

## LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

### Sunday, March 25

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

### Monday, March 26

6:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

### Tuesday, March 27

7:00PM Elder Board Meeting  
7:00PM Youth Group- High School

### Wednesday, March 28

6:30PM AWANA

### Thursday, March 29

7:00PM Youth Group-Junior High

### Friday, March 30

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

### Saturday, March 31

9:00AM Kids' Easter Egg Hunt (Wardlow Park)  
9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

### Sunday, April 1

8:30AM Easter Breakfast (thru 11:30AM)  
9:00AM Morning Coffee  
9:00AM Worship & Celebration Service I  
10:30AM Worship & Celebration Service II

#### 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

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#### 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>

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Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts

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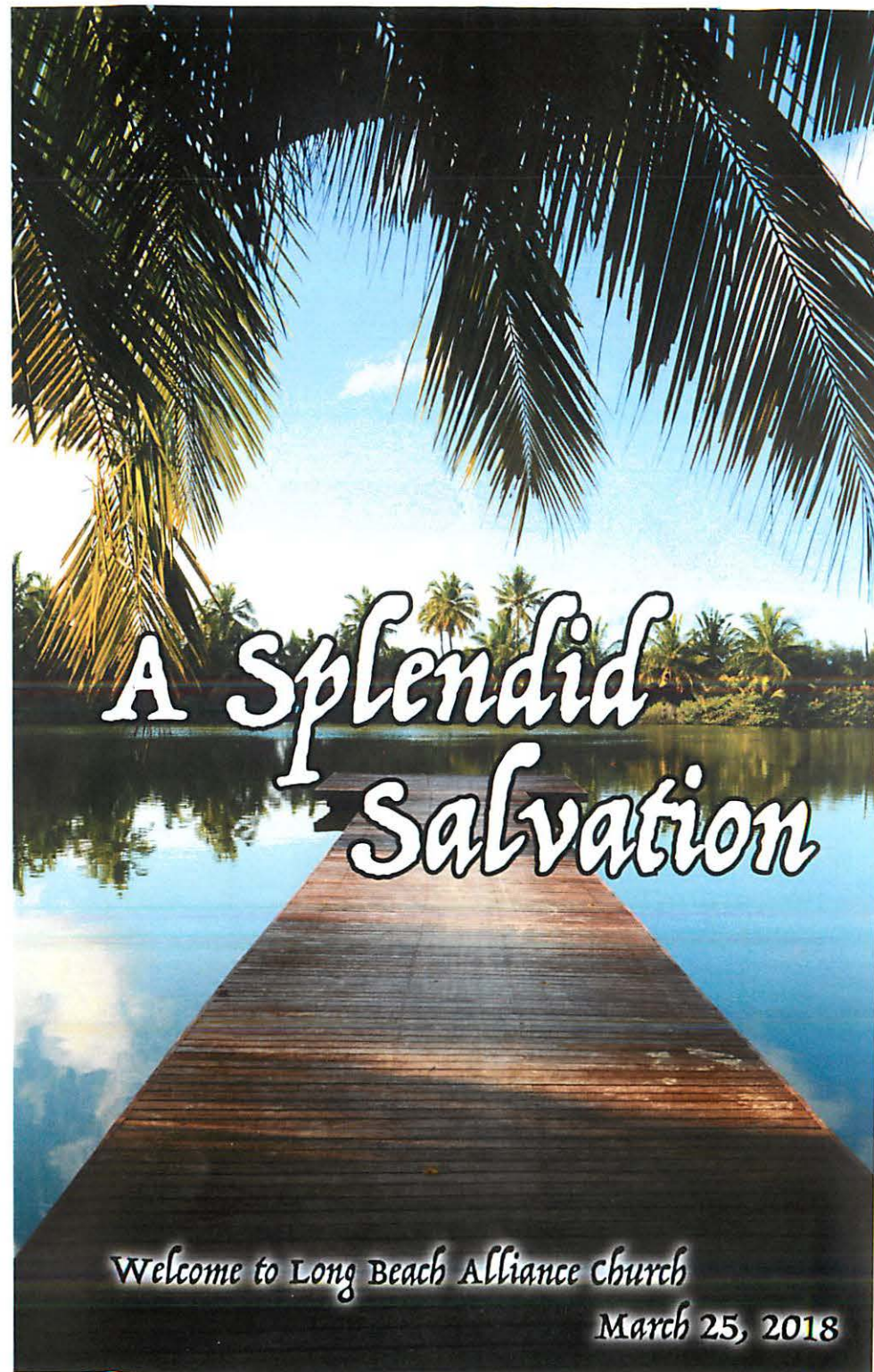
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**THE ALLIANCE**





**JOIN US THIS EASTER SEASON!**

**GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY SERVICE**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 30 @ 6:00PM**

**FAMILY POTLUCK • COMMUNION CELEBRATION**

**SIGN UP FOR THE POTLUCK TODAY!**

**ALL-MAIN DISH, A-M SIDE DISH OR SALAD, N-Z DESSERT**



**KIDS' EASTER EGG HUNT**

**FREE! @ WARDLOW PARK, LONG BEACH**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 31 • 9:00AM-11:00AM**

**FREE EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

**FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY!**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 1, GYMNASIUM**  
**ANYTIME FROM 8:30AM-11:30AM**



**EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS**

**COME HEAR THE 'BIG STORY' OF EASTER!**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 1 @ 9:00AM & 10:30AM**  
**ALL-FAMILY SERVICES**



**PALM SUNDAY**

*COME CELEBRATE THE KING!*

**Hosanna!**

*'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!'*

**LBAC WOMEN • SAVE THE DATE**

may  
12  
2018

11:00AM  
to  
1:30PM



**TEA AT  
TIFFANY'S**

Do you want  
to host a  
table?

Contact  
Meghan  
562.708.9261

**LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report**

Budget	Required	Received	Budget %
Weekly:	\$12,041.97	\$8,482.53	70.4%
Month-to-Date:	\$36,125.91	\$31,438.08	87.0%
Year-to-Date:	\$349,217.13	\$336,872.77	96.5%
Disbursed YTD: \$330,304.00		GOF Balance: \$6,568.77	



# A Splendid Salvation

Long Beach Alliance Church • March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday • Pastor Chris Lankford

## 1) *The Triumphant Welcome of the King*

(Matthew 21:1-9; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-19)

**The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!"**

**Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."**

**At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.**

**Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"**

**~John 12:12-19**

*Jesus' welcome into Jerusalem is known as the "Triumphal Entry" because the people rejoiced at the arrival of Israel's promised King who would deliver Israel's people from the oppression of Israel's enemies.*

*The cry of "Hosanna!" was sung by Israel on a regular basis from a section of the Psalter (song book) known as the 'Hallelujah Psalms' (Psalm 113-118). However, the phrase, like our modern "Praise the Lord," had become trivialized and more of a jubilant Jewishism.*

**This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Save us [Hosanna!], we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.  
~Psalm 118:24-26**

*Despite the jubilant atmosphere of the crowds at the prospect of a conquering King entering Jerusalem, note that Jesus presents a much different image of God's deliverance than the crowd (or the disciples) understood.*

**Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall speak peace to the nations;  
his rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.  
~Zechariah 9:9-10**

## **2) The Tragic Cost of a Triumphant King** *(John 12:16-19, cf. John 11:1-12:11)*

*The confusion of Jesus' disciples, coupled with the misperceptions of the crowds, created a tragically "perfect" atmosphere for a marginalized and increasingly hostile group of religious leaders in Jerusalem.*

**[After Jesus had healed Lazarus...]**

**So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said,  
"What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go  
on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and  
take away both our place and our nation."**

**But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said, "You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish."**

**~John 11:47-50**

*The final "straw that breaks the camel's back" is when the religious leaders observe foreigners responding to Jesus. This is the moment when some of the religious leadership turn the confusion of the crowds in their favor.*

**So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him." Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."**

**Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified..." And what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour?**

**But for this purpose I have come to this hour."**

**~John 12:20-23 & 27**

*Jesus is accused of sedition against Caesar by the religious leaders, a manipulation of the crowd's cry of welcome to the "King of Israel"  
The same crowd who welcomed Christ is soon calling for his crucifixion.*

**Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you."**

**So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"**

**~John 18:29-30 & 33**

**Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"**

**~Matthew 27:22-23**

### 3) The Triumphant Death Of the Living King

(2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Ephesians 2:8-10; Romans 6:3-11)

*The symbolism of baptism celebrates the splendid salvation which Jesus has provided through His extraordinary death and resurrection. When we entrust our lives to Christ, we die and are buried with Him, but we also have the great expectation of resurrection. True victory, just like Jesus!*

**Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.**

**~Romans 6:3-5**

**For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast.**

**~Ephesians 2:8-9**

*While Jesus' amazing & extraordinary resurrection is a victorious declaration of His power over death (Easter), it is His splendid sacrifice on the cross which is the centerpoint of faith/trust in Christ. New life in Jesus was secured by His good sacrifice and sufficient provision of the cross.*

**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

**~2 Corinthians 5:17-21**