

# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

## Sunday, March 4

9:00AM Morning Coffee  
9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service  
11:15AM Foundation/Fun N Funky Hour

## Monday, March 5

6:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

## Tuesday, March 6

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

## Wednesday, March 7

6:30PM AWANA

## Thursday, March 8

7:00PM Youth Group-Junior High

## Friday, March 9

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

## Saturday, March 10

8:00AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast  
9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous  
9:00AM Deaconess Meeting  
10:00AM Crafty Women

## Sunday, March 11

9:00AM Morning Coffee  
9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service  
11:15AM Foundation/Fun N Funky Hour  
12:15PM Deacon Meeting

### 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 in Jan)

### 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



THE  
ALLIANCE

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church office hours: tuesday-thursday, 10:00AM-5:00PM

## church staff team

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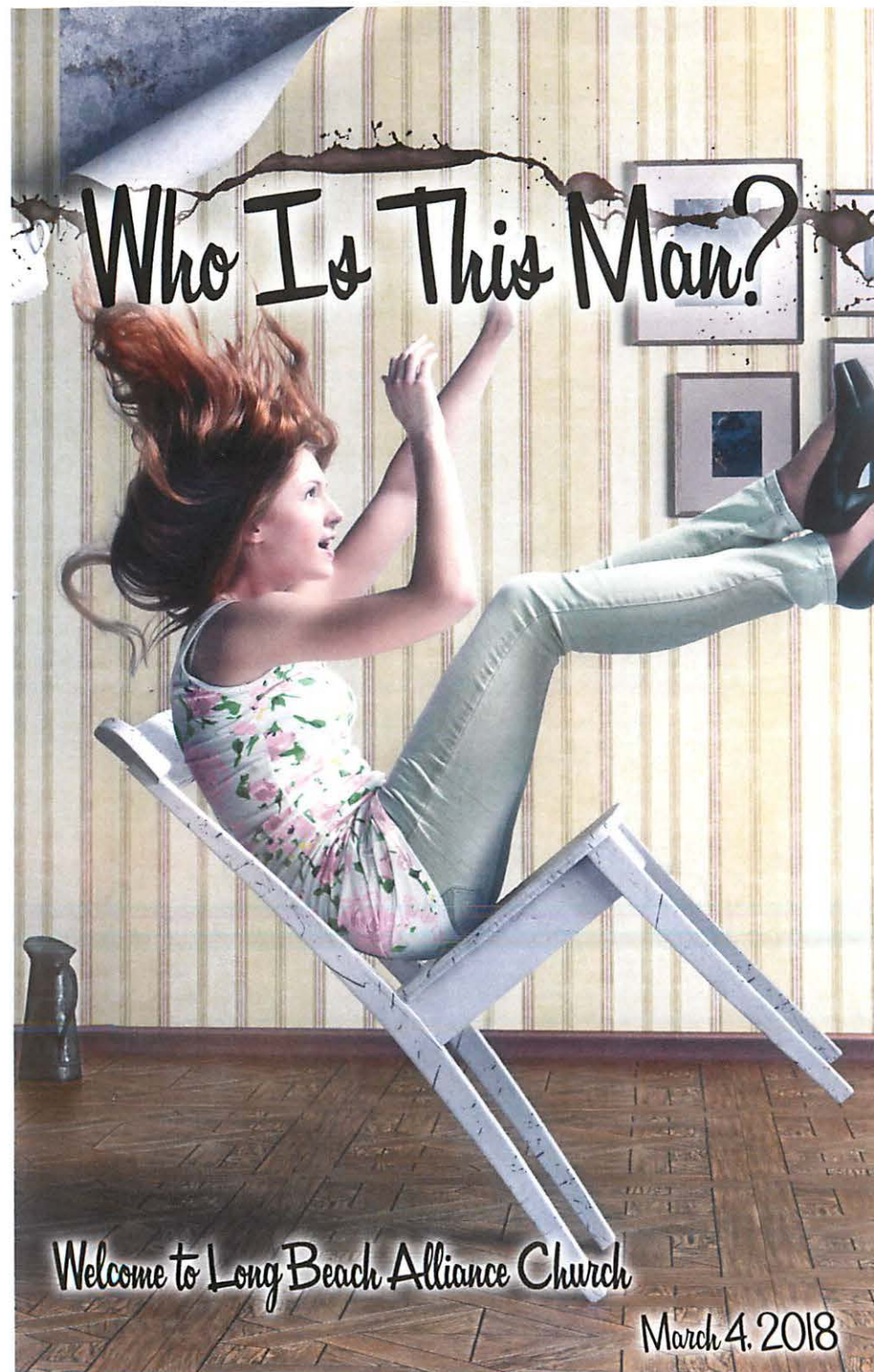
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Welcome to Long Beach Alliance Church

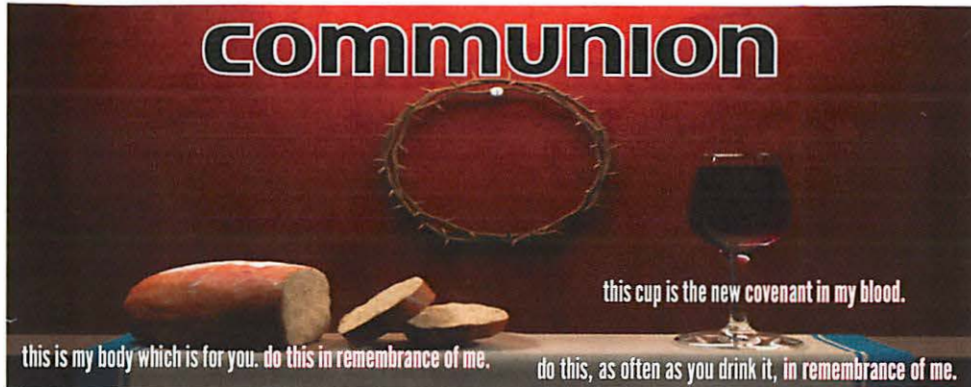
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welcome to long beach alliance church  
a community of Jesus followers who  
love God, love others, & serve the world

## Communion



# Prayer

Listening • Conversation • Alignment • Power

Four classes that change everything

Join us today!

Remaining classes March 11, 18

Beginning 11:15 AM  
In the Sanctuary

An All-Church  
Foundations Hour

Questions? [scott@lbac.org](mailto:scott@lbac.org)

## Spring Forward



Daylight  
Savings  
Time  
begins  
Sunday

March 11, 2018

MEN'S  
FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST  
long beach alliance

Saturday, March 10  
at 8:00AM

## PLASTIC EASTER EGGS NEEDED

We need your help to make our Easter  
Egg Hunt a success

Drop plastic eggs off at the  
church office.

Need more info?

Contact Pastor Matt [matt@lbac.org](mailto:matt@lbac.org)

No Longer  
Needed

## Fun-n-Funky Hour!

For Kids From Pre-K thru 5th Grade!  
Great Games, Crafts, & Sweet Snacks!

11:15AM-12:15PM

Sign-In begins at 11:00AM, in the Church Office  
Need More Information? Contact [matt@lbac.org](mailto:matt@lbac.org)

## LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

Budget	Required	Received	Budget %
Weekly:	\$12,041.97	\$13,716.53	113.9%
Month-to-Date:	\$48,167.88	\$47,055.31	97.7%
Year-to-Date:	\$313,091.22	\$303,858.23	97.1%
Disbursed YTD:	\$301,192.00	GOF Balance:	\$2,666.23

# Reject

## **1) Fierce Focus While Facing A Terrible Future**

- **Luke 9:51-56 (cf. Luke 9:30-31, 44; Matthew 19:1-2; Mark 10:1)**

**Faithful Disciples Follow 'The Way' Even When Facing Wickedness**

**Faithful Disciples Are Consumed By Jesus In The Face of the Deadliest Circumstances**

## **2) Misunderstood Discipleship Without Defense**

- **Luke 9:52-53 (cf. John 15:18-27; 1 Peter 2:19-23)**

**Faithful Disciples Follow 'The Way' Even In The Face of Personal Rejection**

**Faithful Disciples In Positions of Power Intentionally Respond to Rejection Peacefully**

**Faithful Disciples Follow 'The Way' by Choosing Weakness Over Displays of Power**

**Faithful Disciples Intentionally Choose Weakness in Order to Show God's Power**

**Faithful Disciples Choose Paths of Perseverance Over Paths of Least Resistance**





# Growth Group Guide

## Who Is This Man?

Week #9

Reject

Luke 9:51-56

### Ice Breaker

- If you could pick up one new skill instantly, what would you want it to be?

### In-Depth

- Read Luke 9:51-56
  - Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon
1. Luke 9:51. Given that Jesus won't enter Jerusalem for many months (Luke 19), what did Luke mean by "he set his face to go to Jerusalem?"
  2. Luke 9:52-56. There was serious animosity between the Samaritans and Jews. What are the racial and historical reasons? (See 2 Kings 17:22-28,33; Ezra 4:7-10; Ezra 4:1-6; Nehemiah 4:1-9)
    - 2A. Luke 9:53-54. Why did the Samaritans reject Jesus? Why did the disciples react so violently?
    - 2B. What is Jesus' reaction? Read Luke 17:11-19; John 4:7-10, 39-42. How does Jesus treat the Samaritans?

3. Define racism in your own words.

3A. Read Genesis 1:27; Acts 17:26; 1 Peter 2:9; Galatians 3:28-29; Revelation 5:9-10. What do each of these say about race?

Discuss the following with your group:

What are some cultural causes of racism?

What are the spiritual roots of racism?

Why does it exist among those claiming to follow Christ?

Why are most Christian churches today dominated by a single race? Is this inherently bad?

How should Christians respond to racism around us?

## Making It Relevant

1. Is there any racial animosity in your heart? Are you ready to repent of it?
2. Is there anything you can do to reduce racism around you?