

GRACE TODAY

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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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness - Runyan/Sturz - Stephen Sturz, Organist
I Sing the Mighty Power of God - Trad./Sturz

Hymn 1 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above - Congregation

All People That on Earth Do Dwell - Bourgeois/Rice - Brass Ensemble

His Robes for Mine - Habegger/Forrest - Worship Choir

Hymn 187 Before the Throne of God Above - Congregation

My Hope Is in the Lord - Clayton/Erb-Rice - Men's Quartet

MESSAGE: **SHADE FOR THE CHILDREN, PART 3**
 John MacArthur • Selected Scriptures

Communion

To God Be the Glory - Doane/Sturz - Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

THE MASTER'S UNIVERSITY CHORALE

Join us this evening for the final performance of The Master's University Chorale's 2021 spring tour.

Plaza Fellowship

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

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell,
 Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
 Him serve with fear, His praise forth-tell,
 Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, you know, is God indeed;
 Without our aid He did us make;
 We are His flock, He doth us feed,
 And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise,
 Approach with joy His courts unto;
 Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
 For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good,
 His mercy is forever sure;
 His truth at all times firmly stood,
 And shall from age to age endure.

Welcome The Master's University Chorale

The Master's University Chorale, a fifty-member auditioned choir, represents students from across the United States and around the world, and the chorale is built of students from almost every academic major on the university campus. Under the direction of Dr. Paul Plew, The Master's Chorale performs locally in churches and schools and tours every spring after graduation. Their repertoire includes gospel, sacred, classical, and modern choral works. During their annual tours, they have traveled to various regions of the United States as well as to the United Kingdom, Spain, Albania, and Russia. This year they performed in eight churches in Arizona, Colorado, and Nevada, and are giving their concluding concert of 2021 here at Grace Community Church!

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
103 • 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 **Review Sunday**

PASSAGE **Acts 8:1–25**

NEXT WEEK Acts 8:26–40

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

GraceWalk

- Faith Promise
- Local Outreach

On the Patio

- Hands for Hope
- Missionaries in Training
- Spanish Ministry (by the Chapel)
- Vacation Bible School

Bookstore

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

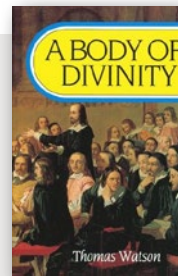
HIGHLIGHT

A BODY OF DIVINITY

by Thomas Watson

"When I first read *A Body of Divinity*, I could not put it down. Thomas Watson is endlessly full of rich analogies that offer a glimpse into the doctrinal truths of the Christian faith."

—John MacArthur



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THE MASTER'S
UNIVERSITY

TRAINING FOR THE HIGHEST CALLING

The challenges and threats which the church faces are ever increasing. And as our society continues to veer away from righteousness and truth, the more professing Christians there will be who compromise in order to accommodate society's desires. For conviction is not a hereditary trait automatically transferred to the next generation. Rather, it must be fostered as individuals come to know the depths and breadth of God's Word.

The Master's University exists to establish such conviction in the coming generation of believers, so that the church has faithful stewards of the truth, who are obedient to Scripture in every aspect of their lives. For the church needs members in every role and office who are eager to know and proclaim the truth, whether it be in their local-churches, family, or vocation.

And how does TMU do this? By dedicating itself to Christ in all things. At TMU, Christ is not simply a topic to be studied; He is Lord over every discipline, and every thought is to be taken captive to Him. This demands that every student receive a thorough theological foundation in Scripture and doctrine, and that all faculty and staff believe an extensive doctrinal statement and commit themselves to instill a biblical worldview in every student. This also demands that the faculty be experts in

their fields, able to prepare and drive students to excel in their disciplines.

The Master's University has given this holistic biblical education to thousands of students since 1927, and with each passing year, the institution devotes itself to a new level of excellence. At TMU, students are equipped for a life of enduring commitment to Christ and Scripture. They are also prepared to step confidently into the workforce or additional education—realities exemplified by a remarkable pass rate on the CPA exam and high acceptance rates to graduate and medical schools.

The recent changes at TMU—which include interim president Dr. Abner Chou, a renovated campus, and new faculty such as David Crater (M.S., Georgia Tech; Th.M., Harvard) and Dr. Joey Kim (Ph.D., Caltech) helping establish new engineering and computer science programs—all contribute to our excitement and confidence for the coming years at the University.

In a world of folly and deceit, the Church is the pillar of truth. And it is The Master's University's passion and duty to train members of Christ's body for this highest of callings.

MASTERS.EDU



THE GREAT EXPLORATION

*"Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in glorious deeds, doing
wonders?"—Exodus 15:11*

The underlying drive of Children's Ministry is to reach children with the good news of Jesus Christ. For the past five years, Children's Ministry has hosted a summer Vacation Bible School where hundreds of volunteers have given up a week of their lives to share the gospel with children. As a result, more than a thousand kids have heard the gospel of salvation in Christ alone.

This year's VBS theme is centered around the attributes of God. Each day will include music and teaching focused on exalting God as children learn about His sovereignty, omniscience, love, and holiness. These lessons will be reinforced by small group discussions, crafts, and games. The teachers and leaders will point children every day to their Creator and Savior, encouraging them to put their trust in Him for salvation and follow Him as they live out their lives at home and school, with their family and friends.

Some children have made a profession of faith after hearing the gospel at VBS, and there are families who have joined Grace Church because of how excited and engaged their kids were during this wonderful week. We continue to hear stories of God's amazing work in the lives of parents and children through the ministry that happens every year at Vacation Bible School. We depend completely on God to accomplish His purpose as we plan for VBS 2021.

Please join us in praying for the volunteers and children who are attending VBS. Our desire is that God would be honored, and Christ would be glorified as we continue to reach families with the good news of Jesus Christ.

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.



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.



Committing Our New Missionaries to the Lord

Come by the patio table this morning and meet **Jeff and Kristen Miller**, who are preparing for ministry in Germany.

Faith Promise

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

Thank You!

Last month, our church family partnered with Children's Hunger Fund to provide nearly 1,250 Food Paks in support of gospel-centered mercy ministry. The pastors and elders are grateful for your generosity and your compassion for those who need both physical bread and the Bread of Life.

Grace Equip Summer Class

The Christian Life: Your Theology Applied

May 18-June 22 (Tuesdays) • 6:30-8:30 p.m. • Instructor: Charlie Fernandez • Cost: \$60

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

Junior High Parent Night

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

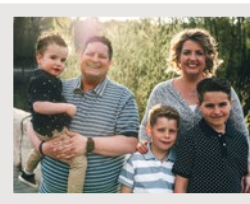
Parents of incoming junior high students are invited to join us for an introductory night to XChange. Bring your incoming seventh-grader, too!

Grace Around the World

The Pidal Family

Gus & Melissa, Cael, Coen, Cian

Serving in **Spain** since **2011**



Prayer / Praise

- Pray that God would give us wisdom as we navigate government restrictions.
- Pray that our hearts would be fully devoted to Christ and fixed on the gospel during this season.

For more information, visit gracechurch.org/pidal.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$13,983**. 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.

Elders Meeting

Thursday, May 20 - 7:00 p.m. • CC230s

Open to our church family

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.

Alzheimer's-Dementia Ministry

Saturday, May 22 - 9:00 a.m. • T370s

Families touched by dementia are invited to meet monthly for spiritual encouragement, helpful shepherding, and warm fellowship. Loved ones with dementia are welcome. If you are bringing your loved one, please call Pastor Rick McLean at 818-909-5519.

The Master's University Track & Field Coaches

TMU is currently seeking volunteer field event coaches (i.e. jumps, pole vault, throws). For more information, contact Zach Schroeder at zschoeder@masters.edu.

With the Lord

Karon Hovey recently went to be with the Lord. Please remember her family in your prayers. There will be a service in her honor on Saturday, May 22, at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

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

Communion Information

Communion in the tent this morning will be self-serve. If you want to participate, please go to the front of the tent to receive the elements as the communion service begins (one person can receive the elements for their household).

Ranger Joe Live

Sunday, May 23 • Following the Evening Service • Family Center

Join us next week for a live show with the one and only Ranger Joe!

Parenting for Life

May 23-June 27 (Sundays, 8:30-10:00 a.m.) • July 7-21 (Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.)

Teachers: Rich Harasick, Paul Ackerman • H223-224

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.

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.

Job Opportunities

Curriculum Editor, Custodian, Dishwasher, Nursery Workers (Grace Church); Junior Software Engineer (The Master's University). For a complete list of job openings, check the Opportunity Sheet at gracechurch.org/opportunitysheet.

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)
CC130s (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

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