# 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.

# Sundays

TODAY

## 10:30\* am

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded · Hassler/Sturz · Stephen Sturz, Organist May the Mind of Christ, My Savior · Barnham/Sturz

Hymn 125 Come, Christians, Join to Sing Congregation Hymn 117 King of the Ages

O Worship the King · Haydn/Rice · Strings & Woodwinds Ensemble

Sacred Harp Suite · Trad./McDonald-Rice · Worship Choir

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded · Hassler/Marsh · Philip Webb

Hymn 289 In the Cross Alone I Glory Congregation

MESSAGE: WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE?

Steve Lawson • Deuteronomy 10:12–16

Communion

The Solid Rock · Bradbury/Sturz · Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

**Instrumental Prelude** 

Psalms of Grace Congregation

**Baptism** 

MESSAGE: SUCCESSFUL FAILURES

Andrew Curry • Genesis 4:17–26

**Postlude** 

# **Anthem**

# Sacred Harp Suite

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. I am bound for the Kingdom, will go you to glory with me? Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

I am bound for the Kingdom, will go you to glory with me? Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God. Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down. Brethren, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name. In pastures fresh, He makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake His ways: And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come; And I hope by Thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home. I am bound for the Kingdom, will go you to glory with me? Hallelujah, praise the Lord! I am bound for the Kingdom, will go you to glory with me? Hallelujah, praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Traditional hymn; arranged by Mary McDonald

<sup>\*</sup> Interpreting in American Sign Language (ASL) is provided during the 10:30 a.m. service. Arabic, Italian, Korean, and Russian livestream translations are available at gracechurch.org/live.

# **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 • August 1 101 • 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

- · Alzheimer's-Dementia Ministry
- Expositores Conference
- Spanish Ministry (by the Chapel)

# **Generations of Grace** Children's Sunday School



MESSAGE God Protects Paul

PASSAGE Acts 27

PRINCIPLE Believers respond to the blessings of God by submitting their

hearts to Him in worship.

FEATURED HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (Hymns of Grace No. 143)

ASK YOUR CHILD What promise did God give Paul?

APPLY By rejoicing in promises that God has kept, is keeping, and

will keep.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Acts 27.

NEXT WEEK Acts 28:11-31

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

### **Bookstore**

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

### SUNDAYS IN JULY BOOK SALE

Every Sunday this month, be sure to visit the Scholar's Desk bookstand at the Chapel Plaza, featuring...

- Recommended titles from each seminar
- A discount section with select titles available for up to 70% off retail
- A complimentary audiobook, The Power of Christian Contentment, by Andrew Davis, with any purchase

Open before and after both Sunday morning services



# Grace to You

RADIO gty.org/radio

### The Rise and Fall of World Powers

•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

### TELEVISION aty.org/television

### "Blessings of Life in the Church"

• 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 God-Given Means of Grace

There's no command in the Bible that requires believers to attend a weekly home Bible study, but Scripture is clear about the need to gather in fellowship with one another—something many Christians are almost entirely without. Fellowship is one of God's wonderful (and necessary) means of grace on earth.

Gathering with other believers offers God's children a sweet and intimate opportunity to respond to the exhortation we see in the book of Hebrews, to "consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:24–25). Notice that assembling together should be happening 'all the more as you see the day drawing near,' not 'less and less as more online options become available.' God has called believers into a life of unified worship. By coming together, believers can exercise the opportunity to sharpen one another (Proverbs 27:17) in a unified effort to be "conformed to the image of His Son" (Romans 8:29), and stimulate one another to walk in a manner increasingly pleasing to God.

Home Bible studies are all about life-on-life fellowship. God has decreed that the fight against sin and striving towards

personal holiness is to be accomplished together. If believers are not connected to the body of Christ, they are forsaking a God-given means of grace. James teaches that fellowship is necessary for victory over sin, calling believers to "confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed" (James 5:16). God has designed that a functional, grace-empowered Christian life is to be carried out in fellowship with one another, and we forfeit that opportunity unless we put ourselves in close proximity to believers whom we've grown to love and trust.

The idea that believers are to go to church once a week, on Sunday, to get 'charged up'—so they can engage in 'lone missions' and 'fight for Christ' all on their own during the week—is completely foreign to the teaching of the New Testament. Paul was either with believers or longing to be with them. Each epistle is addressed either to a body of believers or to a leader in the church. The body is meant to function together.

To that end, stop by the Member Center after today's service and ask for a list of home Bible studies by region, or reach out to someone in your fellowship group about ways to get connected. We know you'll be blessed and encouraged as you experience the riches of this God-given means of grace.





AN OPPORTUNITY TO **FELLOWSHIP AND EXPLORE TEACHING OPTIONS ACROSS CAMPUS** 

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ESSENTIAL DOCTRINE	Mark's Good News Andrew Curry, Family Center 1	The End Is Near What the Bible Teaches About the End Times Mark Zhakevich, Family Center 1
BIOGRAPHY	Charles Spurgeon Prince of Preachers Steve Lawson, Chapel	Women of the Reformation (Women Only) Whitney Gamble-Smith, Chapel
PARENTING	Raising Girls Parenting That Produces Biblical Women Chris Hamilton, T360s	<b>Discipline in the Home</b> Patterning Our Parenting After Our Heavenly Father Chris Hamilton, T360s
SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES	The Folly of Preaching The Listening Skills That Foster Growth Through Preaching T. David Gordon, Family Center 2	The Importance of Prayer in the Christian Life Carl Hargrove, Family Center 2
GLOBAL MISSIONS	<b>Dispatches from the Field</b> Ukraine, India, Malawi Bruce Alvord, Sammy Williams, Tony McCracken, Family Center 3	Understanding Missions at Grace GMI & TMAI Rodney Andersen, Mark Tatlock, Family Center 3
THINKING BIBLICALLY	<b>Speaking the Truth in Love</b> Biblical Principles of Communication George Crawford, T260s	Aging Gracefully Jon Scott, T260s
BIBLE	The Only Bible Jesus Had How the Old Testament Is Relevant to New Testament Believers Daniel Block, Tent	The Road Less Traveled Surveying Through Some Less-Studied Books of the Bible Abner Chou, Tent
EVERDAY CHRISTIAN LIFE	<b>God v. Government</b> Thinking Biblically About Non-Compliance and Civil Disobedience Nathan Busenitz, T370s	Putting Partiality in Its Proper Seat Brian Milam, T370s
SPANISH	El Señor reina Apreciando la teología de los salmos Eduardo Izquierdo, H221–222	<b>Violencia divina</b> Comprendiendo la ira de Dios en el Antiguo Testamento José Carlos Martinez, H221–222

1:30 PM SESSION

Hiding His Word in Your Heart (Women Only) Strategies for Memorizing Scripture Dolores Michaelson, Logan Carr, CC130 W and C

Pursuing Beauty
The Necessary Path for Developing Courage
Paul Twiss, Family Center

# Today's Guest Speakers

**Steve Lawson** is the president of OnePassion Ministries (onepassionministries.org) and Professor of Preaching and Dean of D.Min. studies at The Master's Seminary. A graduate of Texas Tech University, Dallas Theological Seminary, and Reformed Theological Seminary, Dr. Lawson also serves as a teaching fellow and board member with Ligonier Ministries. He and his wife, Anne, have four children.

**Andrew Curry** grew up in Northern Ireland, where he trained as an elementary school teacher. While working as a teacher, he became involved in youth ministry and lay preaching. In 2010, Andrew moved to California in order to attend The Master's Seminary, where he completed his Th.M. While attending Grace Church, he served in the Crossroads ministry and as the junior



high pastor. In September 2015, Andrew moved back to Northern Ireland where he now serves as senior pastor at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Lisburn. Andrew and his wife, Sarah, have three children.

# **Grace Equip Fall Classes**

God's Kingdom Program

August 2-August 30 (Mondays) - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Discipleship Counseling 1: Introduction to Biblical Counseling

August 10-October 26 (Tuesdays) - 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 **Brackett** Family Kris & Nina, Gracie, Gaby, Katy Serving in **Croatia** since **1999** 



### **Prayer / Praise**

- Pray for the Bracketts as they shepherd the members of their local church.
- Pray for wisdom for Kris as he prepares to teach an upcoming biblical counseling class.

For more information, visit gracechurch.org/brackett.

# **Faith Promise**

Last week you generously gave \$11,596. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

# **Local Outreach Spotlight**

Hope Bible Study

Mondays - 7:00 p.m. - H221-222

Hope Bible Study is a transitional ministry that labors to encourage those who have been beset by life-dominating sin, such as drugs and alcohol, with the hope of Christ, the changing power of His Word, and the fellowship of His Church. If you or someone you know could benefit from this ministry, please email hopegcc@gmail.com or call 818-909-5721.

# **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).

# 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.

# Alzheimer's-Dementia Ministry Volunteers

Our pastoral care department is looking for voluteers to help with the Alzheimer's-Dementia ministry. If you are interested in serving, stop by our patio table this morning or call 818-909-5519.

# Camp Regen Scholarships

Bless a high school student by supporting their trip to camp this summer. Visit gracechurch.org/180 for more information.

# The Master's University

Summer Sports Camps for Kids

Baseball - Basketball - Volleyball - Soccer

All camps are led by The Master's University coaches and players and held on the university campus. For more information or to register, visit masters.edu/summercamps.

# **Job Opportunities**

**Director of Audio Visual.** Grace Church has a full-time opening for an audio visual director. This position provides managerial leadership and technical expertise to the events and video production teams providing AV support for Grace Church and The Master's Seminary. The primary goal is to ensure Sunday services are technically excellent, both on campus and around the world via livestream. This position is also responsible for maintaining and improving the campus's AV infrastructure and inventory. Applicants must have leadership experience. Bachelor's degree preferred.

Security Personnel. The Grace Church Security Department has three part-time openings (20–29 hours/ week) for security personnel to patrol campus buildings and grounds. The ideal candidate will be able to exercise confidentiality, good judgment, and discernment; work in all weather conditions; stand, walk, climb stairs, bend, and reach, for extended periods of time; lift 30 pounds on a regular basis, and up to 100 pounds with assistance on as needed basis; and successfully pass a background investigation. Position will work some Sundays each month, and at least one overnight shift per week will be required.

**Web Developer/Programmer.** The Grace Church web team has a full-time opening for a web developer/ programmer. Must be proficient in HTML/CSS, object-oriented programming (C#, Java, VB, or Ruby), serverside scripting (ASP, PHP), and relational databases (SQL). This position is responsible for supporting and troubleshooting new and existing websites, databases, and related applications and providing direct support for church staff. A degree in computer or information science (or equivalent experience) preferred. Experience with .NET a plus.

Web and Graphic Designer. The Grace Church Communications Department has a full-time opening for a web and graphic designer. Duties include creating, maintaining, and delivering graphics and layouts for use in the print and digital realms across multiple platforms, including web, mobile, social, and apps. The ideal candidate will have visual design skills, as well as a working knowledge of Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign, including experience with HTML, CSS, and UI/UX principles.

Applicants for employment at Grace Church must be, if employed, biblically qualified as a deacon or deaconess and be 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. For a complete list of job openings, please see the job board outside the HR office in the Tower Basement.

For a complete list of job openings (including Grace to You, The Master's University and Seminary, and The Master's Academy International), check the Opportunity Sheet at gracechurch.org/opportunitysheet.

### 8:30 a.m.

Anchored (All ages)

T360s Pastors: Carl Hargrove, Bill Shannon

Children's Ministry

Visit the Welcome Center for room locations.

Pastor: Jay Lennington

**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

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

Sojourners (All ages) Family Center 3 Pastors: Abner Chou.

Spanish Adult Sunday School

H221-222

Joe Zhakevich

Pastor: Iosiah Grauman

Steadfast (All ages)

T260s

Pastor: Brian Biedebach

### 10:30 a.m.

**Spanish Worship Service** 

Chapel

Pastors: Henry Tolopilo. Josiah Grauman

**Developmentally Disabled** 

CC130s

Pastor: Rick McLean

### 12:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Outreach

H223-224

5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting** Upper Room

### 6:00 p.m.

**Adventure Club** 

Family Center (Grades 4-6) Chapel (Grades 1-3) CC130s (Ages 3-5)

# **Building Abbreviation Key**

Mondays 9:00 a.m.

**Monday Morning Prayer Group** 

Welcome Center

H = Heritage T = TowerCC = Children's Center

### MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Administration 818-909-5500

Children 818-909-5631

**Grace Equip** 818-909-5674

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 818-909-5593 Women

818-909-5521



For more information about Sunday Fellowships scan the QR code or visit gracechurch.org/about/sunday-fellowships.

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