invite all men to join us from 7:00–9:00 p.m. each week for study, discussion, fellowship, and encouragement.

Don't miss this opportunity to strengthen your own convictions and encourage one another. ■

## MEN OF THE WORD

**WEDNESDAYS, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 2**

**7:00–9:00 P.M.**

Men of the Word exists to glorify God by equipping and encouraging men to fulfill their God-ordained roles as leaders in the home, the church, and the world. This is accomplished by providing biblical instruction, discipleship, fellowship, and accountability.



## 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, September 11, 7:30-9:00 p.m. - Saturday, September 12, 9:00 a.m.-noon**

**Part 2 Friday, October 16, 7:30-9:00 p.m. - Saturday, October 17, 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](http://gracechurch.org/premarital) or call 818-909-5537.

## Job Opportunities

**Custodial.** The Grace Church Custodial Department has part-time openings (20-29 hours/week) for custodians who enjoy working in a team environment and serving the church in practical ways. Position requires ability to be detail-oriented and thrive in a fast-paced environment. Job duties include room set-up and break-down, and various cleaning tasks. Applicants must be able to lift up to 50 pounds.

**GMI 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 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 are required.

Applicants for employment must be, if employed, biblically qualified as a deacon and a member of Grace Church. For more information or to request an application, contact the office of Human Resources at [HR@gracechurch.org](mailto:HR@gracechurch.org) or 818-909-5672.

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