

LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

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

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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

Monday, April 2

- 6:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

Tuesday, April 3

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

Wednesday, April 4

- 6:30PM AWANA

Thursday, April 5

- 7:00PM Youth Group-Junior High

Friday, April 6

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

Saturday, April 7

- 9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

Sunday, April 8

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service
- 11:15AM Foundation Hour
- 12:15PM Deacon Meeting
- 6:00PM Youth Leader Meeting

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts



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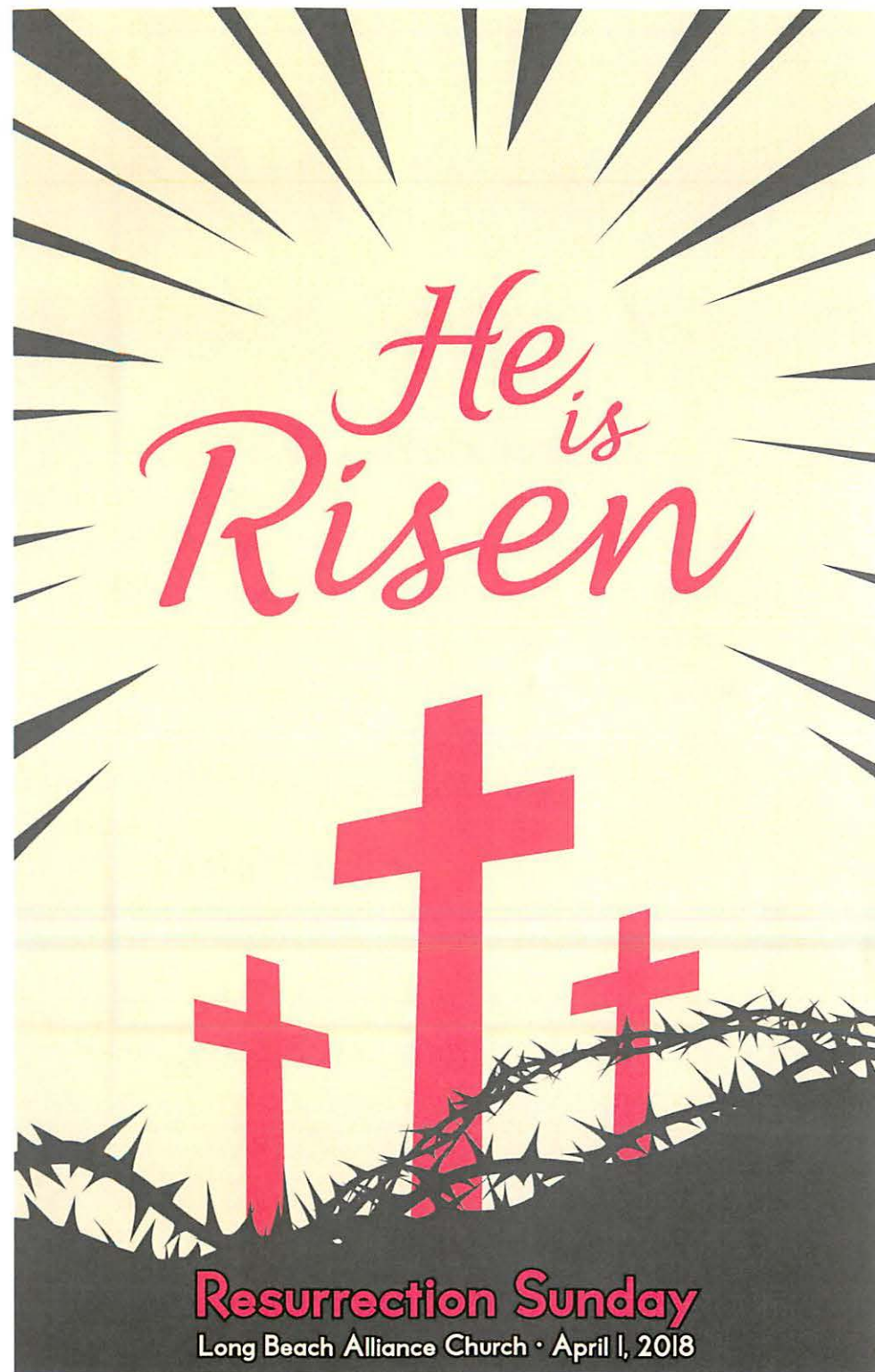
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HE IS RISEN

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

Easter Reflection

For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

~Paul of Tarsus

For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

~Jesus of Nazareth

FOUNDATIONS CLASSES COMING APRIL 8

Lessons from the Master

Facilitator: John Carriveau

Located: Room 102

In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus teaches his disciples about the kingdom of God, using parables. He then shows them (and us) how to interpret them.

Praying

Facilitators: Vince Palacios and his team

Located: Room 106

Continuing our conversation with God, we will be meeting each week to pray and seek God's care and direction for all of our world and the ministry of the gospel.

Q Class

Facilitator: Dawn and Scott Trickett

Located: Room 203

We will examine several contemporary aspects of life using video talks from the "Q" organization, and then discuss the subject using helpful tools and insights to help us share our faith in the world today.

Childcare & Kids Fun-n-Funky Hour!

Nursery thru Pre-K Contact: matt@lbac.org

Location: Gym

Fun activities and games for the kids while parents participate in class.

LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$12,041.97	\$13,610.53	113.0%
Month-to-Date:	\$48,167.88	\$45,048.61	93.5%
Year-to-Date:	\$361,259.10	\$350,483.30	97.0%
Disbursed YTD:	\$347,361.84	GOF Balance:	\$3,121.46

dead. The stories were not for bedtime, ancient Disney-esque fantasies, meant to captivate & distract the mind.

Every writer you read in the Bible died for this story. They were exiled and tortured, and the Jesus stories never changed. There are thousands of manuscript and archaeological evidences, but nothing speaks louder than the actual band of first-followers who lived and died for a story of a traitor dying on a shameful cross and then rose from the dead. Who dies for a myth or legend in their own lifetime?

3) *The First, But Not The Last*

(Romans 8:29-30; John 14:6)

There is nothing like the story of Jesus. It is radical and quite literally, changes everything! Jesus defeated death, and did so in order to provide a way for you and me to know God as our own good Father.

What do we make of all of this? What do we make of Jesus Christ? This Easter, our question ought to be, what is it that Jesus is making of me? Each of us either accept the gift of Jesus as the ransom to God for our sin against God, or we reject Christ, trusting that the story of God is nothing more than a well-intentioned legend.

What is His story making of you?

Fools For Christ

Long Beach Alliance Church • Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018 • Pastor Chris Lankford

1) *Confounding & Preposterous*

(Luke 23:50-51; Mark 15:43-45; John 19:39-42; Luke 23:55-56; Matthew 27:62-66; Mark 16:1-3; Matthew 28:2-4; Luke 24:2-8; Mark 16:7-8; Luke 24:10-11; John 20:3-16; Matthew 28:16-20)

The people who were eye-witnesses to the actual resurrection of Jesus Christ were perplexed and confused, and when they told about what they witnessed, people thought they were out of their minds!

Asking questions about the authenticity or believability of 'Jesus stories' in the Bible is not only normal, it is essential for trusting in God.

Ask questions! Jesus can handle it! God's faithful followers can handle it! The Bible can bear the weight of doubts and questions! Having faith in the authenticity of the 'Jesus stories' in the Bible has substance, it is not just a leap off the edge of reason into hope in a magical Easter Bunny.

2) *Convinced & Committed*

(John 20:24-29; 1 Corinthians 15:13-18; Romans 1:16-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31)

The first followers of Jesus Christ described and explained unvarnished stories of actually seeing Jesus Christ and His resurrection from the

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he himself was looking for the kingdom of God. Joseph of Arimathea went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead, so summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. Joseph was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment. The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. "Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first." "Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard. When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But earlier, there was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. Later, when the women arrived, they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the

ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " Then they remembered his words. But now go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' " Trembling and astonished, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who went and told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, complete nonsense, and they did not believe the women. But Peter and the other disciple [John] headed to the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed (they still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead). Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." Then, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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