

# GRACE TODAY

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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**

*Art of the Fugue No. 9* • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

**Hymns of Praise** • Congregation

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

*O Church Arise*

*The Church's One Foundation*

*The Armor of God* • Beck-Elvey • Worship Choir, Congregation

*It Is Well with My Soul* • Bliss/Krogstad • Philip Webb

**Hymn 490 I Am His, and He Is Mine** • Congregation

MESSAGE: **ABIDING IN CHRIST, PART 2**

John MacArthur • John 15:4–11

**Doxology Hymn** • Congregation

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* • Trad./Sturz • Organ Postlude

**6:00 pm**

*He Knows My Name* • Walker • Instrumental Prelude

**Songs of Praise** • Congregation

**Baptism** • Rich Gregory

*May the Mind of Christ, My Savior* • Barham-Gould • Offertory

MESSAGE: **THE LORD SPEAKS TO HIS CHURCH IN A HOSTILE WORLD**

John MacArthur • Revelation 2:1–7

*More Love to Thee (medley)* • Doane/Sturz • Organ Postlude

**Plaza Fellowship**

\* 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).

**Anthem**

*The Armor of God*

Put on the full armor of God that you may be able to stand firm!

Stand firm, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

And having shod your feet with the gospel of peace,

Taking up the shield of faith, and the helmet of salvation,

And the sword of the Spirit, the sword of the Spirit,

Which is the Word of God.

Peace, peace, peace be to you, my brethren,

And love, love, love with faith from God, the Father

And the Lord Jesus Christ.

Peace, peace be to you, my brethren,

And love with faith, faith,

Faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace, grace, grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ

With a love, with a love incorruptible!

*Congregation joins*

Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put your armor on,

Strong in the strength which God supplies through His eternal Son;

Strong in the Lord of Hosts, and in His mighty pow'r,

Who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror.

Leave no unguarded place, no weakness of the soul;

Take ev'ry virtue, ev'ry grace, and fortify the whole.

From strength to strength go on, wrestle and fight and pray;

Tread all the pow'rs of darkness down and win the well-fought day!

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**Doxology Hymn**

*Hymn 363 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;

Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;

Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

## 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.

Elders Q&A  
8:30 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 offers Israel Healing from Sin

PASSAGE Numbers 20:2–13; 21:4–9

PRINCIPLE God is merciful and faithful.

HYMN OF THE MONTH "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

ASK YOUR CHILD How did God offer healing from the snakebites?

APPLY By remembering God's faithfulness in the past.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Numbers 20:2–13; 21:4–9.

NEXT WEEK Numbers 22–24

## On GraceWalk

- **Fundamentals of the Faith**
- **Local Outreach**

## On the Patio

- **Awana**
- **Generations of Grace**
- **Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic**
- **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

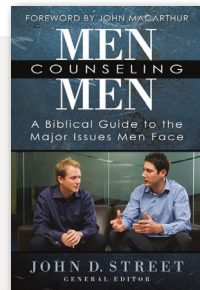
#### MEN COUNSELING MEN

*John Street, General Editor  
Featuring Nathan Busenitz, Wayne Mack,  
Robert Somerville, and more*

"This book teaches powerful, divine truth within the context of the Christian man's everyday struggles."

—John MacArthur

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## Grace to You

**RADIO** [gtv.org/radio](http://gtv.org/radio)

### **The New Testament, Beginning to End**

- 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** [gtv.org/television](http://gtv.org/television)

### **"The World in Conflict & Distress"**

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

**ONLINE** [gtv.org](http://gtv.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.

*Adapted from Lesson 35 of the **Generations of Grace Family Devotional**, available at the bookstore.*

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# Hymns of Praise

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## *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* Hymn 280

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I love Thy kingdom, Lord,  
The house of Thine abode,  
The Church our blest Redeemer saved  
With His own precious blood.

For her my tears shall fall;  
For her my prayers ascend;  
To her my cares and toils be giv'n,  
'Til toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heav'nly ways,  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
Her hymns of love and praise.

## *O Church Arise*

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O church, arise, and put your armor on;  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given.

With shield of faith and belt of truth,  
We'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold, whose battle cry is love,  
Reaching out to those in darkness.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride,  
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.

As saints of old still line the way,  
Retelling triumphs of His grace;  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory.



## *The Church's One Foundation* Hymn 277

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation By water and the Word:  
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;  
'Til with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee.

**WEEK OF WELCOME**

**Plaza Fellowship**

**TONIGHT**  
*after the evening service*

*Hosted by*  
**Crossroads**

**Join us for an evening "Under the Sea"**  
**as we welcome our new students to**  
**The Master's College.**

**FREE SHAVED ICE • FOOD TRUCKS**

# Grace Evangelism

## Local Outreach Ministries

Grace Evangelism is a nine-week, interactive training course that equips believers to proclaim the gospel clearly, understandably, and faithfully. Each lesson is designed to help students think through the vital components and implications of a God-centered message, while also providing practical applications and guidance regarding actual, “boots on the ground” evangelism. Our faithful instructors will teach you how to start and end a gospel conversation, what to say when presenting the gospel, and how to respond when rejected. The class also includes guidelines for evangelizing children, as well as practical pointers for moving from evangelism to discipleship with those who respond positively to the gospel.

Our hope is that each member of our church family would be ready, equipped, and committed to taking the opportunities the Lord gives us for telling others the wonderful news of forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ. If you believe Grace Evangelism can help you do that, and you desire to grow in your knowledge of the gospel and what it means to evangelize, **the next class is scheduled to begin on August 30.**

*If you are interested in signing up, or you just have questions, please visit the Local Outreach table on GraceWalk after either service this morning.*

## GOG Curriculum

The *Generations of Grace Family Devotional*, *Activity Book*, and *Coloring Book* are available for purchase this morning outside the Children’s Center.

## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$34,387**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionary families.

## Local Outreach Spotlight

### Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic Fundraiser

Now through September 13, pick up an OAPC baby bottle in your fellowship group, fill it with change, and return it to the Welcome Center. This is a great way to help raise support for the vital, ongoing ministry of the Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic. For more information, contact Local Outreach at 818-909-5721.

## Marriage Seminar

A prerequisite for engaged couples desiring to get married at Grace Church, this seminar is also helpful for those who are purposefully dating, as well as married couples interested in God's plan for a successful marriage.

**Part 1 Friday, September 18, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, September 19, 9:00 a.m.–noon**

**Part 2 Friday, October 16, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, October 17, 9:00 a.m.–noon**

**Instructors:** Bill Shannon, George Sanders, Tom Leman

For more information or to register, visit [gracechurch.org/premarital](http://gracechurch.org/premarital) or call 818-909-5537.

## Awana Clubbers and Leaders Sign-ups

**Now through September 13**

**Cubbies (ages 3–4) \$50\* • Sparks (grades K–2)/Truth & Training (grades 3–6) \$35\***

For more information or to sign up, please visit the patio tables near the Children's Center beginning August 23 or call 818-909-5631.

*\*Prices increase after September 13*

## Christmas in September

Starting September 6, stop by the patio table to support and encourage our missionary families this Christmas season. Watch *Grace Today* or visit [gracechurch.org/cis](http://gracechurch.org/cis) for details.

## Seminary Wives Discipleship

**September 16–December 2 (Wednesdays) • 6:50 p.m. • T372**

Register at [tms.edu/semwives/registration](http://tms.edu/semwives/registration). Childcare is provided.

## Elders Q&A

**Today • 8:30 a.m. (please note new time) • 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.

## Alzheimer's–Dementia Ministry

**Saturday, August 29 • 9:00 a.m. • CC130**

A light breakfast will be served. For more information, call Rick McLean at 818-909-5519.

## Job Opportunities

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 the office of Human Resources at [hr@gracechurch.org](mailto:hr@gracechurch.org) or 818-909-5672.

**Custodian.** The Grace Church Ministry Facilitation Team has a part-time opening (24–29 hours/week) for a custodian. Responsibilities include vacuuming, mopping, cleaning classrooms and restrooms, refuse disposal, and room set-up/break-down. The ideal candidate will be eager to learn new tasks in a fast-paced environment, and must be able to bend, push, and pull while lifting up to 50 lbs. Opportunities for growth are available within the department.

**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.

**8:30 a.m.****Children's Sunday School**

Visit the Welcome Center  
for room locations.  
Pastor: Mike Johnston

**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,  
Angel Cardoza

**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: Mike Johnston

**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

**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

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**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

**Men**

818-909-5537

**Spanish**

818-909-5722

**Children**

818-909-5631

**Outreach**

818-909-5700

**Special Ministries**

818-909-5519

**Logos Institute**

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**Pastoral Care &**

**Counseling**

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**Prayer**

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**Women**

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