

Pastor's Pen

We Are Dust!

"By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Gen 3:19

Everyone born of women will return to dust unless the Lord returns. On July 14, 2025, Dr John MacArthur left this world behind to be with our Lord forever. There has been no other man that I have met who has had a greater impact on my life than Dr. John MacArthur. Many of us have been blessed by his faithfulness to the Word of God. He will truly be missed, but God, who is always faithful, will continue to raise up great preachers like Dr. John.

The following is from Grace To You:

On July 14, Pastor John MacArthur's faith became sight, as he entered into the eternal presence of his Savior. He had been dealing with some significant health challenges dating back to early 2023, and God, in His perfect wisdom, determined that John had completed his earthly ministry. John is survived by his wife Patricia, his children Matt, Marcy, Mark, and Melinda, and their spouses, along with fifteen grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. He was eighty-six years old.

For more than fifty-six years, John served as the pastor-teacher of Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, California. The emphasis of his pulpit ministry was the careful study and verse-by-verse exposition of Scripture. Under his leadership, the church grew to several thousand members, providing ample opportunities to train up men for ministry and the resources to send more than one hundred missionary families into the field.

John's faithfulness in the pulpit also resulted in a prolific writing ministry. Books like *The Gospel According to Jesus*, *Our Sufficiency in Christ*, *Ashamed of the Gospel*, *Slave*, *Twelve Ordinary Men*, *The Jesus You Can't Ignore*, *The Truth War*, *The Vanishing Conscience*, *Strange Fire*, *The War on Children*, and many more were the products of John's verse-by-verse Bible teaching. In 2015, John completed The MacArthur New Testament Commentary series—thirty-four volumes covering every verse of the New Testament. Without a doubt, the cornerstone resource of John's ministry is The MacArthur Study Bible, which provides nearly 25,000 study notes to help readers better understand what Scripture says and means.

First published in 1997, it is now available in several English translations, as well as Spanish, Russian, German, French, Portuguese, Italian, Arabic, and Chinese.

From John's earliest days at Grace Church, his sermons were recorded for the sake of homebound church members. Eventually those recordings made it onto Christian radio, and the ministry of Grace to You was born. Today the sun never sets on John MacArthur's preaching, as the Grace to You radio broadcast airs around the globe in both English and Spanish. His full sermon library is available for free download.

In 1985, John became president of what is now known as The Master's University (formerly Los Angeles Baptist College, then The Master's College until 2016). Located in Santa Clarita, California, it is a distinctly Christian, accredited, liberal arts institution offering undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Through the decades under John's leadership—first as president, then as chancellor, the University developed into one of the premier academic institutes in the country, equipping thousands of young men and women for the work of God's kingdom with an education grounded in His Word. When John came to Grace Church, he told the elders he wanted to do two things: preach the Word of God and train up other men to do likewise. To that end, in 1986, he founded The Master's Seminary, a graduate school on the campus of Grace Community Church dedicated to training men for full-time pastoral and missionary work.

To date, the school has graduated more than two thousand men who are faithfully ministering across the United States and in almost seventy other countries around the world. Much of that global work takes place through another ministry that John has helped establish and lead, The Master's Academy International. Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, a group of Ukrainian pastors requested John's help in withstanding the flood of false doctrine that was sweeping into the country. In 1991, graduates from The Master's Seminary began training pastors in the Ukraine. Nearly thirty-five years later, more than nine hundred pastors across the country have been trained. That school, which continues to this day, became the model for what would become The Master's Academy International. Officially founded in 2004, there are currently nineteen member schools operating all around the globe, with plans to add several more in the coming years.

Through the years, many individuals have approached John with a desire to support these ministries in their areas of greatest need. In response to this growing request, the John MacArthur Charitable Trust was formed in 2017 with the sole purpose of providing support for the ongoing and expanding work to the MacArthur family of ministries.

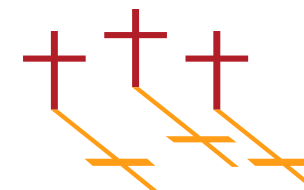
In God's providence, all of that—and much more—has been the direct result of John MacArthur's pulpit ministry. As he often said, it was beyond anything he could have ever planned or schemed to create on his own. He focused on the depth of the ministry and left the breadth of it to God. "Faithfulness," he said, "is its own reward." Only heaven will fully reveal the rich harvest God has brought forth through the faithfulness of John MacArthur.

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark

Quote of the Week

"No Christian will ever become perfect in this life; that awaits the redemption of the body (Rom. 8:23). Perfection in this life will always be a goal, never an achievement. If we say we do not sin, we make God a liar, because He says we do." (1 Jn. 1:7-9).

-John MacArthur



Weekly Gatherings



Sunday Bible Classes

Elders- Old Testament (Sanctuary A)
Bereans- New Testament (Sanctuary B)
Ladies- (Downstairs B, Gray Room)
Young Adults- (Downstairs B, Red Rm.)
Youth and Surge (5th-6th)- (Upstairs C)
Children & Nursery (Downstairs C)



Weekday Meetings



Family Groups

All Family Groups on hiatus until September



Build the Body Teams

If you would like to serve on a BtB Team and need to sign up, please contact the team leader at the appropriate email address on the back of this bulletin.



Youth Study

Wednesdays @6:30PM
Youth Study & Surge!



Service Times

Sunday School 9:00AM
Children's Church 10:30AM
Sunday Services 10:30AM

Giving from service on 07/20/2025

General Offering	\$9,688.28
Building Fund	\$874.50
Uganda	\$190.00
Benevolence	\$145.00

Total.....\$10,897.78
Attendance..... 254

Build the Body Ministries

Women's Ministry-women@ghbcva.org
AWANA-awana@ghbcva.org
Outreach Ministry-outreach@ghbcva.org
Worship Ministry-worship@ghbcva.org
Men's Ministry-men@ghbcva.org
Children's Ministry-children@ghbcva.org
Youth Ministry-youth@ghbcva.org
Prayer Team-prayer@ghbcva.org
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Welcome