

STRANGER THINGS

**Episode Eleven
What Is Your Identity?**

**welcome to long beach alliance church
november 20, 2016**



No Thanksgiving Eve Service

We encourage all our LBAC Growth Groups & any other related Small Group to serve together "outside our walls" in the Spirit with thanks-giving & appreciation to our Lord!

Need Ideas? Look to the right!

Adult Equipping Class ~ Room #102 (Downstairs)

Meeting Every Sunday @ 10:45AM

Join in TODAY to learn more about the Christian faith!

LEARNING ABOUT THE BASICS OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE!

FOUNDATIONS

Q. Have you ever noticed how different Matthew 1:1-17 & Luke 3:23-38 are? Why are they so different?

Q. If someone asked you "what's your identity?," what would you say to them & why?

10 Great Thanksgiving & Christmas Ideas For Your Growth Group To Serve Together In Our Local Community!

- **Operation Teddy Bear*** • volcenter.org/volunteer-sign-up (General Support, Packing/Delivering Backpacks, Read to Children)
- **Salvation Army/Long Beach*** • amy.hudson@usw.salvationarmy.org (Assist & Prepare for Breakfast, Lunch, or Dinner)
- **Help Me Help You*** • helpmehelpu.org (Food Pantry - Unload, Pack, Sort, Distribute food)
- **Long Beach Rescue Mission*** • lbrm.org (Helping with homeless in a variety of ways)
- **Meals on Wheels*** • mowlb.org (Pack & Distribute meals for elderly/homebound)
- **Project Shepherd*** • lakewoodcity.org/projectshepherd (Sort & Distribute food for the needy)
- **Ronald McDonald House/Long Beach*** • rmhsc.org (Cooking/Baking for families, 4 hours/month/all year)
- **Beacon For Him** • beaconforhim.org (Varies by day, Soup Kitchen, Food Bank, Laundry Love)
- **VA Long Beach Healthcare System*** • longbeach.va.gov (Comfort hospitalized veterans; volunteer drivers; discharge patient survey caller; patient reminder caller; menu assistant; patient escort volunteers)
- **Long Beach Volunteer & Meet People Meet-up*** • meetup.com/LBmeetandvolunteer (Pick service opportunities from what is available & when)



Application, Orientation, and/or Further Details Necessary, Please Contact First

The Next 50 Update

LBAC's Facility Renovation Fund



LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

Budget	Required	Received	Budget %
Weekly:	\$12,236.37	\$10,825.00	88.5%
Month-to-Date:	\$24,472.74	\$21,039.22	86.0%
Year-to-Date:	\$134,600.07	\$120,354.23	89.4%
Disbursed YTD:	\$122,447.82	GOF Balance:	-\$1,472.75

LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Sunday, November 20

- This Week Pray for our France Team
- 9:00AM Worship Celebration 1
 - 10:00AM Mind the Gap (Courtyard)
 - 10:45AM Foundations Adult Class
 - 10:45AM Foundations Youth Meeting
 - 10:45AM Worship Celebration 2
 - 6:00PM Perspectives

Monday, November 21

- 7:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

Tuesday, November 22

- 7:00PM Elder Board Meeting

Thursday, November 24

Office Closed
Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 25

- Office Closed
- 6:30AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, November 26

- 7:00PM Youth Nerf Wars

Sunday, November 27

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

MISSIONS

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

Join us for Perspectives & Serving the World!

GROWTH GROUPS

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

Mid-week Bible Studies for all Adults

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

Sunday Mornings

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

AWANA

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

Wednesdays through May 6:30PM-8:30PM

YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

JH & HS Foundations ~ Sundays @ 10:45AM

HS Core Groups ~ Tuesdays @ 7:00PM

JH Core Groups ~ Thursdays @ 7:00PM

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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

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/men>

Contact: mensministry@lbac.org

Weekly Schedule

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts



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For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Romans 8:15-17

1) Why Bother With A Genealogy?

- A) Biblical genealogies are provided to establish the obvious historical framework of "where a person came from." Unlike the precision of modern "family trees," biblical genealogies were constructed/presented primarily for theological reasons.
- B) This is the challenge when reading a biblical genealogy, to find out what the genealogy is saying about God (theology). While it is important to study each name in a genealogy, it is more important to also take a step back from the granular view in order to appreciate and see God's "big picture" purposes.
- C) Biblical genealogies were written forms of worship to God for the character and history of a family/descendants. Broadly, a genealogy represents God's honor for a family. Naturally, a severed line was a result of God's curse (cf. Jeremiah 22:30).
- D) In Luke's Gospel, after giving equal significance of the intertwined stories of John the Baptist and Jesus (Luke 1-3), the genealogy (3:23-38) shifts Jesus into greater significance. The focus will now be exclusively on Jesus, marked off by His genealogy, prior to His launch into public ministry (4:14ff).
- E) However, the public ministry of Christ is not primarily "marked off" by His genealogy, but rather by His divine identity (3:21-22). The baptism of Jesus (cf. Matthew 3:13-17) capstones Jesus' divinity, and is one of the most important biblical locations for seeing all three persons of the Trinity (God is One in three co-equal co-eternal persons) at work simultaneously.

2) The Genealogy of God's Son

- A) As might be expected, the genealogy of Jesus begins with an allusion (3:23, "as was supposed") to His virgin birth (cf. 1:26-38, 2:6-7). Just as quickly, the legal father of Jesus (Joseph) is noted as "Heli" (3:23), an immediate contrast to Matthew's genealogy where "Jacob" is Joseph's father (Matthew 1:1-17).
- B) In fact, if you compare Matthew & Luke's genealogy, you would probably think one (or both) authors were quite confused. Between Jesus and David (3:23-3:31), there are only two matching names (3:27, Zerubbabel & Shealtiel); in the section from David to Abraham, Luke has 16 more names than Matthew!
- C) In addition, Matthew begins at Abraham and ends with Jesus, while Luke begins with Jesus and ends with Adam. Luke's structure is not important, while Matthew's structure is clearly emphasized (note Matthew 1:17). Also, Matthew includes key women (very rare), while Luke (who is quite favorable toward women in his Gospel), does not include any women.
- D) As noted (#1B), the differences between the two genealogies is found in their purpose: What does each tell us about God? Like all genealogies, the beginning and ending are crucial keys.
- E) Matthew's genealogy is primarily concerned with connecting Abraham to David to Jesus. This is probably the royal line of promise (note Genesis 12:1-3 & 2 Samuel 7:10-13). Matthew's genealogy is most understandable as a "royal/physical" line of promise, concerned with the fulfillment of God's promises.
- F) Luke's genealogy is primarily concerned with connecting Jesus to David to Adam. This is probably a legal line, connecting all of humanity from Adam down to Jesus. Luke's genealogy is most understandable as a "legal/physical" line, concerned with God's ultimate promised victory over Satan (note Genesis 3:15).
- G) The great truth of both genealogies is that Jesus rightfully fulfills the physical, legal, and royal requirements to be on the throne of David, and fulfill the covenants (promises) of God.
- H) The timeless truth of Luke's genealogy (specifically) is Jesus as the great fulfillment of God's promise to defeat Satan once and for all (Genesis 3:15). Jesus Christ is the "second Adam" (the Apostle Paul explains, 2 Corinthians 15:45-49) who has made the way for mankind to have a relationship of peace with God.
- I) What does this teach us about God? Through every generation, in every way, God is in control. God did this, these are His fingerprints, His grand plan. And YOU are invited into HIS story.