

GRACE TODAY

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John MacArthur
PASTOR-TEACHER

Bill Brandenstein / 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?"

Psalms 56:3-4



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10:30* am

Sonata I, Movement III · Bach · Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 326 *Come, Thou Almighty King* · Congregation

Hymn 328 *Praise Ye the Triune God*

Holy, Holy, Holy · Dykes/Rice · Brass Ensemble, Organ

Hymn 327 *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* · Congregation

He's Always Been Faithful · Groves-Runyan/Fettke-Rice · Grace Chung

STEVE LAWSON PREACHING

Doxology Hymn · Congregation

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee · Bach · Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise · Congregation

NATHAN BUSENITZ PREACHING

Postlude

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

Instrumental Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;

Only Thou art holy—there is none beside Thee,

Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Words by Reginald Heber (1826); music by John B. Dykes (1861)

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.

High King of heaven, my victory won,

May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Campus Ministries

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 a.m. • Grace Grill

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

- **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.

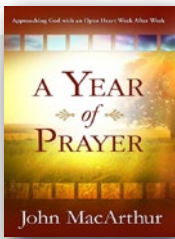
HIGHLIGHT

A YEAR OF PRAYER

APPROACHING GOD WITH AN OPEN
HEART WEEK AFTER WEEK

by John MacArthur

Every Christian wants to know greater fulfillment in his or her prayer life. That's natural—as God's children, we should yearn to draw closer to our Father and commune more intimately with Him. This book is filled with weekly inspiration that will greatly enrich your prayer life. You'll find your prayers becoming more focused, more powerful, and more God-centered in ways that are truly life-changing.



Generations of Grace Children's Sunday School



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| MESSAGE | Jesus Walks on Water |
| PASSAGE | Matthew 14:22–33 |
| PRINCIPLE | Jesus is God and has authority over nature. |
| FEATURED HYMN | “Fairest Lord Jesus” (<i>Hymns of Grace</i> No. 107) |
| ASK YOUR CHILD | Why did the disciples worship Jesus? |
| APPLY | By demonstrating trust in Jesus by serving and obeying Him. |
| THIS WEEK | As a family, read Matthew 14:23–33. |
| NEXT WEEK | Mark 8:27–38 |

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

Grace to You

RADIO gtv.org/radio

The Bible-Driven Church

- 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 gtv.org/television

“How to Recognize a Real Church, Parts 1–2”

- NRBTV CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

ONLINE gtv.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”

Reclaiming True Evangelicalism

**"In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God."**

—JOHN 1:1

It's not a coincidence that John introduces Jesus as the Word. The Word, or "logos," meant order, meaning, and truth to the Ancient Greeks; language has always been the means by which we organize our own thoughts and understand eternal truth. As people of the Word, it is important that we get our words right.

Words like "evangelical" have more power than ever—once it was enough to say, "I am a Christian," or, "I've been born again," but none of those analogues captures what it means to be



**SHEPHERDS' CONFERENCE
MARCH 3–5, 2021**

a true evangelical. The great heroes of the faith, from Paul to Augustine and Calvin to Sproul, defined an evangelical as one who believes in the supremacy of Christ, the sufficiency of Scripture, and the sanctity of the gospel. True doctrine has not changed and cannot change: neither should our terms.

To that end, the theme of Shepherds' Conference 2021 is "Reclaiming True Evangelicalism." Our mission since 1980 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 pursue that goal with excellence.

Our prayer is that this conference will be encouraging—that each message, breakout session, and providential conversation will help focus the hearts and minds of our attendees on the truth they have been called to proclaim. With this in mind, we hope you will be willing and committed to pray for, financially support, and serve at Shepherds' Conference 2021. ●

IMPORTANT INFO FOR VOLUNTEERS

- All volunteers must be members of Grace Community Church in order to serve.
- The 2021 conference is a three-day conference (Wednesday, March 3–Friday, March 5).
- Patio registration begins on January 10. Returning volunteers will be able to sign up online.
- The deadline for volunteer sign-ups is January 24.
- There will be a volunteer prayer meeting on Sunday, January 31, in the Family Center from 12:30–2:00 p.m. This meeting is important for all volunteers to attend.



Juniors Winter Camp Exploring the Heights of Salvation

January 9 (all day!) • Grace Church • Cost: \$60

Registration is open at gracechurch.org/juniors.

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 15, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • **Saturday, January 16, 9:00 a.m.–noon**

Part 2 Friday, February 5, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • **Saturday, February 6, 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.

Grace Equip Winter Classes

Discipleship Counseling 2: Marriage and the Family

January 6–March 17 (Wednesdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Theology 103: God's Word on Humanity, Sin, Angels, and Demons

January 11–February 22 (Mondays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Reaching Catholics with the Gospel

January 12–February 16 (Tuesdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Consejería Bíblica Nivel 1

January 14–April 1 (Thursdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

All courses are offered in person at Grace Church and online via Zoom. For information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/equip.

Grace Around the World

The **March** Family

James & Julia, Elijah, William, Wesley

Serving in **France** since 2015



Prayer / Praise

- Pray that the French government would remove restrictions so that we can return to work in France.
- Pray for wisdom as we plan and strength as we serve in our home field ministry in the US.

For more information, visit gracechurch.org/march.

Faith Promise

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

Special Ministries Sunday School Sundays • 10:30 a.m. • T260s

Our Special Ministries Sunday school class is meeting during the 10:30 a.m. service. For more information, call 818-909-5519.

Children's Welcome Team

Children's Ministry has a need for additional members for our welcome team. Welcome staff help add children's info to the kiosk system and show families where to find their children's classrooms. For more information, email childrens@gracechurch.org or call 818-909-5631.

Monday Morning Prayer Meeting

Mondays • 9:30 a.m. • CC130W

For more information, call 818-909-5519.

Sunday School Volunteers

Children's Ministry has a need for Sunday School volunteers during the 10:30 a.m. service. If you are a member of Grace Church and are interested in serving, email childrens@gracechurch.org or call 818-909-5631.

Support a Pastor

Help a pastor in financial need be able to attend the Shepherds' Conference with a gift of any amount.

For information about providing a scholarship, visit gracechurch.org/scholarship.

Grace Church Connection

Keep current with what's new around Grace Church each month. To subscribe to our monthly email update, visit gracechurch.org/news.

Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

—Hebrews 12:1-2

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 various cleaning tasks. Applicants must be able to lift up to 30 pounds.

Helpdesk Technician. The Grace Church IT Department has a part-time (29 hours/week) opening for a helpdesk technician. Qualified candidates will have a working knowledge of Tier 1 Helpdesk Support, ability to support end-user computers in a Windows domain environment, install and troubleshoot network printers and copiers, set-up and deploy PCs and Macs in a networked environment, and a basic understanding of network infrastructure. Familiarity with Microsoft Office, good administrative and interpersonal skills, and ability to follow detailed instructions required. Applicants must be self-motivated, able to take initiative, and demonstrate a cheerful attitude when performing repetitive tasks.

Nursery Supervisor. Grace Church currently has a part-time opening (3 hours/week) for a nursery worker on Wednesday mornings. Must be able to exhibit love to parents, children, and staff, and desire to serve through humility, patience, and joy. Prior work experience in childcare preferred, and must be able to pass a background check successfully.

Social Media Content Creator. Generations of Grace has a full-time opening for a social media content creator. Must have two years' experience with Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Google, and experience with digital advertising, along with a good eye for visuals and content posting and ability to edit videos and pictures is required. Experience in video production is beneficial for this position.

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

818-909-5700

Pastoral Care & Counseling

818-909-5537

Prayer

818-909-5519

Spanish

818-909-5722

Special Ministries

818-909-5519

Student

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Women

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extend His kingdom by living and
proclaiming His truth in the world.*

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