

# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

## Sunday, September 3

9:00AM Morning Coffee  
9:30AM Worship & Celebration

### MISSIONS

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

### 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 @ 9:30AM

### AWANA

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

Wednesdays During the School Year

### YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

Summer Youth Group ~ Tuesdays @ 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

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/men>

Contact: mensministry@lbac.org

## Tuesday, September 5

10:00AM All Staff Team Meeting

## Friday, September 8

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

## Saturday, September 9

9:00AM Deaconess Meeting  
9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous  
10:00AM Crafty Women

## Sunday, September 10

9:00AM Morning Coffee  
9:30AM Worship & Celebration  
11:00AM Foundations Hour  
12:00PM Deacon Meeting



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# welcome to long beach alliance church

a community of Jesus followers who  
love God, love others, & serve the world



## Communion

### In Remembrance Of Me

One of the dangers we face when reading about spiritual warfare is thinking it's all a bit too fanciful... that it's something that happened a long time ago, during a simpler time, before people understood how things really worked. We have the answers of advanced science and technology to many of life's great mysteries. Perhaps, if given enough time, we will no doubt unravel all the mysteries of the universe?

Many of us who are Jesus' followers have unfortunately limited our faith in Christ to the boundaries which science and what can be proven to be real allow! But then...

Jesus takes bread and wine and tells His disciples that reality is entirely different than they might think. He tells them they are not just eating bread and drinking wine! In reality they are eating His body and drinking His blood!

Reality is that this is a different Passover meal altogether! Jesus says,

***For one who has died has been set free from sin.***

I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. I am the bread of life... But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die... For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink (John 6:47-50, 55).

*this is my body which is for you. do this in remembrance of me.  
this cup is the new covenant in my blood.  
do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.*

### Fall Kick Off

September 10-16, 2017

### Baptism Service

Sunday, October 1, 2017

### New Members Class

Saturday, September 30, 2017

### Annual Vision Meeting

Sunday, October 8, 2017




**SAVE THE  
DATE**

### LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

Budget	Required	Received	Budget %
Weekly:	\$12,236.37	\$12,748.53	104.22%
Month-to-Date:	\$48,945.48	\$50,724.05	103.6%
Year-to-Date:	\$648,527.61	\$604,593.46	93.22%
Disbursed YTD: \$608,979.13		GOF Balance: <del>-\$3,764.83</del>	





A photograph of four meerkats standing upright on their hind legs, looking in various directions. They are positioned in the lower half of the image, with their heads and upper bodies visible. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting. The meerkats have light brown fur with darker markings around their eyes and on their chests.

# Join A Growth Group Today!

**Growth Groups Begin Very Soon!  
Launch Week Is September 10-16!**

*Visit The Growth Group Table +  
Get Signed Up For A Group Today!*

**Growth Groups Are Mid-Week Small Groups In Local Homes  
for Adults (Collegiate Aged–Premeire) Who Meet Together  
For Good Food, Great Discussions, and Growing Friendship!**

**JOIN A GROUP TODAY!**

# TWO NEW FOUNDATIONS CLASSES

## BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 @ 11:00AM

**Reformation • 500**

October 31, 2017 is the  
500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Christian Reformation!  
Please join us for classes  
on the history and beliefs  
from this great moment in  
Christian history! This class  
will be taught by several  
different church leaders.

Downstairs,  
Room #102

**C2 • Church & Culture**

Racism? Gender Identity? Sexual Preferences?

Marriage? Immigration? Pornography? Pleasure?

Please join with Pastors Scott Trickett & Chris Lankford to explore and  
discover flourishing Christ-centered life in the midst of culture!

Downstairs, Room #106



# **How Jesus Disrupted Temple Business-As-Usual, and How He Wants to Disrupt Your Business-As-Usual As Well**

John 2:13-22

The first Temple business disruption: John 2:13-22

The second Temple business disruption: Matthew 21:12-13; Mark 11:15-18; Luke 19:45-46

More on the passionate or angry Jesus: Mark 3:5; Matthew 23:1-36; Luke 11:39-52;

2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Revelation 19:11-21

## **I. He calls you to trust Him in all aspects His character, John 2:13-17**

- A. His outrage at injustice, John 2:15-16.
- B. His anger with sin, John 2:15-17.
- C. His priority on genuine worship, John 2:17; 4:23-24.
- D. His compassion for all, Mark 11:17, quoting Isaiah 56:7; Jeremiah 7:11;  
see also 2 Chronicles 6:32-33

## **II. He calls you to believe in His Gospel, John 2:18-19; Matthew 12:38-40; 16:1-4.**

See Bonus Outline #1.

What's wrong with asking for a sign?

- 1. Your reason for asking: You are not sure of God's love for you, or that He knows what is best for you, or that He wants what is best for you, in spite of all He has shown you.
- 2. You are ignoring the signs He has already given you, like the people in John 2:23. The very fact that you are alive right now is a sign!
- 3. You are insulting both God and His Son Jesus Christ, John 6:35, 37; 8:12; 10:27-28.
- 4. You disregard the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross, 1 Peter 2:24; Isaiah 53:5; 1 John 1:7. You may believe in it, but you do not think it is enough to trust Him without a sign.
- 5. You are demanding something tangible you can see and hear instead of the true spiritual worship of God, John 4:23-24. It is similar to idolatry.
- 6. God has not promised signs first, before you have faith. He demands your trust *now*, Isaiah 55:6; Acts 17:30; 2:21. What sign did he give the woman in Matthew 15:21-28???

## **III. He calls you to be part of His New Temple, John 2:19; Isaiah 8:14; Matthew 12:6; Ephesians 2:20-22; 1 Peter 2:4-6; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; 2 Corinthians 6:16. See Bonus Outline #2.**

## **IV. He calls you to take to heart His words, especially the difficult ones, John 2:19-22. See Bonus Outline #3. The search for truth in Scripture is worth it, Romans 12:2; Psalm 19:7-11; Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 111, 127, 162; Job 23:12; Proverbs 2:1, 4, 5; 3:13-15; 6:20-23.**

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## **Bonus Outline #1 Different Ways Jesus Refers to His Death in the Gospel of John**

Does Jesus ever directly say He is going to be crucified, or even that He is going to die, in the Gospel of John? He makes many such direct statements in Matthew, Mark and Luke, but not in John! Each time in John's Gospel, Jesus uses an indirect expression or euphemism to refer to His death. Since each of the expressions brings out a different aspect of His death, each is worthy of special reflection.

1. "Destroy this temple," John 2:19
2. "gave," John 3:16
3. **"be lifted up," John 3:14; 12:32-33**
4. "I lay down my life," John 10:11, 15, 17-18; 15:13
5. **"be glorified,"** John 12:23, 38 and 41; 13:31-32; 17:1, 5.
6. **"I go to the Father,"** John 13:3; 14:12, 28; 16:5, 10, 16, 28.

**Bold face type** indicate a reference in which the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus are bundled together as one event, which the Gospel of John often does. Jesus also uses the indirect wording "stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you," to refer to Peter's death in John 21:18.

## **Bonus Outline #2 God's Presence with His People in the Bible**

1. Direct fellowship with people before the fall, Genesis 3:8
2. Dwelt in the midst of Israel in the tabernacle, Exodus 40:17-38
3. Dwelt in the midst of Israel in the Temple, 2 Chronicles 5:11-14
4. Dwelt on the earth in the person of Jesus Christ, the new tabernacle and new temple, John 1:14; John 2:19; Isaiah 8:14.
5. Dwells on the earth today in believers, the temple of God, 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; 2 Corinthians 6:16; Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:4-6.
6. Will dwell with His people in heaven, Revelation 21:3; 22:3-4

## **Bonus Outline #3 Jesus Is Not Always Easy to Understand**

There are probably a few clear examples missing, but this list is sufficient to show how often Jesus' words often require further reflection!

### **For the disciples:**

At the well in Samaria, John 4:32-34.

The leaven of the Pharisees, Mark 8:14-21; Matthew 16:5-12.

The first prediction of Jesus' death and resurrection: Mark 8:31-33; Matthew 16:21-23.

The second prediction, Mark 9:30-32; Luke 9:43-45.

The third prediction, Luke 18:31-34.

Another reference to the resurrection, Mark 9:10.

References to Lazarus, John 11:11-16.

The Triumphal Entry, John 12:16.

Jesus washing the disciples' feet, John 13:7.

Jesus' departure from the disciples, John 13:33, 36-37; 14:1-5; 16:16-18.

### **For others as well:**

Jesus' opponents at the Passover, John 2:18-21; see also Mark 14:58-59; Matthew 26:61

Nicodemus, John 3:4, 9

The woman at the well, John 4:11-12, 15

Jesus' opponents at the Feast of Tabernacles, John 7:33-36; 8:21-22, 25-27, 43; 9:39-41.

Jesus' opponents at the Feast of Chanukah, John 10:22-26.

The crowd at the last Passover, John 12:31-34.

Those present at the Cross, Mark 15:34-36; Matthew 27:46-49.

An explanation of why Jesus says some things in a way that is hard to understand, Matthew 13:10-17; Mark 4:33-34.