

GRACE TODAY

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PASTOR-TEACHER

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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.



10:30* am

Art of the Fugue: Contrapunctus 9 • Bach/Sturz • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 26 I Sing the Mighty Power of God • Congregation

Hymn 29 Creation Sings

The King of Love My Shepherd Is • Trad./Forrest • Worship Choir

“Did You Ever Talk to God?” Medley • Linn • Children's Choir

Hymn 187 Before the Throne of God Above • Congregation

How Great Thou Art • Hine/Krogstad • Philip Webb

Hymn 3 Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him • Congregation

MESSAGE: **SHADE FOR THE CHILDREN, PART 4**

John MacArthur • Selected Scriptures

Doxology Hymn • Congregation

Thine Be the Glory • Handel/Sturz • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Baptism

MESSAGE: **THE PRECIOUS CORNERSTONE**

Austin Duncan • 1 Peter 2:4–10

Right Hand of Fellowship

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.

Anthem

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing brought me.

The King of love my Shepherd is, My Shepherd is the King of love;
And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house, within Thy house,
Within Thy house, within Thy house, Within Thy house forever.

Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever, forever, forever.

Words by Henry W. Baker (1868); music from an ancient Irish melody

Doxology Hymn

Hymn 170 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

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.

Next Membership Class • June 6
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.

GraceWalk

- Local Outreach

On the Patio

- Children's Ministry
- Hands for Hope
- 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.

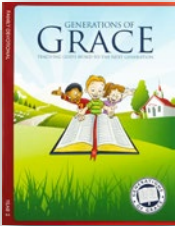
HIGHLIGHT

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

by *Generations of Grace*

The *Generations of Grace Family Devotional* contains weekly devotions (five per week), which each include a brief lesson, application questions, and discussion topics to talk through as a family. Year two covers the narrative of the Bible from Deuteronomy through Esther, including the book of Daniel.

Available today only for 50% off retail



Generations of Grace Children’s Sunday School



MESSAGE	Philip Shares the Gospel with the Ethiopian
PASSAGE	Acts 8:26–40
PRINCIPLE	God graciously allows people to hear His Word.
FEATURED HYMN	“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God” (<i>Hymns of Grace</i> No. 318)
ASK YOUR CHILD	What did Philip tell the Ethiopian eunuch?
APPLY	By knowing Scripture so that you can share the gospel.
THIS WEEK	As a family, read Acts 8:26–40.
NEXT WEEK	Acts 9:1–31

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

Grace to You

RADIO gty.org/radio

- *The Grip of God*
- *Mishandled: Setting the Record Straight on Frequently Abused Bible Verses*

• 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

“*The Beauty and Blessing of Forgiveness, Part 1*”

• 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”



**Take comfort, “Beloved, now
we are children of God.”**

— 1 JOHN 3:2

Predestined for Adoption

One of the most precious doctrines in all of Scripture is the doctrine of adoption. In justification, God forgives our sins and declares us righteous through the atoning work of His Son. Though that is an immense privilege, God does more than free us from guilt as our Judge. He takes us, guilty criminals, frees us from our bondage to sin, and makes us members of His own household (Ephesians 2:19), adopting us as His own sons and daughters (Galatians 4:4–7).

As a result of receiving this grace, Christians should be most eager to give this gift to others—not only by speaking the gospel so that others might be saved, but also by imitating our Father and becoming adoptive parents ourselves. May is foster-care awareness month, which means our church family has a great opportunity to become acquainted with our Hands for Hope ministry, which provides counsel and resources for families considering foster care and adoption. Read the testimonies below of some of our members’ experience with fostering and adoption, and prayerfully consider whether the Lord might be guiding you to serve in this way as well.

RUSTY & SUMMER PAGE

Entering the world of foster care and adoption is definitely a journey of faith. Welcoming someone new and inviting them not only into our home but also into our family brought us to the frontlines of brokenness. It challenged our family to step out of the comfort zone we so often cling to. But it also gave us the opportunity to share the gospel—to the children in our care, to their birthparents, and also to our other children as they observed us walking with the Lord through the inevitable trials. We were able to model fighting to trust the Lord with all our heart in ways that would not have been possible otherwise. Most importantly, fostering and adoption has given us a unique glimpse of the love that our Heavenly Father has for us, along with the opportunity to extend that love to the hurting.

TIM & ISABEL HUNTER

Through the humbling journey of adoption, our family has experienced firsthand fellowship with God, as His sovereign plan for us unfolded before our eyes. We have stood in awe of the precision of His perfect orchestration of people, places, and timing in our adoption. As a result, our trust in Him has grown exponentially, and we have learned more and more not to trust in our own limited understanding. We also have the privilege of being able to serve our children's birthparents, who courageously chose life for their babies and entrusted us to raise them up in the Lord. What a blessing it has been to see the Lord accomplish His will and glorify Himself in our family.

SHELDON & ALANA KO

Foster care can be scary. It was for us. What would it be like to have a new child in our home? How would our children respond? How would we deal with the grief if the child returned to his birth parents? But our concerns were overpowered by the opportunity to help needy children,

to tell them about Jesus, and to bring the gospel to their families. For us, foster care was a vital class in God's school of providence. When a child left our home, God comforted us. When court decisions were unjust, God reminded us that He was in charge. When times were tough, we learned to love Christ and others more than ourselves. And after several foster children had left our home, God graciously allowed us to adopt two sons through foster care. In them, we continue to learn more of God's love for us, His adopted sons and daughters through Christ (Ephesians 1:5).

Stop by the patio table today or visit gracechurch.org/h4h for more information. ■



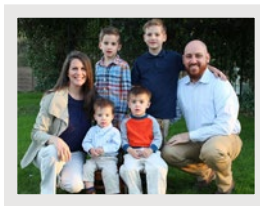
Foster Care Informational Lunch

Today • 12:30 p.m. • T360s

May is National Foster Care Awareness Month. Join us this afternoon 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).

Departing for the Field

Today is bittersweet as we send off a new missionary family to the field. Jeff and Kristen Miller have served faithfully at Grace Church for more than ten years, and today is their last Sunday with us. The Millers will soon be leaving for Germany to work with



a church plant outside of Berlin. Jeff will also be teaching biblical counseling at the European Biblical Training Center (EBTC). Pastor John Street summarizes this transition well: "One of the great blessings I have had is to have worked side by side with Jeffrey Miller for the past several years at The Master's University in the Graduate Department of Biblical Counseling. Even though we will greatly miss their companionship and personal encouragement, we are excited to see their long-anticipated desire to be international missionaries achieve reality. We are thankful for their advanced training and ministry acumen but especially for their love for Christ and His Church. We will pray for them as they begin their ministry in Berlin."

Jeff and Kristen also express their gratefulness for their time at Grace Church: "We consider it one of the Lord's sweetest privileges to have been a part of the local body of Christ here at Grace Community Church and to have the opportunity to serve you and stand with you for the glory of Christ and His name's sake. You have become a precious family to us! Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude, and yet it is humbling beyond description to be sent out as the Lord's servants—so that others might come to worship Him as Lord and Savior! We will always give thanks to the LORD for you and at every remembrance of you for, as Paul says, 'your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope' (1 Thessalonians 1:3)." Please pray for the Millers as they begin this new ministry.

Grace Around the World

The Spitale Family

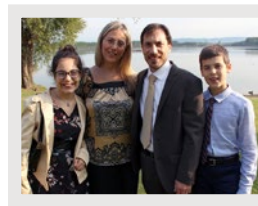
Raffaele & Manuela, Naomi, Simeone

Serving in Italy since 2015

Prayer / Praise

- Pray for the salvation of unbelievers attending our church.
- Pray that our church would continue to grow in unity and love.

For more information, visit gracechurch.org/spitale.



Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$13,928**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Neighborhood Outreach

Sundays • 12:30 p.m. • H223-224

This ministry brings the good news of God's grace to our local community on Sunday afternoons. After a potluck meal, participants go out into the neighborhood to present the gospel, invite our neighbors to church, and learn about any needs our church may be able to meet. The ministry also does street evangelism at the North Hollywood Metro Station. For more information call 818-909-5721.

Ranger Joe Live Tonight • Family Center

Join us tonight after the evening service for a live show with the one and only Ranger Joe!

Faith Promise

Make your anonymous commitment online at gracechurch.org/fp any time before May 30.

Saving Seats in the Worship Center

Please be courteous when reserving seats in the Worship Center. Space is limited; please consider others, and limit saving seats to your immediate family. Additional seating is available in the Family Center and the Tent.

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.

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.

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.

Ethnic Outreach

Here in Los Angeles, the nations truly have come to us. In addition to our thriving Spanish Ministry, Grace Church also has Bible studies that reach out to the Arabic, Chinese, Filipino, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Russian, and Thai communities that offer teaching and fellowship in those languages.

For information about the times and locations of our ethnic ministries, please contact the leaders at the email addresses below. If you are interested in an ethnic outreach group that is not listed here, contact the local outreach office at 818-909-5721.

Arabic Outreach • arabicfellowship@gracechurch.org

Chinese Outreach • chinesefellowship@gracechurch.org

Filipino Outreach • filipinofellowship@gracechurch.org

Italian Outreach • italianfellowship@gracechurch.org

Japanese Outreach • japanesefellowship@gracechurch.org

Korean Outreach • koreanfellowship@gracechurch.org

Russian Outreach • russianfellowship@gracechurch.org

Thai Outreach • thaifellowship@gracechurch.org

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.

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 zschroeder@masters.edu.

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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818-909-5500

Children
818-909-5631

Grace Equip
818-909-5674

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818-909-5644

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818-909-5537

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
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