

LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Sunday, April 15

9:00AM Morning Coffee
9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service
11:15AM Foundation Hour

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

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

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 16

6:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

Tuesday, April 17

10:00AM All Staff Team Meeting
7:00PM Youth Group- High School
7:00PM Women Connecting with Missions

Wednesday, April 18

6:30PM AWANA

Thursday, April 19

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

Friday, April 20

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

Saturday, April 21

9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

Sunday, April 22

9:00AM Morning Coffee
9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service
11:15AM Foundation Hour

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Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts

The Road Less Traveled

Welcome to Long Beach Alliance Church • April 15, 2018



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

Reflection Moment

Human beings are so made that the ones who do the crushing feel nothing; it is the person crushed who feels what is happening.

Unless one has placed oneself on the side of the oppressed, to feel with them, one cannot understand.

- Simone Weil

Gary May Charity Golf Tournament

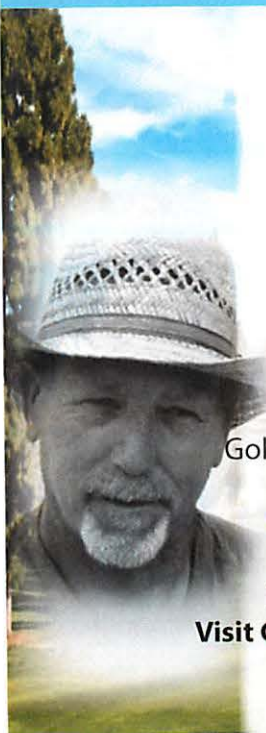
Friday, May 4 • 1:00PM - 9:00PM
Recreation Park 18-Hole Golf Course
5001 Deukmejian Drive, Long Beach, CA

Golf • Dinner • Silent Auction

Golf Registration @ 11:00AM • Shotgun Start @ 1:00PM
Banquet Begins @ 6:00PM

(Banquet only registration is also an option)

For Registration & Sponsorship Opportunities
Visit GaryMayGolf.com or sign up in the courtyard today!



FOUNDATIONS CLASSES TODAY at 11:15AM

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 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	\$13,154.53	109.2%
Month-to-Date:	\$24,083.94	\$29,909.96	124.2%
Year-to-Date:	\$385,343.04	\$379,678.26	98.5%
Disbursed YTD: \$375,634.00		GOF Balance: \$4,044.26	



Growth Group Guide

The Road Less Traveled

Week #2

A Color Blind Kingdom

Luke 10:21-37

Ice Breaker

- What would be your idea of the perfect neighbor?

In-Depth

- Read Luke 10:21-37
 - Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon
1. Luke 10:21-22. Why might it be the Father's will to hide truth? Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-25. Can wisdom lead to God? Why?
 2. Luke 10:25-28. Also read Mark 12:28-31. The scribe and Jesus both summarize God's Law in two commandments. How do these two accurately summarize the 10 Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)?
 - 2A. What is the scribe's initial question to Jesus? What is Jesus' answer to this question?
 - 2B. How is Jesus' answer consistent with salvation through faith and not by works (Ephesians 2:8-9)?

3. Luke 10:29-37. The parable of the Good Samaritan is told by Jesus to answer what question?

3A. Explain the whole parable in your own words. If you were to modernize it for today, how would you?

3B. Does Jesus answer the scribe's question from Luke 10:29? What is the point of the parable?

3C. How does Jesus' direction to the scribe in Luke 10:37 tie back to the initial question in Luke 10:25? What are the implications for the scribe?

Making It Relevant

1. Who are the "neighbors" you are least likely to love? Pray for God to change your heart toward them.

2. How would you answer a neighbor who asks, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

A Color Blind Kingdom

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1) Celebrating God's Gospel Being Revealed

(Luke 10:21-24; cf. Matthew 11:25-27, 13:16-17; also Isaiah 6:9-13; Luke 8:9-10; cf. Ephesians 2:12-22, Revelation 5:9-10, 7:9-17)

Jesus delights in the success of His 72 returning disciples (Luke 10:17-20), and pulls his own disciples close in even greater excitement for their unique witness of the fulfillment of God's Gospel promises "breaking into" both the Jewish & 'non-Jewish' (Gentile) world of Samaria.

2) Testing the Teacher

(Luke 10:25-28; cf. Matthew 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Daniel 12:2; Leviticus 19:17-18)

A lawyer/scribe (closely related with the Pharisees) asks Jesus a fairly common/innocent question (note Luke 18:18ff), but with an intent to entrap Jesus. The "test" is technical, but with a flawed inquiry, 'What must I do to inherit salvation from eternal death, and be resurrected from the death by God for a future eternal life?' Jesus defers to the expert in the Law of Moses, affirming the lawyer's expertise & answer, and then hinges salvation on doing what the Law demands.

3) Uncomfortably Abundant Mercy

(Luke 10:29-37; Romans 7:13-20, 8:1-5)

The lawyer wants his behaviors & eternal future publicly justified, so he asks another technical-but-flawed question. Jesus non-answers with an uncomfortable story containing an explosive conclusion. The lavish mercy of the "Good Samaritan" cuts deeply against cultural & religious prejudices. Jesus' story flips the lawyer's question and is a passionate call to find security in true faith through authentic displays of mercy.