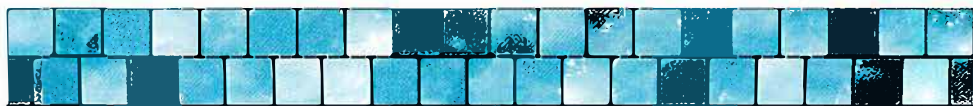


STRANGER THINGS

A person stands with their back to the camera on a dark road that stretches into the distance. The sky is dark with stars, and a brilliant light source in the center of the horizon creates a massive, fan-like spread of blue and white rays of light that illuminate the scene. The person is silhouetted against this light.

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welcome to long beach alliance church
september 18, 2016



Q. Read Matthew 1:18-23 & Luke 1:26-38. Why is the story in Matthew so much shorter? Why is the story in Luke so much longer?

Q. What are the key similarities and differences in the two stories?



Growth Groups

**Take Your Next Step @ LBAC!
Group Sign Up In Courtyard Today!**

Come to the Sign-Up Table
Located in the Courtyard
For more info. today!!



MEN'S
RETREAT

LBAC MEN

Hume Lake Men's Retreat
October 20-23, 2016



Contact Mike Comstock
comstock7@verizon.net
562.505.8389

Spots are filling up; don't miss out!
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Adult Equipping Class

Beginning Sunday, October 2 @ 10:45AM

Visit the information table in the courtyard TODAY!

LEARNING ABOUT THE BASICS OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE!

FOUNDATIONS

The Next 50 Update

LBAC's Facility Renovation Fund



Visit <http://www.lbac.org/our-church/giving>
for information about giving online, and
for more detailed giving information!

LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$12,236.37	\$18,378.29	150.2%
Month-to-Date:	\$24,472.74	\$27,393.82	111.9%
Year-to-Date:	\$24,472.74	\$27,393.82	111.9%
Disbursed YTD:	\$21,373.07	GOF Balance:	\$6,641.59

LBAC's Church Family Calendar & Events

Sunday, September 18

- 9:00AM Worship Celebration 1
- 10:00AM Mind the Gap (Courtyard)
- 10:45AM Foundations Youth Meeting
- 10:45AM Worship Celebration 2
- 6:00PM Perspectives

Monday, September 19

- 7:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

Tuesday, September 20

- 10:00AM All Staff Team Meeting
- 7:00PM Junior High & High School Youth Group/Core Groups

Wednesday, September 21

- 6:30PM AWANA

Friday, September 23

- 6:30AM Men's Bible Study
- 6:00PM Elder's Retreat
- 8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, September 25

- 9:00AM Worship Celebration 1
- 10:00AM Mind the Gap (Courtyard)
- 10:45AM Foundations Youth Meeting
- 10:45AM Worship Celebration 2
- 12:30PM Youth Parent Meeting
- 6:00PM Perspectives

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
GROUPS GOING ON NOW!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

Sunday Mornings

Gospel Project @ 9:00AM & 10:45AM

AWANA

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

Wednesdays in September
6:30PM-8:30PM

YOUTH MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/youth>

JH & HS Foundations ~ Sunday's @ 9:00AM

JH & HS Core Groups ~ Tuesday's @ 7:00PM

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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

Woman To Woman Mentoring

Contact: sherylnnelbac@gmail.com

Lydia House Meals Ministry

Contact: robbi@apabrandu.com

Women Connecting with Missions

3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00PM

Crafty Women

2nd Saturday of each month @ 10:00AM

MEN'S MINISTRIES

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

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Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

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Growth Group Guide Week 2 • Luke 1:26-38

Stranger Things: The News That Was Foretold & Must Be Retold

Ice Breaker

- What are some possible ways your Growth Group can get out into the community and serve others?

In-Depth

- Before we look at today's Bible passage, let's discuss the nature of the Gospels. In what ways are the gospels similar to and different from other types (genres) of literature (e.g. historical narrative, biography, epistles, etc.)?

Read Luke 1:26-38

Discuss the characters and events with your group

1. Read the following prophecies and note how they apply to today's lesson:

A. 2 Samuel 7:12-17

B. Isaiah 7:14

C. Isaiah 9:1-7

2. What can we discern about Mary from this passage?

How would you contrast Mary's response with that of Zechariah to similar news?

3. v34-35: Do you think the virgin birth of Jesus is an important part of Christian doctrine? Why or why not?

4. Read Matthew 1:18-25: What information does this passage add to the birth announcement?

What does the name "Jesus" mean or signify?

Making It Relevant

1. God's plan for a savior/Messiah was announced many hundreds of years before Jesus was born. How does that truth impact your love for God?

Your relationship with Jesus?

How you share Jesus with others?

2. Mary's understanding of God's plan for her was limited, but she had faith and trusted in God (v38). Are there areas in your life where the same faith principle could apply?