# 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.

"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?" Psalm 56:3-4



#### 10:30\* am

**Prelude** 

Hymn 143 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Congregation Hymn 188 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

The Lord's My Shepherd - Bain/Shackley-Rice - Strings & Woodwinds Ensemble

Hymn 187 Before the Throne of God Above Congregation

Is He Worthy · Peterson-Shive/Galbraith · John Martin & Joyful Sound

MESSAGE: SLAVES OF CHRIST

John MacArthur • Selected Scriptures

Doxology Hymn · Congregation

**Postlude** 

6:00 pm

**SUNDAY NIGHTS AT GRACE** 

Welcome

Songs of Praise · Congregation

**Baptism** 

**DEVOTIONAL** 

**Closing Hymn** 

**Right Hand of Fellowship** 

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

#### Instrumental Praise

#### The Lord Is My Shepherd (Brother James' Air)

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by. In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill; For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still. For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.

Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me; And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be. And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.

Music by James Bain (1840–1935); lyrics by Francis Rous (1578–1659); arranged by Shackley-Rice

#### **Doxology Hymn**

#### Hymn 120 Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does its successive journeys run; His Kingdom spread from shore to shore, 'Til moons shall wax and wane no more.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Honor and glory to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud "Amen!"

#### **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 • September 6 101 • 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. • T360s

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.

#### On the Patio

- Men of the Word
- Expositores Conference
- Spanish Ministry (by the Chapel)

# **Help Support Our Right to Meet** Let our government know that church is essential. Visit gracechurch.org for more information.

#### **Grace Books**

Our campus bookstore carries thousands of titles that are carefully selected to help effectively equip the saints "for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12). Whether you're looking for study helps, a thoughtful gift, or something edifying to read during your free time, be sure to take advantage of this valuable resource today. Located on the south side of the Worship Center, the Bookstore is open after each service and during the week.

### **Generations of Grace** Children's Sunday School



MESSAGE Israel Refused to Be Ruled by God

PASSAGE Nehemiah 8-13

PRINCIPLE Believers respond to God's Word by turning away from sin and

humbly depending on Christ.

FEATURED HYMN "The Solid Rock" (Hymns of Grace No. 381)

ASK YOUR CHILD How did the Israelites respond to Ezra reading God's Word?

APPLY By repenting from sin and committing to obey God.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Nehemiah 8–13

NEXT WEEK Review Sunday

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

#### Grace to You

RADIO aty.org/radio A Course for Life

• KKLA 99.5 FM LOS ANGELES

KDAR 98.3 FM OXNARD-VENTURA

M-F 6:30 am & 7:30 pm M-F 2:00 & 10:00 am: Sun 2:00 am

**TELEVISION** gty.org/television

#### "Paul's Transformation, Part 2"

•NRBTV 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"

# A GREAT AWAKENING IN THE SPANISH CHURCH



Reformation is coming to the Spanish-speaking church. In unprecedented numbers, believers are abandoning deep cultural traditions of Roman Catholicism, the charismatic prosperity gospel, and hyper-pentecostal and apostolic cults. Inundated with unrelieved liberal, politically-driven news during this chaotic season, the Hispanic community seems to be in the eye of a perfect storm for the launch of ecclesiastic reformation.

The Expositores Conference began in 2016 with a vision to equip Spanish-speaking believers to proclaim Christ to the spiritually oppressed Spanish-speaking world. The number of attendees has doubled since that first conference, making it nearly as large as its English counterpart, the annual Shepherds' Conference. Pastor John MacArthur has

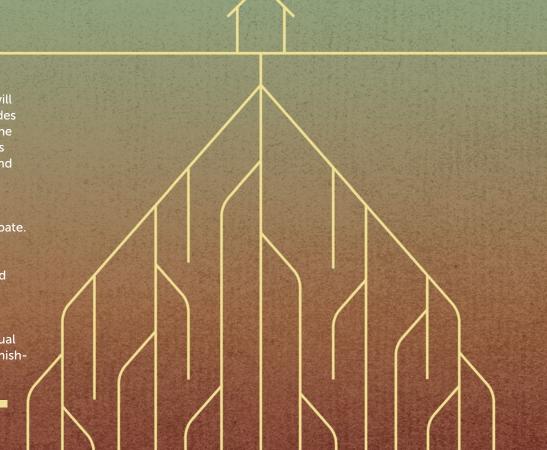
partnered with like-minded pastors in Spanish-speaking churches around the globe in order to equip and encourage conference attendees.

In God's providence, the Expositores Conference has become a platform to equip church leaders around the world. Believers are rising up and ready to make church history, as the embers of the gospel flame spread in an unprecedented way. To that end, this year's conference will focus on ecclesiology and the fundamentals of a biblical church. The idea is to equip qualified leaders to plant new, or revitalize existing, churches.

The great awakening in the Spanishspeaking church is before us, and this is the time to lead with courage and conviction. Even as the world becomes darker and more depraved, we know very well that the Lord Jesus Christ will build His church and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. Even through the turbulent times we are facing, Christ's church continues to move forward and grow with courage.

It is with great joy that we invite all Spanish-speaking believers to participate. We anticipate meeting in person at Grace Community Church on September 18–19, 2020. Our staff and volunteers are eager to serve for the glory of God and His church.

Please continue praying for the spiritual awakening that has begun in the Spanish-speaking world—that God would be glorified, and the gospel would be accurately and faithfully proclaimed.



## **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. • T360s (or online via Zoom)

#### Discipleship Counseling 1

September 9-November 25 (Wednesdays) - 6:30-8:30 p.m. - T360s Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders - Cost: \$80

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

# Right Hand of Fellowship

#### Tonight

Come meet our first group of new members since March! For more information about becoming part of our church family, visit gracechurch.org/membership.

# **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 or for additional information, email childrens@gracechurch.org or call 818-909-5631.

## **Adventure Club**

Designed for three-year-olds through sixth graders, this exciting children's program meets on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. For more information, visit gracechurch.org/adventureclub.

# **Grace Around the World**

Phil & Vivian Manly Serving in the **U.S.** since **1977** 

#### **Prayer / Praise**

- Praise God for saving a young nurse who has been in our prayers for several years.
- Pray for the ongoing relationships we have with Phil's hospital staff.

For more information, visit gracechurch.org/pmanly.



Last week you generously gave \$15,699. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

# **Special Connection Emails**

Keep current with Grace Church by subscribing to our weekly email updates. For more information, visit gracechurch.org/newsletter.

## **Grace Church Podcasts**

Visit gracechurch.org/podcasts for a complete catalog of Grace Church teaching audio available for subscription today.





# **August Ministry Meetings**

If you have a meeting scheduled this month, check gracechurch.org or contact your ministry leader for schedule updates, ways to meet online, and more.

Who gives the sun for light by day

And the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night,

Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar;

The Lord of hosts is His name.

-Jeremiah 31:35

# 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 S35 for church members or TMS/TMU students: S65 for non-members

For more information or to register, visit 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 or 818-909-5672.

#### **MINISTRY DIRECTORY**

Administration 818-909-5500

**Children** 818-909-5631

**Grace Equip** 818-909-5500

**Membership** 818-909-5644

Men 818-909-5537 Outreach

**Outreach** 818-909-5700

Pastoral Care & Counseling 818-909-5537

**Prayer** 818-909-5519

**Spanish** 818-909-5722

**Special Ministries** 818-909-5519

**Student** 818-909-5593

**Women** 818-909-5521

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