

# GRACE TODAY

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**May 17, 2015**

**John MacArthur**

PASTOR-TEACHER

**Clayton Erb** / 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.

**8:30 & 10:30\* am**

**Bill Brandenstein, Director**

**Concert I: Allegro** • Handel • Stephen Sturz, Organist

**Hymn 4 How Great Thou Art** • Congregation

**Morning Has Broken** • Trad./Pinkston-Rice • Brass Ensemble, Organ

**All Creatures of Our God and King** • Trad./Hayes • Worship Choir

**Hymn 17 Ye Servants of God** • Congregation

**O Thou, In Whose Presence** • Swain-Lewis/Schreiner-Ortega-Rice • James Phillips

MESSAGE: **WHAT JESUS' DEATH MEANT TO HIM**  
John MacArthur • John 14:28–31

**Doxology Hymn** • Congregation

**Now Thank We All Our God** • Crüger/Thompson • Organ Postlude

**6:00 pm**

**Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow** • Trad./Avelina • Instrumental Prelude

**Songs of Praise** • Congregation

**Baptism** • Chris Gee

**Hallelujah for the Cross** • King-Wright • Offertory

MESSAGE: **THE TRANSFORMED LIFE**  
John MacArthur • Acts 9:10–17

**How Firm a Foundation** • Trad./Sturz • Organ Postlude

\* Interpreting for the deaf is provided during the 10:30 a.m. service.

Arabic translation for the 10:30 a.m. service is available at [gracechurch.org/live](http://gracechurch.org/live).

**Instrumental Praise**

**Morning Has Broken**

Morning has broken Like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them springing Fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall Sunlit from Heaven,  
Like the first dew-fall On the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness Of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness Where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, Praise ev'ry morning,  
God's recreation Of the new day!

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Words by Eleanor Farjeon; music from a traditional Gaelic melody

**Doxology Hymn**

**Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God**

Holy Spirit, living breath of God,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
To renew my heart and make me whole.

Cause Your Word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see;  
Give me passion for Your purity;  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

## Campus Ministries

**THE WELCOME CENTER** hosts a reception for visitors following each Sunday-morning service. Enjoy refreshments and find helpful people with answers to any questions you have about our church. You'll also 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 north side of the Heritage Building, across from the Welcome Center.

Today's Membership Class  
103 • 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. • T66 (basement)

**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

The following lesson was taught **today** in Sunday School (Preschool through Juniors)



MESSAGE God Prepares Israel for the Covenant

PASSAGE Exodus 19

PRINCIPLE God is worthy of fear and reverence.

HYMN OF THE MONTH "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

ASK YOUR CHILD Why were the Israelites not allowed to go on the mountain?

APPLY By fearing and respecting God because He is holy.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Exodus 19.

NEXT WEEK Exodus 20:1–21

## On GraceWalk

- Filipino Outreach
- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Grace Books Express
- Local Outreach

## On the Patio

- Faith Promise
- Hebrew Bibles
- Spanish Ministries (by the Chapel)

## Bookstore

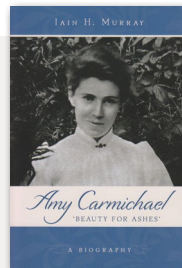
The Bookstore is open after each service and during the week. It is located on the south side of the Worship Center.

### HIGHLIGHT

#### AMY CARMICHAEL: "BEAUTY FOR ASHES"

by Iain Murray

"Such devotion as [Carmichael's] seems so distant. Reading this brief history will confront and help to close that distance."  
—John MacArthur



Available today for 20% off retail price

## Grace to You

RADIO [gty.org/radio](http://gty.org/radio)

### Benefiting from Life's Trials

- 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

TELEVISION [gty.org/television](http://gty.org/television)

### "The Persecution and Endurance of Christians, Part 1"

- NRB Network CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

ONLINE [gty.org](http://gty.org)

- Sunday sermons
- Audio archive: John MacArthur's pulpit ministry
- Resource library: books, study guides, videos, Q&As

All audio is available for free listening or downloading.

# A FRAGRANT AROMA

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

In chapter 4 of Paul's letter to the Philippians, the apostle describes the financial gift he received from his readers as "a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God" (verse 18). This letter from a missionary to one of his supporting churches not only displays the proper attitude for a missionary under persecution, but it also shows us how God views the sacrificial giving of His church.

Our church has been privileged for many years

to participate in gospel ministry throughout the world. But the need for solid, biblical, faithful ministry continues to grow. So as we begin a new year of Faith Promise, it's exciting to consider what the Lord has in store for the future, even as we celebrate what He has already accomplished.

During the past year Grace Church sent out eight new missionary families, and today we support more than seventy families scattered

across six continents. Each of them is faithfully serving in a local church and working to spread the good news of the gospel in a myriad of ways. Some of our missionaries, like Martin and Gabi Manten in Switzerland, are planting model churches in regions essentially devoid of Christian witness. Others, like Davis Prickett in Africa, are working to translate the Word of God into new languages. And many others, like our missionary team in Spain, are diligently providing biblical training to national pastors

and church leaders in places with little or no viable options for strong biblical instruction. Through international training centers, these missionaries are equipping a generation of church leaders and Bible expositors to teach and preach God's Word the way it's preached here at Grace Church.

For the next three weeks you will find Faith Promise cards inserted in your Grace Today. We encourage you to prayerfully consider an

amount you would like to trust the Lord to provide over the next twelve months, fill out a card, and drop it in the offering plate or at the Faith Promise table on the patio. The amount is not important; we know the Lord is in control of our finances. What is important is your prayerful participation in His provision for the gospel to go forward around the world.

We rejoice to see the Lord provide and use us to advance His work, and we pray that our

opportunities to serve, pray, and give toward His kingdom will only increase. As we trust in His provision, we know "that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ" (Colossians 4:3). ■

*Faith Promise commitment cards are in this morning's Grace Today. Prayerfully consider an amount to pledge over and above your regular giving, fill out the card, and drop it in the offering plate or at the patio table in the coming weeks.*

## God's Word in Hebrew

**Today • Before and after both morning services • GraceWalk**

George and Goldie Shaw, representatives with the Society for Distributing Hebrew Scriptures, are offering a limited supply of free, bilingual Hebrew/English Old and New Testaments, as well as CDs containing 37 Bibles in 17 languages. Please take a Bible to give to your unbelieving Jewish family members, friends, and neighbors.

## 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, Filipino, Italian, 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

**Filipino Outreach** • filipinofellowship@gracechurch.org

**Italian Outreach** • italianfellowship@gracechurch.org

**Korean Outreach** • koreanfellowship@gracechurch.org

**Russian Outreach** • russianfellowship@gracechurch.org

**Thai Outreach** • thaifellowship@gracechurch.org

*Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth;  
For I am God, and there is no other. —Isaiah 45:22*

## Grace Around the World

**David & Carol Beakley**

Serving in **South Africa** Since 2002

### Prayer / Praise

- Pray for the accreditation of our new, three-year bachelor of theology program, which has been held up in the Department of Education for more than a year.
- Pray for the new seminary site we are planning to open in Pretoria this next year.



## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$7,320**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionary families.

## Local Outreach Spotlight

### Downtown Jail Ministry

Every week this ministry visits the men incarcerated at Men's Central Jail in Downtown Los Angeles. Men's Central is a high-security jail with inmates who are there on a long-term basis. There are wonderful opportunities to preach the gospel to those who have experienced very tangible consequences of their sin. For more information about serving in this ministry, call 818-909-5721.

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## Elders Q&A

**May 24 • 10:30 a.m. • T66 (basement)**

Our Grace Church elders regularly host a “State of the Church” session on the fourth Sunday of every month. Each session is open to anyone; to attend, simply come to the membership classroom in the basement.

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## Regen 2015

**High School Summer Camp • July 20–24**

Registration is now open at [CampRegen.com/180](http://CampRegen.com/180).

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## One with Christ

**Monday, May 18 • 9:30 a.m. • CC130**

Bible study primarily for women who have lost their husbands through death or divorce.

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## Grace Church Connection

Keep current with what’s new around Grace Church each month. To subscribe to our monthly email update, visit [gracechurch.org/news](http://gracechurch.org/news).

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### Baby Rose

The rosebud is in honor of **Micaías James Hunter**, born (and adopted) February 12, 2015, to Tim and Isabel Hunter.

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## Elders Meeting

**Thursday, May 21 • 7 p.m. • T262**

Open to our church family

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## Descend Summer Series

**June 3–July 15 • 7:00–9:00 p.m. • T70s**

Join ONEIGHTY in the basement on Wednesday nights while the regional high school Bible studies are on summer break.

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## Job Opportunity

**Web Developer/Programmer.** The Grace Church IT Department has an opening for a Web Developer/programmer. Must be proficient in HTML/CSS, object-oriented programming (C#, Java, VB, Ruby), server-side scripting (ASP, PHP), and relational databases (SQL, MySQL, MS-Access). A degree in Computer or Information Science or equivalent experience preferred. Experience with .NET a plus. Applicants for employment must be, if employed, biblically qualified as a deacon or deaconess and a member of Grace Church. For more information or to request an application, contact Human Resources at [HR@gracechurch.org](mailto:HR@gracechurch.org) or 818-909-5672.

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## The Master’s College

**Songs of Summer: A Performance Workshop for Singers**

**June 22–26 • Ages 8–12 & 13–18**

For more information or to register, visit [masters.edu/songsofsummer](http://masters.edu/songsofsummer).

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**8:30 a.m.**

**Children's Sunday School**  
Visit the Welcome Center  
for room locations.  
Pastor: Matt White

**Cornerstone**  
(All ages) T371  
Pastors: Nathan Busenitz,  
Justin Harris, Mark Tatlock

**Doulos** (Young families &  
singles) T361  
Pastor: Carl Hargrove

**FaithBuilders** (All ages) T261  
Pastor: Bill Shannon

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

**Junior High** (Grades 7–8)  
T73 (Basement)  
Pastor: Andrew Curry

**Mentally Disabled**  
CC130 (east)  
Pastor: Rick McLean

**Spanish Adult Sunday  
School** H221-222  
Teachers: Josiah Grauman,  
Heber Torres

**Spanish Worship Service**  
Chapel  
Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,  
Michael Mahoney

**10:30 a.m.**

**Children's Sunday School**  
Visit the Welcome Center  
for room locations.  
Pastor: Matt White

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

**High School** (Grades 9–12)  
T73 (Basement)  
Pastor: Josh Petras

**Joint Heirs** (All ages) T261  
Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street

**Mainstream** (All ages) T361  
Pastor: Rich Gregory

**Mentally Disabled**  
CC130 (east)  
Pastor: Rick McLean

**Sojourners** (All ages) T371  
Pastor: William Varner

**Spanish Adult Sunday  
School** H221-222  
Teachers: Josiah Grauman,  
Ruben Pidal, Heber Torres

**Spanish Worship Service**  
Chapel  
Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,  
Michael Mahoney

**12:30 p.m.**

**Neighborhood Outreach**  
T273

**5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday Night Prayer Group**  
Grace Grill  
(next to the Children's Center)

**6:00 p.m.**

**Discovery** (Grades 1–6)  
Family Center

**Discovery Kids** (Ages 3–5)  
CC134-136

Visit our website at

**GRACECHURCH.ORG**

**Fridays 7:30 p.m.**

**The Guild** (Single adults)  
T361  
Pastor: Don Carr

**Mondays 9:00 a.m.**

**Monday Morning Prayer Group**  
Welcome Center

**Building Abbreviation Key**

T = Tower

H = Heritage

CC = Children's Center

**MINISTRY DIRECTORY**

**Administration**  
818-909-5500

**Children**  
818-909-5631

**Equipping**  
818-909-5671

**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**  
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**Student**  
818-909-5593

**Women**  
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