

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.



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10:30* am*'Finale' from Symphony No. 1* · Vierne · Stephen Sturz, Organist**Hymn 358 *Ye Servants of God*** · Congregation**Hymn 363 *Every Promise of Your Word******Now Thank We All Our God*** · Cruger/Sanborn-Rice · Strings & Woodwinds Ensemble***See What Love Hath the Father*** · Mendelssohn · Worship Choir**Hymn 429 *For the Beauty of the Earth*** · Congregation***Show Us Christ*** · Plank · Lisa MartinMESSAGE: **SHADE FOR THE CHILDREN, PART 2**

John MacArthur • Selected Scriptures

Doxology Hymn · Congregation***Let the Whole Creation Cry*** · Johnson · Organ Postlude**6:00 pm****THE MASTER'S SEMINARY GRADUATION**

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.

Anthem***See What Love Hath the Father***

See what love hath the Father bestowed on us in His goodness,
That we should be called God's own children.

Words adapted from 1 John 3:1; music by Felix Mendelssohn (1836)

Doxology Hymn**Hymn 111 *We Come, O Christ, to You***

We come, O Christ, to You,
True Son of God and man,
By Whom all things consist,
In Whom all life began:
In You alone we live and move,
And have our being in Your love.

You are the living Truth!
All wisdom dwells in You,
The Source of ev'ry skill,
The One Eternal True!
O great I AM! In You we rest,
Sure answer to our ev'ry quest.

The Master's University Chorale

Join us on May 16 at 6:00 p.m. as The Master's University Chorale gives their final performance of their 2021 spring tour.

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 east side of the Upper Room, north of the Welcome Center.

Today's Membership Class
102 • 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.

GraceWalk

- Faith Promise
- Local Outreach

On the Patio

- Book Giveaway
- Family Month
- Missionaries in Training
- 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.

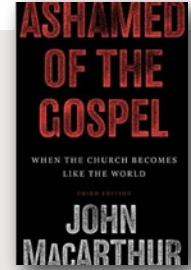
HIGHLIGHT

ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL WHEN THE CHURCH BECOMES LIKE THE WORLD

by John MacArthur

"In *Ashamed of the Gospel*, John MacArthur issues a warning against preaching and teaching a candy-coated gospel that neither offends nor convicts anyone." —Tim Challies

Available today for 30% off retail, or 50% off when you purchase two or more



Generations of Grace Children's Sunday School



MESSAGE **The Church Is Persecuted and the Gospel Spreads**

PASSAGE **Acts 8:1–25**

PRINCIPLE Believers must submit their lives to King Jesus.

FEATURED HYMN "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 318)

ASK YOUR CHILD How did the persecution of the church help the gospel spread?

APPLY By examining whether you have demonstrated true repentance.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Acts 8:1–25.

NEXT WEEK Review Sunday

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

Grace to You

RADIO gty.org/radio

The Grip of God

- 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
- KABC 790 AM LOS ANGELES Sat 7:30 am

TELEVISION gty.org/television

"Divine Wisdom for the Family"

- 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"



Born Again Parenting

“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.” —Deuteronomy 6:6–7

As the adage goes, strong families build strong churches. But more specifically, strong churches are made up of families who build their lives on the Word of God.

Parents who commit themselves to faithfully raising their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord contribute to the overall health of the body, and Grace Community Church has always invested in its families in light of this reality.

To that end, Parenting for Life shares the good news that the Bible contains everything parents need to know about raising their children. Indeed, the biblical pattern for parenting is superior to any psychological or pragmatic model. God’s guidelines for parents, set forth in Scripture, are surprisingly straightforward; the Bible is never

cryptic or mysterious about raising children. With this in mind, we recognize that retaining these scriptural truths will strengthen families in our church. In Parenting for Life, parents will discover the Bible’s blueprint for raising children in a God-honoring way, from birth to adolescence.

Every moment of life is a teaching opportunity, and God’s Word calls parents to make the most of their time (Deuteronomy 6:7). No curriculum or comprehensive “program” can ensure that parents will never struggle or fail; ultimately, we must depend on God’s grace.

But at the same time, there is a mindset we must develop in order to be the kind of parents God wants us to be. Parenting for Life brings together the biblical doctrine and principles that apply to parenting, and presents it in a format that is clear and easy to apply.

It is our prayer that the Lord will use Parenting for Life to raise up a generation of families with a focus on and commitment to the authority of God's Word, passed on faithfully from generation to generation. Whether you're just contemplating parenthood, you have a baby or school-age children, or you're shepherding sons and daughters through adolescence or young adulthood, come join us as we learn more about the biblical principles and fundamentals of parenting that enable us to fulfill the duties God has placed before us. ■

Parenting for Life

May 23–June 27 (Sundays)

8:30 a.m. • H223–224

July 7–21 (Wednesdays)

6:30–8:00 p.m. • H223–224

Teachers: Rich Harasick, Paul Ackerman

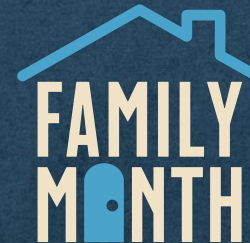
Please note that in July the class migrates from Sunday mornings to Wednesday evenings to accommodate Sundays in July. To register or for more information, visit gracechurch.org/childrens or call 818-909-5631. Space is limited, and sign-ups close May 16. Order curriculum at the bookstore.



Hosted by

Children's Ministry

Join us for food and fellowship, a campus-wide scavenger hunt for the whole family, and games and activities designed to teach children the gospel.



Happy Mother's Day

*Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband also, and he praises her, saying:
"Many daughters have done nobly, But you excel them all." —Proverbs 31:28-29*

Committing Our New Missionaries to the Lord

Come by the patio table this morning and meet **Jereme and Lindsay Morris**, who are preparing for ministry in the Middle East.

Faith Promise

Drop your commitment card off at the patio table now through May 16 (and receive a special Faith Promise magnet), or make your anonymous commitment online at gracechurch.org/fp any time between now and May 30.

Junior High Parent Night

Wednesday, May 19 - 7:00 p.m. - Tower Basement

Parents of incoming junior high students are invited to join us for an introductory night to XChange. Bring your incoming 7th grader, too!

Parent Dedication

June 6

This is a time when parents commit to raising their children according to the principles of God's Word. Parents who are members of Grace Church and whose babies are 24 months of age or younger may sign up by emailing childrens@gracechurch.org. Sign-ups close May 30 or when capacity is met.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$16,956**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Foster Care Informational Lunch

Sunday, May 23 - 12:30 p.m. - T360s

May is National Foster Care Awareness Month. Join us on Sunday, May 23, for an informational seminar to learn about foster care, foster adoption, and opportunities to serve families in crisis. Families are welcome (childcare available for children up to five years old). Lunch will be provided. RSVP by May 18 to handsforhope@gracechurch.org.

Vacation Bible School

Registration is now open! June 22-25 • 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

For kids going into grades K-6 this fall. Register by June 6 at gracechurch.org/vbs.

Volunteers

If you are a member of Grace Church, please consider serving at VBS (June 22-25). For more information or to sign-up, visit gracechurch.org/vbs. Volunteer registration closes TODAY.

Craft Need

Children's Ministry is collecting large (26-34 oz.) empty jars with lids to be used during the week of VBS. Please drop off clean, empty jars at the Children's Ministry office during the week or the Children's Resource Room on Sunday mornings.

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.

PSP Homeschool Group

Used Curriculum Sale

Saturday, June 5 • 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. • Family Center • Seller registration is now open

For information, visit faithpsp.org or call Marina at 424-307-5040.

With the Lord

Koji (George) Noritake recently went to be with the Lord. Please remember his family in your prayers. There will be a service in his honor on Saturday, May 15, at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones. —Psalm 116:15

Communion

May 16 • 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

Job Opportunities

For a list of job openings at Grace Church, The Master's University, The Master's Seminary, and The Master's Academy International, check the Opportunity Sheet at gracechurch.org/opportunitysheet.

Joint Heirs Ladies T.E.A.

Teaching, Edification, Application

Monday, May 10 • 6:45 p.m. • T270s • Speaker: Alex Tahmisian

All women are welcome.

Titus 2 Tuesday

May 11 • 7:00 p.m.

All women are welcome to join us for our final meeting of the current Titus Two season as we complete our walk with our Shepherd through Psalm 23. We will consider His protection and our growth in faith, along with His provision, which assures our hopes. Please join us at homes throughout the area; for specific meeting locations and RSVP information, visit gracechurch.org/t2t or email gcctitus2@icloud.com.

Sojourners Women's Fellowship

Spring Luncheon

Saturday, May 22 • 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. • CC130

Speaker: Carolyn Berry • Topic: "Bloom Where You Are Planted" • Cost: \$13.00

All women are welcome. Call 818-887-9717 for tickets or for more information.

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: 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
CC130s
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
Pastors: Abner Chou,
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

Fridays 7:00 p.m.

Foundation (Young professionals)
Family Center
Pastor: Mark Zhakevich

Building Abbreviation Key
T = Tower H = Heritage
CC = Children's Center

MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Administration
818-909-5500

Children
818-909-5631

Grace Equip
818-909-5674

Membership
818-909-5644

Men
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Outreach
818-909-5700

Pastoral Care & Counseling
818-909-5537

Prayer
818-909-5519

Spanish
818-909-5722

Special Ministries
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Student
818-909-5593

Women
818-909-5521

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