

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.

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.



10:30* am

Concerto I: Allegro · Handel · Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 213 My Hope Is in the Lord · Congregation

Hymn 89 Amazing Grace

Be Thou My Vision · Trad./Shackley-Rice · Piano & Violin

Hymn 289 In the Cross Alone I Glory · Congregation

Abide with Me · Monk/Krogstad · Philip Webb

MESSAGE: **GOSPEL LIGHT, PART 3**

John MacArthur • 2 Corinthians 4

Doxology Hymn · Congregation

Now Thank We All Our God · Crüger/Thompson · Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Praise the Lord (Psalm 150) · Boswell-Papa · Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise · Congregation

MESSAGE: **GREAT EXPECTATIONS**

Josh Petras • Joshua 6

Postlude

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

Instrumental Praise

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.

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.

Words attributed to Dallan Forgaill; translated from ancient Irish to English by Mary E. Byrne (1905); music from a traditional Irish melody

Doxology Hymn

Hymn 381 The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock I stand; All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock I stand; All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

Campus Ministries

THE WELCOME CENTER hosts a reception for visitors following the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Find helpful people with answers to any questions you have about our church, and 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 • March 7
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.

Generations of Grace Children's Sunday School



MESSAGE	Jesus Teaches the Parable of the Talents
PASSAGE	Matthew 25:14–30
PRINCIPLE	God gave gifts to believers to faithfully further God's kingdom.
FEATURED HYMN	"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (<i>Hymns of Grace</i> No. 274)
ASK YOUR CHILD	Why was the master happy with the servants who earned more talents?
APPLY	By rejoicing that God rewards faithful people.
THIS WEEK	As a family, read Matthew 25:14–30.
NEXT WEEK	Matthew 26:1–56

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

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

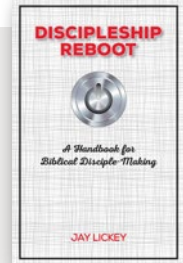
DISCIPLESHIP REBOOT A HANDBOOK FOR BIBLICAL DISCIPLE-MAKING

by Jay Lickey

This is a "how to" book. You will find these lessons to be so biblical and practical that you will be challenged to go out and follow the Great Commission.

"Perhaps the most telling thing about the contemporary evangelical movement is the death of any significant emphasis on discipleship. Jay Lickey addresses this discrepancy and offers a compelling, biblically grounded remedy in *Discipleship Reboot*. This is a sorely needed study of a sadly neglected topic." —John MacArthur

Available today for 30% off retail



Grace to You

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Rediscovering the Christ of Scripture

- 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

"How to Shine the Clear Light of Scripture"

- 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 LIGHT IN THE DARKEST PLACE

**CHUCK HOLMES
FOUNDER/DIRECTOR
MT. NEBO PRISON MINISTRY**

Very seldom does a ministry come along that captures my heart like Mt. Nebo Prison Ministry. With all the groups in our world that label themselves "Christian," Mt. Nebo is a breath of fresh air. The difference? A clear, non-compromising commitment to God's Word. That's what sets Mt. Nebo Prison Ministry apart. This ministry drives prisoners into the Word of God, and that's something that is very dear to my heart. I have spent most of my life in a relentless pursuit of knowing what the Bible says. And for over thirty-five years I have dedicated myself to preaching the Bible and nothing else. So Mt. Nebo's loyalty to the truth is something that has thrilled my heart from the first moment I met Chuck Holmes."

—John MacArthur

I experienced a radical change in July of 1989 that took me from decades of bondage to drugs, alcohol, racism,

violence, and numerous prison sentences, to being a lover of Jesus. I was converted on a jailhouse floor. And the vision for Mt. Nebo Prison Ministry (MNPM) began to take shape in 1990 in that prison cell at Perryville Prison in Goodyear, Arizona. The next year, Mt. Nebo was adopted into the mission program of Redemption Church (formerly East Valley Bible Church) in Gilbert, Arizona. Through the ministry, books and Bibles were sent to prisoners throughout the country and supplemented with one-on-one correspondence with the inmates who received them. Then we started receiving requests from out of state—New Mexico and then Texas—and from other states as the word spread.

Today, Mt. Nebo offers any inmate who completes the thirteen-chapter *Fundamentals of the Faith* workbook a new *MacArthur Study Bible*. As a result, thousands of Study Bibles are sent to state and federal prisoners



each year (MNPM is the largest distributor of the English *MacArthur Study Bible* in the world).

In April 2014, *Transformados* was created as a joint venture of Grace Church and Mount Nebo Prison Ministry to provide materials for the large Spanish-speaking inmate population. *Transformados* seeks to reach Spanish-speaking inmates by providing both *Fundamentals of the Faith* and, upon completion of FOF, a *MacArthur Study Bible*, in Spanish.

For many of these men and women, whichever language they speak, the *Study Bible* is their single resource. It is their library in one book, and God uses it in profound ways in so many lives. In the past five years, we have seen a growing number of faith programs initiated within prisons. They are typically

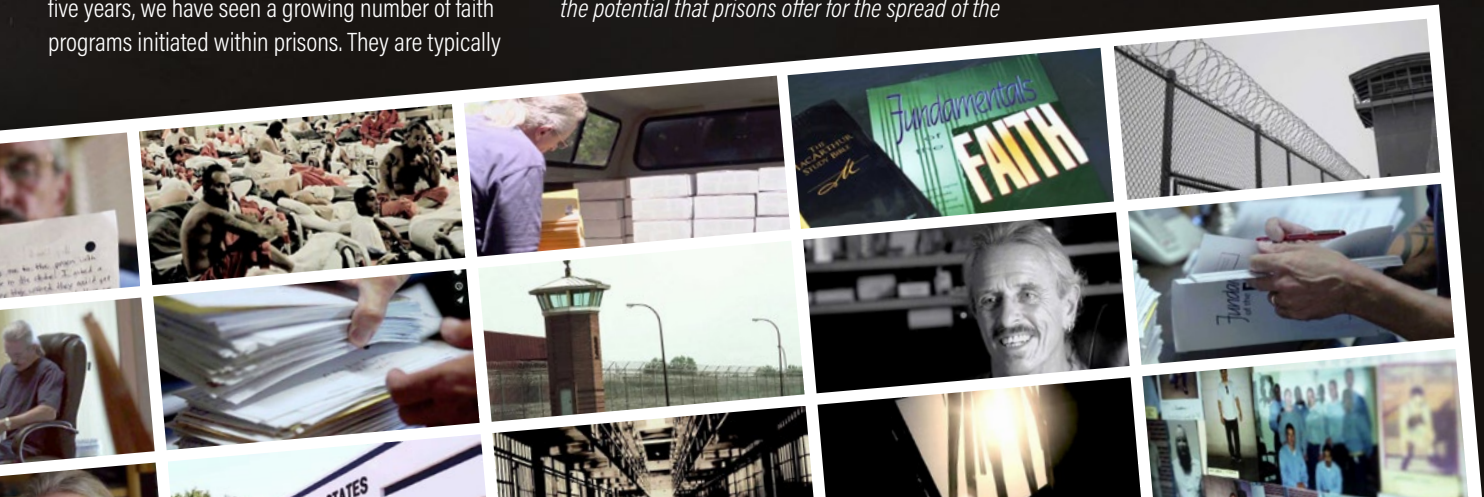
year-long programs where men are exposed to the gospel and Christian teaching. Mt Nebo materials (FOF and *MacArthur Study Bibles*) have become a prerequisite for many of these programs. We now receive requests from chaplains and volunteers for dozens, even hundreds, of workbooks at a time for large classes to work through together.

Though the ministry has seen changes over the past twenty-seven years, its purpose remains the same: to be a resource used by God with a clear, uncompromising stand for Scripture and the gospel. As Pastor MacArthur writes in a letter posted on the Mt. Nebo website, "*The prisons are a tremendous mission field. My hope is that you will be gripped by the potential that prisons offer for the spread of the*

gospel and the building up of the saints....Mt. Nebo gives prisoners what they need most—the truth that is found only in God's Word."

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
MT. NEBO PRISON MINISTRY,
VISIT MNPM.ORG.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
TRANSFORMADOS, VISIT
GRACECHURCH.ORG/TRANSFORMADOS.**



THE STATE *of the* CHURCH

A one-day livestream event
with John MacArthur and Steve Lawson
at gracechurch.org/live

MARCH 3, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. • John MacArthur
- 1:00 p.m. • Q&A with John MacArthur
- 3:00 p.m. • Steve Lawson
- 5:00 p.m. • John MacArthur

Grace Around the World

Bruce & Aimee Alvord

Serving in **Ukraine** since 1992

Prayer / Praise

- Pray that we would be able to finish our church building this year, after ten years in the making.
- Pray that Natasha, a former satanist, would continue to grow in the Lord.

For more information, visit gracechurch.org/alvord.



Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$5,844**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

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.

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

For more information about any of these ministries, call 818-909-5700, or visit gracechurch.org/local.

Grace Equip Spring Classes

Theology 104: God's Word on Salvation and the Church

March 8–April 12 (Mondays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Church History 101: From Christ to the Crusades

March 16–April 27 (Tuesdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

The Puritans on the Christian Life (For Women Only)

March 18–April 22 (Thursdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Discipleship Counseling 3

Special Cases: Handling Issues Beyond the Basics

April 7–June 23 (Wednesdays) • 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.

The Master's Academy International

2021 International Symposium

Modern Reformation: Global Voices on Biblical Convictions

Tuesday, March 2 • Online

To register, visit tmai.org/symposium.

Commissioned Fellowship Group

Come visit the Commissioned fellowship group (formerly Mainstream). For information including meeting times, Bible studies, and leadership, visit gracechurch.org/commissioned.

Sunday Evening Sermon Series

Stand Firm: A Study in 1 Peter

Christians are not at home in this world. That is only becoming more obvious as our culture grows increasingly hostile to Christianity. As our freedoms continue to be threatened, we are starkly reminded that we are “aliens and strangers” in a foreign land. While this may be new territory for us, it was normal for the first Christians to face rejection and tribulation from the world around them. Peter wrote his first letter to Roman Christians on the run for their lives, teaching them how to stand firm in the face of hostility—both from their rulers and even their neighbors. As we face increasing opposition from our world, we need to be reminded of these lessons as well.

March 7 • John MacArthur • The Life of Peter

March 14 • Mark Zhakevich • 1 Peter 1:1–2

March 21 • Nathan Busenitz • 1 Peter 1:3–12, Part 1

March 28 • Nathan Busenitz • 1 Peter 1:3–12, Part 2

Join us on Sunday nights, beginning March 7, for a study of 1 Peter as we learn how to stand firm.

Titus 2 Tuesday

March 9 • 7:00 p.m.

All women are invited to join us as we explore the life of Adoniram Judson, one of the first missionaries from America to travel overseas. He served in Burma (now Myanmar) from 1812–1850 and also translated the entire Bible into Burmese. Please join us at homes in Encino, Glendale, Northridge, Pasadena, Shadow Hills, Simi Valley, Stevenson Ranch, and Torrance. For specific meeting locations and RSVP information, visit gracechurch.org/t2t or email gcctitus2@icloud.com.

8:30 a.m.

Please Note the New Fellowship Group Locations

Anchored (All ages)
T360s
Pastors: Carl Hargrove,
Bill Shannon

Children's Sunday School
Visit the Welcome Center for
room locations.
Pastor: Taylor Sinclair

Commissioned (All ages)
Family Center 2
Pastors: Rodney Andersen,
Brad Klassen

Cornerstone (All ages)
T370s
Pastors: Nathan Busenitz,
Hohn Cho, Mark Tatlock,
Harry Walls

Crossroads
(College & young adults)
Tent
Pastor: Austin Duncan

Developmentally Disabled
T265
Pastor: Rick McLean

GraceLife (All ages)
Chapel & Chapel Plaza
Pastors: Phil Johnson,
Mike Riccardi

High School (Grades 9-12)
T70s (Basement)
Pastor: Josh Petras

Joint Heirs (All ages)
Family Center 1
Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street

Jr. High (Grades 7-8)
Small Tent (behind TMS)
Pastor: Jay Lennington

Juniors (Grades 4-6)
T270s
Pastor: Taylor Sinclair

Sojourners (All ages)
Family Center 3
Pastor: Joe Zhakevich

Spanish Adult Sunday School
H221-222
Pastor: Josiah Grauman

Steadfast (All ages)
T260s
Pastor: Brian Biedebach

12:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Outreach
H223-224

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting
T265

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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