

# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

## Sunday, March 11

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

## Monday, March 12

- 6:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous
- 7:00PM Governing Board Meeting

## Tuesday, March 13

- 7:00PM Youth Group- High School

## Wednesday, March 14

- 6:30PM AWANA

## Thursday, March 15

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

## Friday, March 16

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

## Saturday, March 17

- 9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

## Sunday, March 18

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service
- 11:15AM Foundation/Fun N Funky Hour
- 6:00PM Youth Leader 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: 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

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts



THE  
ALLIANCE

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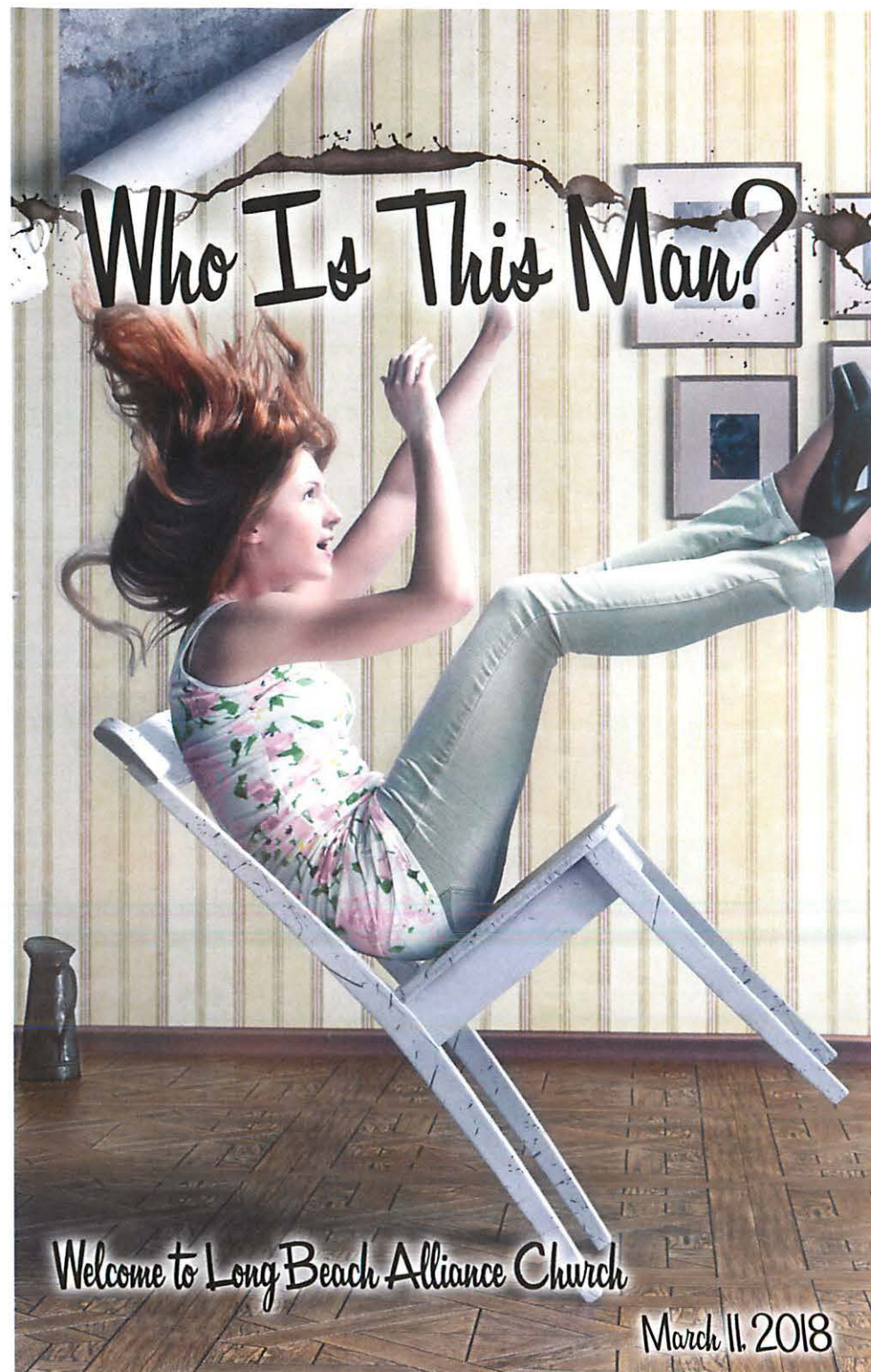
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Welcome to Long Beach Alliance Church

March 11, 2018





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



**Gary May Charity Golf Tournament**  
Golf, Dinner and Silent Auction  
Friday, May 4th  
**Recreation Park 18 Golf Course**  
5001 Deukmejian Drive, Long Beach, CA  
Golf Registration 11:00 am, Shotgun Start 1:00 pm  
Banquet 6:00 pm  
For registration and sponsorship opportunities,  
please visit [GaryMayGolf.com](http://GaryMayGolf.com)

 lbac men's ministry

\$125 Golf, Dinner Banquet, Silent Auction and Raffle  
\$40 Dinner Banquet, Silent Auction and Raffle

Proceeds benefit LBAC's children and youth camps and ministries.

## All Church Work Day

March 24 7AM-Noon  
Lunch Provided!

Sign up in the Courtyard or email [office@lbac.org](mailto:office@lbac.org)

WELCOME  
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

MARCH 25

BAPTISM  
SUNDAY

Interested or need more info?

Fill out a Connect Card, or email [office@lbac.org](mailto:office@lbac.org)

## LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

Budget	Required	Received	Budget %
Weekly:	\$12,041.97	\$11,363.92	94.4%
Month-to-Date:	\$12,041.97	\$11,363.92	94.4%
Year-to-Date:	\$325,133.19	\$315,222.15	97.0%
Disbursed YTD:	\$311,189.00	GOF Balance:	\$4,033.15



# Demanding

## **1) Following Jesus = Being Homeless**

- **Luke 9:57-62 (cf. Matthew 8:18-20; Luke 9:23-26)**

**“Surfacy” Applications of the ‘Jesus Stories’ in the Bible Lead Down Weird Paths**

**Animals Have Holes (Security/Safety); Jesus/Disciples Have No Security in this World**

**Following Jesus Is Not Comfortable! Count the Cost, Following Jesus Is Not Easy!**

## **2) Following Jesus = Abandon Your Parents**

- **Luke 9:59-60 (cf. Matthew 8:18-20)**

**Bible Stories Using Obvious Hyperbole or Figurative Language Should Be Interpreted  
With Primary Consideration of Internal (biblical) & External (setting) Context**

**Following Jesus Possesses a Disciple to Proclaim The Gospel Above All Earthly Cares**

## **3) Following Jesus = Never Using Your Rear-View Mirror**

- **Luke 9:61-62 (cf. 1 Kings 19:19-21)**

**Followers of Christ Respond to Jesus Without Delay, Because the Kingdom of God is  
More Important Than Personal Inconvenience, Social Standing, or Business Interests**



# Growth Group Guide

## Who Is This Man?

Week #10

Demanding

Luke 9:57-62

### Ice Breaker

- What is the worst/lamest excuse you ever heard or gave (e.g. missed school, late for work, didn't do chores, forgot anniversary, etc.)?

### In-Depth

- Read Luke 9:57-62
  - Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon
1. Luke 9:57-58. What is the point Jesus was making to this man? What can we infer about the man's priorities, based on Jesus' response to him?
    - 1A. Luke 9:59-60. Where were this man's priorities? What is the point Jesus was making to him?
    - 1B. Luke 9:61-62. Where were this man's priorities? What is the point Jesus was making to him?

2. What are the common reasons (excuses) given by Americans today for not following Jesus?

2A. What are some of the true (spiritual) reasons why people don't follow Jesus? (Read Luke 14:33; John 3:19-20; Romans 8:7-8; 1 Corinthians 2:14.)

3. Jesus did little to make following him easy. Why?

3A. Do you think Christians today make it too easy or too hard for others to follow Jesus? Why?

## Making It Relevant

1. Read Matthew 22:36-38. What would our lives look like if we truly followed the great commandment?

2. When sharing the gospel with others, do you tend to focus only on the blessings that come from following Jesus, or do you discuss the expected commitment, as well?