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PASTOR-TEACHER

Bill Brandenstein / Minister of Music



9:00 & 11:00* am

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded · Hassler · Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior · Barnham

Hymn 277 Lift High the Cross · Congregation

Whiter Than Snow · Fischer/Rice · Strings & Woodwinds Ensemble

His Robes for Mine · Habegger/Forrest · Worship Choir

Hymn 289 In the Cross Alone I Glory · Congregation

Your Grace Still Amazes Me · Harrington-Craig/Rice · Elmer Serquina

MESSAGE: **FORGIVEN PEOPLE FORGIVE**

Mike Riccardi • Matthew 18:21–35

Communion

The Solid Rock · Bradbury · Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Prelude

Songs of Praise

Baptism

MESSAGE: **YAHWEH'S NAME: REDEMPTION**

Josiah Grauman • Exodus 1–6

Postlude

* During the 11:00 am service, interpreting in American Sign Language (ASL) is available in the Worship Center and livestream translations in Arabic, Korean, Mandarin, and Russian are available at gracechurch.org/live. During the 6:00 pm service, livestream translation is available in Spanish.

Instrumental Praise

Whiter Than Snow

Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole;

I want Thee forever to live in my soul.

Break down every idol, cast out every foe—

Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow—

Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, look down from Your throne in the skies

And help me to make a complete sacrifice.

I give up myself and whatever I know—

Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow—

Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, before You I patiently wait;

Come now and within me a new heart create.

To those who have sought You, You never said, “No”—

Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow—

Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Words by James L. Nicholson (1872); music by William G. Fischer (1896).

Campus Ministries

THE WELCOME CENTER hosts a reception for visitors following each Sunday morning service. There, you will find helpful people with answers to any questions you have about our church. You'll also receive one of Pastor John'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 • 9:00 & 11:00 am • TMS Library (West)

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

- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Grace Academy
- Hebrew Bible Distribution
- Local Outreach
- Missionary in Training

Grace Books

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

R.C. Sproul: A Life

by Stephen J. Nichols

"This theologically rich, warm, and personal look at a rare servant of the Lord is masterful. There will be other biographies of R.C., but I cannot imagine any that would come close to this one." —John MacArthur

Available today for 40% off retail.



Generations of Grace Children's Sunday School



MESSAGE	Review Sunday
PASSAGE	2 Samuel 7
PRINCIPLE	We can rejoice and trust in God's gracious promises.
FEATURED HYMN	"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (<i>Hymns of Grace</i> No. 2)
ASK YOUR CHILD	What promise did God make to David and his family?
APPLY	By trusting that God keeps His promises.
THIS WEEK	As a family, read 2 Samuel 7.
NEXT WEEK	Luke 22:7–20; 39–46

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

Grace to You

RADIO gty.org/radio

The Tale of Two Sons

- 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 Priority of Unity"

- 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 Shared Calling

Church-Based Pastoral Training



One month after marrying, Robert and Ashley Wauhopp piled everything they owned into a car and drove from Virginia—where they’d met in college—to Los Angeles, where Robert was going to train for ministry at The Master’s Seminary. When they moved east again four years later, this time to Georgia for pastoral ministry, they brought far more than a seminary degree with them. They brought children—a girl and boy born during their time in California—a bevy of friendships they’d formed while serving on Grace Church’s high school staff, and invaluable ministry experience in the local church.

Now a senior pastor in Valdosta, Georgia, Robert still has close ties to Grace Church. He comes to Shepherds Conference each year, his family vacations with members of our church, and his shepherding heart is guided by his relationships with our elders. He knows his experiences at Grace Church doubled the value of his education at TMS.

“I came here for one education and I ended up receiving two,” Robert tells everyone who asks him about his time at TMS. “I received world-class theological training at TMS and an equally valuable education in ministry at Grace Community Church.”

Thousands of the seminary’s graduates would echo Robert’s sentiment. They come to The Master’s Seminary for the classroom, but, inevitably, they benefit just as much from the relationships they build and the practical ministry they participate in here at Grace Church.

And so, from all of us at The Master’s Seminary, thank you, Grace Church, for your care for these students. It is clear that we not only share a campus, we also share a calling: to train faithful, courageous shepherds for God’s church. As we continue to participate in this glorious work, here are

some practical ways you can come alongside the men entrusted to us at The Master's Seminary.

First, you can pray for the men who come here to train, and for those who leave here to shepherd. Pray they would be men of conviction, character, and courage. Pray they would be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. And pray for protection from the devil's schemes. He wants nothing more than to derail those who proclaim God's truth.

Second, get to know our students. Invite them and their families over for dinner. Spend time with them.

Let them know you care and want to befriend them. The richer each student's relationships at Grace Church, the more effective his future ministry will be.

Finally, support a seminary student financially. Your generous gifts have helped ease the high cost of theological training in Southern California, but as each class of men enrolls, we are reminded of this constant need. You can also help address the biggest obstacle in keeping men from moving here to train at TMS: cost of living. As rent has increased in Los Angeles County, it's made it more difficult for students to find affordable housing. If you have housing options for our students, consider renting your property to a seminary student. This would be a tremendous blessing to our students and a joy for you as you care for someone preparing to care for the flock of God.

At The Master's Seminary, our motto is "we train men because lives depend on it." The reality is you, too, train men. The "we" applies to every member of Grace Church. You are our pride and it is our joy to connect students to the blessings of life at Grace as they prepare for the most noble of life's callings. ●



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For more information on how to support students at The Master's Seminary, please contact us at 818-909-5622 or development@tms.edu.

Grace Equip Class

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

Mondays, March 20–April 24 • 6:30–8:30 pm

This course provides a detailed understanding of the Trinitarian work of salvation and the nature and function of the Church in God's kingdom plan. This course is conducted in person and via Zoom. To register, visit gracechurch.org/equip.

Alzheimer's-Dementia Ministry

Saturday, March 25 • 9:00 am • CC130

Families touched by dementia are invited to meet monthly for spiritual encouragement, helpful shepherding, and warm fellowship. Loved ones with dementia are welcome, and we offer activities and care for these loved ones during a portion of our meeting. For more information, call Pastor Rick McLean at 818-909-5519.

The Master's Kids Informational Meeting

Tuesday, April 11 • 10:00 am–12:00 pm • CC230

TMK is a Bible-based, kindergarten-prep program for children beginning kindergarten in fall 2024. Attendance at the meeting gives families priority for the 2023–2024 class. Childcare is provided for children five years old and under. To sign-up for childcare, contact Beth Voorheis with your child's name and birth date by March 28 at bvoor@sbcglobal.net.

Grace Around the World

Tim & Michelle Cantrell

Serving in **South Africa** since **1998**

Prayer/Praise

- Pray for our court case for religious liberty before the Supreme Court of Appeals—that the Lord would turn the hearts of the judges to act justly and to fear Him, not man.
- Pray that we would remain faithful to Christ and His Word regardless of the opposition.

For more information, visit gracechurch.org/cantrell.



Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$17,940**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

God's Word in Hebrew

Today, before and after both morning services • GraceWalk

Jerry & Nancy Sands, representatives with the Society for Distributing Hebrew Scriptures, will be offering a limited supply of free, bilingual Hebrew/English Old and New Testaments, as well as CDs containing thirty-seven Bibles in seventeen languages. Please take a Bible to give to your unbelieving Jewish family members, friends, and neighbors.

Songs of Summer

The Master's University is hosting a performance workshop for aspiring young singers this June. The workshop will include voice classes, individual voice instruction, training in performance techniques, acting improvisation, practical music theory, and ensemble performance. All classes will be taught by TMU faculty or alumni. For more information and to register, visit masters.edu/songsofsummer.

The Master's University Job Openings

TMU is looking to fill the following positions. For more information or to apply, visit masters.edu/jobs.

Chair of Computer Information Systems (FT)

Electrician (FT)

Painter (FT)

Project Coordinator (FT)

Transfer Credit Coordinator (PT)

To view job openings at other affiliated ministries, visit gracechurch.org/opportunitysheet.

With the Lord

Elnora (Penny) Pennington and **Loretta Cardenas-Holguin** recently went to be with the Lord. We will be having a memorial service in Penny's honor on Friday, March 24 at 1:00 pm in the Chapel. We will be having a memorial service in Loretta's honor on Saturday, March 25 at 1:00 pm in the Chapel. Please remember their families in your prayers.

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

Grace Church Job Openings

Beyond serving at our church, there are many other opportunities for members to utilize their giftedness for God's kingdom. Applicants for employment to 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 Human Resources at hr@gracechurch.org or 818-909-5672.

PT: Part-time; FT: Full-time

Administrative Assistant (FT)

Audio-Visual Technician (PT)

Custodian (PT)

Event Server (PT)

Kitchen Staff (PT)

Manager of Video

Production—Education (FT)

Nurse (FT)

Receptionist (PT)

Security Patrol (PT)

Grace Academy Job Openings

Grace Academy is now filling positions for the 2023–2024 school year. For more information or to request an application, contact Human Resources at hr@gracechurch.org or 818-909-5672.

PT: Part-time; FT: Full-time

Director of Grace Academy (FT)

Primary School Teacher (FT)

Secondary School Teacher (FT)

Teacher Assistant (PT)

For a full description of jobs and benefits, visit gracechurch.org/jobs.



9:00 am

Anchored (All ages) T360
Pastors: Carl Hargrove,
Bill Shannon

Cornerstone (All ages) T370
Pastors: Nathan Busenitz,
Mark Tatlock, Harry Walls

GraceLife (All ages)
Family Center
Pastors: Phil Johnson,
Mike Riccardi

Jr. High (Grades 7-8)
T70 (Basement)
Pastor: Jay Lennington

Steadfast (All ages) T270
Pastor: Brian Biedebach

11:00 am

Commissioned (All ages) T270
Pastors: Rodney Andersen,
Brad Klassen

Crossroads
(College & young adults)
Family Center
Pastor: Austin Duncan

High School (Grades 9-12)
T70 (Basement)
Pastor: Isaías Muñoz

Joint Heirs (All ages) T360
Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street

Sojourners (All ages) T370
Pastors: Abner Chou,
Joe Zhakevich

1:00 pm

Neighborhood Outreach
H221-222

5:00 pm

Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting
H114

6:00 pm

Adventure Club
Family Center (Grades 4-6)
Chapel (Grades 1-3)
CC230 (Ages 3-5)

Mondays 9:00 am

Monday Morning Prayer Group
Welcome Center

Fridays 7:00 pm

Foundation (Young professionals)
Tower Basement
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

International Outreach
818-909-5503

Local Outreach
818-909-5721

Membership
818-909-5644

Men
818-909-5581

Pastoral Care & Counseling
818-909-5581

Prayer
818-909-5519

Spanish
818-909-5722

Special Ministries
818-909-5519

Student
818-909-5593

Women
818-909-5521

Both 9:00 & 11:00 am

Spanish Worship Services
Chapel
Pastors: Luis Contreras,
Josiah Grauman

Spanish Adult Sunday School
TMS Library (East)
Pastors: Luis Contreras,
Josiah Grauman

Children's Ministry
Visit the Welcome Center for
room locations.
Pastor: Jay Lennington

Developmentally Disabled
CC130E
Pastor: Rick McLean

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



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