

# LBAC • Church Family Calendar & Events

**Sunday, July 31**

10:00AM Worship Celebration

**Monday, August 1**

6:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

**Tuesday, August 2**

7:00PM Youth Group

**Wednesday, August 3**

7:00PM Women's Bible Study

**Friday, August 5**

8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

**Saturday, August 6**

5:00PM Hume Lake Medical Check  
& Luggage Drop Off

**Sunday, August 7**

10:00AM Worship Celebration

11:30AM SALT Meeting

12:00PM Deacon Meeting

**August 7-13**

CHILDREN & YOUTH AT HUME LAKE

## MISSIONS

<http://www.lbac.org/ministries/missions>

Join us for Perspectives & Serving the World!

## GROWTH GROUPS

<http://www.lbac.org/ministries/growth-groups>

Mid-week Bible Studies for all Adults  
Meeting From September – June

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/ministries/childrens-ministries>

Summer Sunday Mornings @ 10:00AM  
All-Kids VBS, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Hume Lake!

## AWANA

<http://www.lbac.org/ministries/childrens-ministries/awana>

Meeting From September – June  
Wednesday Nights For Kids Through High School

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/ministries/student-ministries>

All-Youth Equipping Hour ~ September-June

All-Youth Mid-Week ~ Tuesday's @ 7:00PM

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/ministries/womens-ministries>

Woman To Woman Mentoring  
Contact: sherylynnelbac@gmail.com

Lydia House Meals Ministry  
Contact: robbi@apabrandu.com

Women Connecting with Missions  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 7:00PM

## Crafty Women

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month @ 10:00AM

## MEN'S MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/ministries/mens-ministries>

Contact: mensministry@lbac.org

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts

Weekly Schedule



THE  
ALLIANCE

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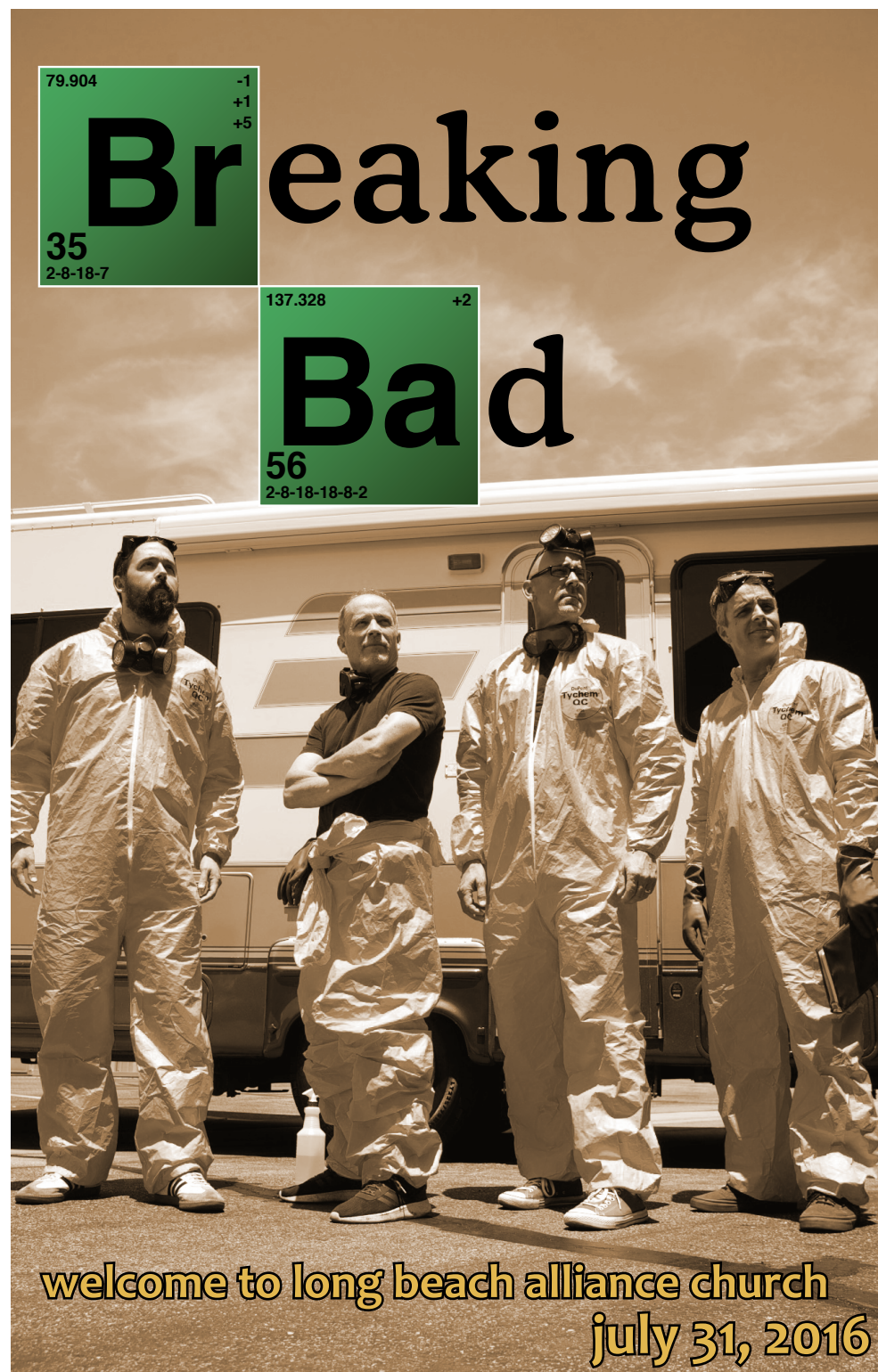
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I believe in Christianity as I believe that  
the Sun has risen – not only because I see it  
but because by it, I see everything else.

-C.S. Lewis

Q. Read Luke 6:27-31. Next, read Luke 6:32-36.  
What is the connection? Why are these sets of  
verses listed next to one another?

## LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Weekly:	\$11,766.37	\$8,990.53	76.4%
Month-to-Date:	\$47,065.48	\$43,748.59	93.0%
Year-to-Date:	\$564,785.76	\$549,687.90	97.3%
Disbursed YTD:	\$521,132.34	GOF Balance: \$28,555.56	

Join Us This Week For The First Session Of Our  
**Women's Summer Study!**

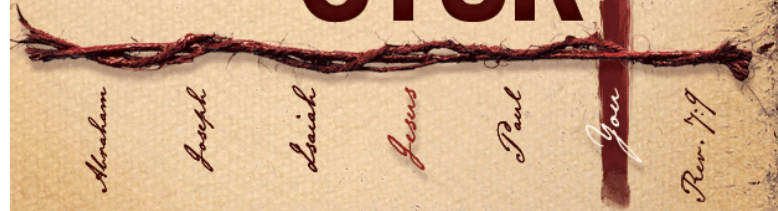
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AN UNCHANGING  
PLAN IN AN  
EVERCHANGING  
WORLD

You're Invited To Four Amazing Wednesday Nights!  
August 3, 10, 17 & 24  
7:00PM-8:30PM

## PERSPECTIVES CLASS

*Get*  
**THREADED**  
*into the*  
**STORY**

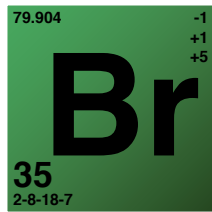


Experience  
God's heart  
for all  
people!

Encounter  
the  
excitement  
of the  
World  
Christian  
Movement!

Sunday Evenings • 6:00PM–9:00PM • AUGUST 21–DECEMBER 11  
FIRST NIGHT (AUGUST 21) OPEN FOR EVERYONE! COME AND SEE!  
FULL CHILDREN'S PROGRAM • Sign-Up w/kelly@lbac.org





# Breaking Bad

**“And I will make of you a great nation,  
and I will bless you  
and make your name great,  
so that you will be a blessing.  
I will bless those who bless you,  
and him who dishonors you I will curse,  
and in you all the families of the  
earth shall be blessed.”**

**(Genesis 12:2-3)**

## 1) God Fills With Benefit

- A) The Bible has various ways it uses the word "bless," "blessing" and "blessed." But, each variation is connected to a simple core meaning in the Bible. "To bless" is "to fill someone or something with benefit, almost always for the purpose of blessing others."
- B) God is the source of blessing in the Bible. For example, God blesses the creation – creatures (Genesis 1:22), mankind (1:28), and the Sabbath (2:3)
- C) Importantly, God is the source of blessing for mankind – Adam & Eve (1:28, 5:2), Noah and his family (9:1), and significantly, Abraham and his family (12:2-3).
- D) When God blesses someone/something, the outcome is guaranteed. In other words, God's blessings are promises providing a foundation for human purpose, and God always provides for His purposes.

## 2) Blessing Flows From Blessing

- A) Just as God "created" and "blessed," so also God "recreates" and "blesses" (Ephesians 1:3-4). Without a relationship with Jesus Christ, we cannot experience true blessing (2:8-9), our authentic purpose (2:10).

**ALL BAD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END**





- B) It is easy to get overwhelmed with wickedness in our world. Some new bit of horrible news seems to pour in through our phones, TV's, and tablets every day.
- C) Like our culture, we can habitually look for the next "bad thing" in our lives, allowing negativity drive our days and weeks. Without noticing, our busy lives, disappointing jobs, frustrating families, painful losses, etc., become the fuel of comments and conversations.



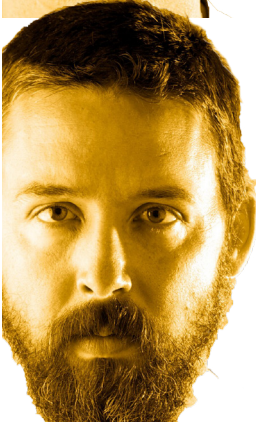
- D) Even positive inputs, such as social media, can be disillusioning. We scroll through "friends," we witness their delightful selfies, the otherworldly photos of loving and perfect families, and we wonder why our own lives are so boring and unphotogenic.
- E) With so many minute-by-minute inputs for our souls, God's blessings are easily obscured. When we are disconnected from God's blessings, we lose purpose, and we lose our voice to bless others.



- F) God calls YOU with the promise of great purpose and great blessing (1 Peter 2:9-10). As we are blessed by Jesus, we "follow his steps" and bless others (2:21-25).

### 3) *For The Purpose of Blessing Others*

- A) God's blessings are never meant "just for us," they are always to be shared with others (Ephesians 4:29, 32).
- B) How do we do it? By understanding God's blessings from Scripture, we are given a "shaping" or "form" of how we are to bless others (see sidebar).
- C) God's blessings come to life as they unite together in relationships, providing a context for speaking God's truth into one another's lives (Colossians 3:12-17).
- D) This is "verbal grace-giving," the "divine vision casting" of giving away what the Spirit of God reveals to you on behalf of others (Ephesians 4:29).



## 12 Great Blessings

- **Genesis 12:1-3, Romans 4:13-5:11**
- **Deuteronomy 6:4-15**
- **Numbers 6:24-27**
- **Psalms 1:1-6**
- **Jeremiah 17:5-8**
- **Matthew 5:3-11**
- **Matthew 24:46-47**
- **Romans 12:14-13:10**
- **Galatians 5:22-23**
- **Ephesians 3:14-21**
- **Colossians 3:12-17**
- **Revelation 12:7, 21:3-8**

