LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Sunday, December 17

9:00AM Morning Coffee

9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service 7:00PM Youth Leader Meeting

Monday, December 18

6:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

Tuesday, December 19

10:00AM All Staff Team Meeting 7:00PM Youth Group- High School

Wednesday, December 20

6:30PM AWANA

Thursday, December 21

5:00PM Lydia House Women's Outreach 7:00PM Youth Group- Junior High

Friday, December 22

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

Saturday, December 23

9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

Sunday, December 24

9:00AM Morning Coffee

9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service 6:30PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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 Fun-N-Funky Hour @ 11:15AM (Resumes in Jan)

http://www.lbac.org/awana

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

YOUTH MINISTRIES

http://www.lbac.org/youth

JH & HS Foundations ~ Sundays @ 11:15AM 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: sherylynnelbac@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

long beach alliance church offices

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church staff team

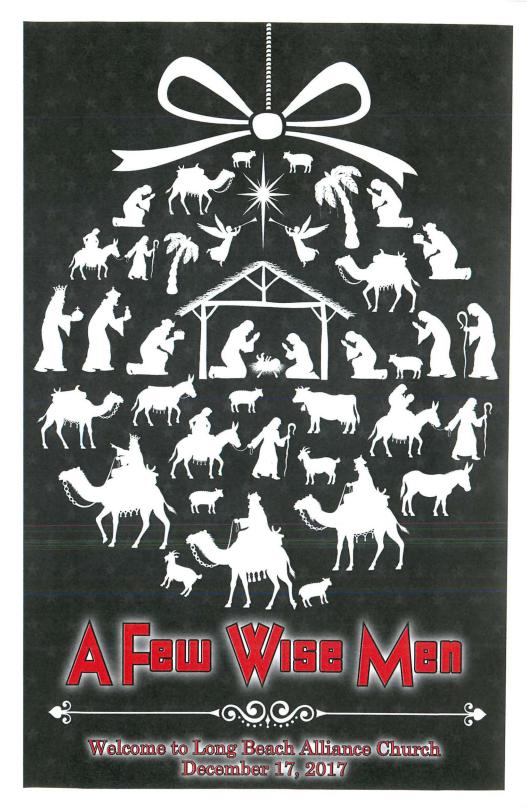
michelle crammer, office manager maternity leave

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matt swaney, family ministry pastor ext. 1003 · matt@lbac.org scott trickett, associate pastor ext. 1002 · scott@lbac.org



welcome to long beach alliance church a community of Jesus followers who love God, love others, & serve the world



JANUARY 7

COMING SOON FOUNDATIONS CLASSES

Crossing Borders Without Passports- Alan McMahan

Parenting Fantastic Beasts-Pastor Matt Swaney

Griefshare- Meghan Brearley











Preschool teachers, Nursery workers (during Worship service or Foundations hour,) and AWANA Leaders (for Prek-Grade 2) are needed. Interested? Please notify our church office at office@lbac.org





LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

Budget Required Weekly \$12,041.97 Month-to-Date: \$24,083.94 Year-to-Dates \$180,629.55

Received Budget % \$12,975.58 107.8%

\$23,744.71 \$168,537.96 98.6%

Disbursed Y11D: \$176,614.00

GOF Balance -\$8.076.0

A Few Wise Men

Long Beach Alliance Church . December 17, 2017 . Pastor Chris Lankford

1) The Mystery of the "Magus" Men

· Matthew 2:1-11 (cf. Simon, Acts 8:9-24, Bar-Jesus, 13:6-12)

The "Magi" were highly educated in 'science,' esp. religion, astronomy/astrology, and dreams

The phrase "King of the Jews" was Advent-lingo for the anticipated Messiah

2) Indifference, Hostility, and Worship

· Matthew 2:12-18

Herod ruled through fear, intimidation, and murderous violence against any perceived opposition

The greatest joy of the Magi is in giving generous gifts in worship to Jesus

The Magi secretly flee back Eastward, while Mary & Joseph (and Jesus) flee Westward

As the Light of the World begins to shine, three common responses to Jesus are displayed