

# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

## Sunday, December 31

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service
- 5:00PM New Year's Youth Lock-In

## Monday, January 1

2018 Happy New Year!

## Tuesday, January 2

10:00AM All Staff Team Meeting

## Wednesday, January 3

- 6:00PM AWANA Trek Outing
- 7:00PM Missions Update with Alicia Breslin

## Friday, January 5

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

## Saturday, January 6

- 9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

## Sunday, January 7

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service
- 11:15AM Foundations Hour Session #3

### 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
- Fun-N-Funky Hour @ 11:15AM (Resumes Jan 7)

### AWANA

<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

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

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts

## long beach alliance church offices

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 www.facebook.com/longbeachalliancechurch  
 church office hours: tuesday-thursday, 10:00AM-5:00PM

### church staff team

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 maternity leave

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**THE ALLIANCE**

# PRESSING ON TOWARD THE GOAL

# ARE YOU READY?

Welcome to Long Beach Alliance Church  
 December 31, 2017



# 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*

Learn to understand & minister to people from different cultures, religions, and backgrounds, whether you want to better relate to your neighbor or serve on a short-term missions team.

### *Parenting Fantastic Beasts- Pastor Matt Swaney*

Parenting is grey, not black & white. Our kids are growing up in an age that is changing moment by moment, with each child being different in personality and makeup. Connect with your children, while still maintaining the parental role, and help provide kids an atmosphere of grace and love where they can learn how to be responsible adults.

### *Griefshare- Meghan Brearley*

Walk alongside each other through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

### *Fun N Funky Hour- Tom Gerl*

A fun time for the kids (Age 6-Grade 5) while you're in your Foundations class. Nursery will also be provided for ages 0-5.

A NEW YEAR, A NEW START AND WAY TO GO!  
WISH YOU A SUCCESSFUL AND GLORIOUS HAPPY NEW YEAR


**2018**



**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**  
long beach alliance


**Saturday, January 13**  
at 8:00AM

*Preschool Workers Needed*



MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



**Awana Clubs**

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

<b>LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report</b>			
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Budget %</b>
<b>Weekly:</b>	<b>\$12,041.97</b>	<b>\$20,761.53</b>	<b>172.4%</b>
<b>Month-to-Date:</b>	<b>\$48,167.88</b>	<b>\$55,135.57</b>	<b>114.5%</b>
<b>Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>\$204,713.49</b>	<b>\$199,928.82</b>	<b>97.7%</b>
<b>Disbursed YTD:</b>	<b>\$194,862.45</b>	<b>GOF Balance:</b>	<b>\$5,066.37</b>



# Pressing on Toward the Goal

Long Beach Alliance Church • December 31, 2017 • Dr. Vincent Nwankpa

## Philippians 3:9-21

### Introduction

#### I. What is this Goal? (Philippians 3:10-11)

- A. To know Christ and the Power that resurrected Him
- B. Experiencing His power
- C. Sharing in His sufferings
- D. Being made like Jesus in death
- E. Experiencing resurrection from the dead (Daniel 12:2; John 5:29; Acts 24:15; 1 Corinthians 15:23; 1 Thessalonians. 4:16).

#### II. Running the Race (Philippians 3:12-14)

- A. Press on no matter the cost Philippians 3:12
- B. Paul admits that he has not obtained all the things, neither is he perfect Philippians 3:12
- C. You cannot obtain the prize if you quit the race (Philippians 2:12-13; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, 1 Timothy 6:12; 2 Timothy 4:7-8; Matthew 24:3; Hebrews 12:1)
- D. Focus on what lies ahead, not behind Phil. 3:13 (Forgetting-Not losing all memory of his sinful past, but leaving it behind as done with or settled cf. Philippians. 3:4-6; 2 Corinthians 5:17)
- E. Never give up on the Prize Philippians 3:14, 2 Timothy 4:8 (Paul says in Philippians 1:21 "For to me to live is Christ, to die is gain", and the key is not how you started the race with Jesus, but how you finish).
- F. Christians receive an award of everlasting glory-Heaven (Colossians 3:1-2).

#### III. The High Calling of God in Christ (Philippians 3:14)

- A. A call to repentance or salvation (Acts 17:30)
  - B. A call to a complete dedication (1 Corinthians 1:9; Romans 1:6; 1 Corinthians 3:4)
  - C. A call for service, or ministry, or a holy living (2 Timothy 1:9; Acts 13:2; Genesis 12:1; Matthew 28:19)
- (cf, John 1:35-51; Luke 5:1-11; Matthew 10:1-5)

#### **IV. Mature Christians must realize that they are not perfect (Philippians 3:15-17)**

- A. The Philippian Christians were to note that they had not yet arrived spiritually, likewise ourselves Philippians 3: 12-15
- B. God will reveal our erroneous belief to us as well (1 Corinthians 2:6; 3:1-3; Hebrews 5:14)
- C. We are responsible for the truth we already possess Philippians 3:16
- D. Paul asks the Philippian Christians to imitate him as he imitates Christ Philippians 3:17
- E. The life-styles of Christians should be models worth following Philippians 3:17-18
- F. There are enemies of the Cross Philippians 3:18-19
  - i) Their end or destiny is destruction-eternal punishment
  - ii) Their god is their belly- they worship their sensual desires, sexual immorality, lusts
  - iii) Their glory or reputation consists of in their shame
  - iv) Their mind is on earthly things rather than heavenly things

#### **V. For our citizenship is in Heaven (Philippians 3:20)**

- A. In this world, Christians are aliens, strangers, even though we are fully involved in it (John 17:14-16; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; 1 Peter 2:11)
- B. Christians are awaiting for our Savior Jesus Christ Philippians 3:20 (Romans 8:19; 1 Corinthians 1:7; 1 Thessalonians 1:9–10; 2 Timothy 4:8)
- C. When Christ returns He will change our lowly bodies Philippians 3: 21
  - i) Our new bodies will be made like unto His glorious body (Romans 8:29; 1 Corinthians 6:14; 15:50-51; 1 John 3:2)
  - ii) There will be a future resurrection for believers in Christ (1 Corinthians 15:20, 44,46,49)

#### **VI. Conclusion**

Let us level up this coming 2018 year- level up your prayer life, fellowship, your system of giving and serving. Don't be late in the church. Keep up the good work in the church, school, family, in the community etc. Continue investing in your service to God. Jesus is coming very soon. Be ready for the appearing of the Lord Jesus in the clouds. Let us never quit our pursuit of knowing Christ and growing in Him. If we don't quit we will enjoy our inheritance in the Lord for all eternity. Happy New Year!