# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

#### Sunday, April 29

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

Monday, April 30 6:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

Tuesday, May 1 7:00PM Youth Group- High School

Wednesday, May 2 5:30PM AWANA Spaghetti Dinner 6:30PM AWANA- Mystery Night

### Thursday, May 3

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

#### Friday, May 4

6:30AM Men<sup>7</sup>s Bible Study 11:00AM Golf Tournament Registration 1:00PM Golf Tournament Shotgun Start 6:00PM Golf Tournament Banquet 8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

#### Saturday, May 5

9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous 7:00PM Kelly's Mission's Recap

#### Sunday, May 6

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

#### 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: 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

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# The Road Less Traveled

# Welcome to Long Beach Alliance Church • April 29, 2018

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Join Us In Celebrating 90 Years of God's Great Faithfulness Sunday, May 20 • Festivities Begin @ 5:00PM (Child Care Post-Dinner) 'Old Fashioned' Potluck Dinner & Evening of Thanks to God Evening of Memories Will Wrap-Up @ 7:00PM

# LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

Budget	Required	Received	Budget %
Weekly:	\$12,041.97	\$10,400.54	86.4%
Month-to-Date	e: \$48,167.88	\$51,103.23	106.1%
Year-to-Date:	\$409,426.98	\$400,871.53	97-9%
Disbursed YTD: \$380,259.00 GOF Balance: \$20,612.53			

# Relentless Generosity

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# 1) Prayerfully Dependent Identity (Luke 11:1-4, Matthew 6:9-13)

The request from the Disciples for Jesus "to teach us to pray as John [the Baptist] taught his disciples" (Luke 11:1) illuminates a good desire to be identified by the unique prayers/habits/practices of the Master. Jesus' response is a compact & well crafted prayer (the Lord's Prayer) revealing an identity of honor, dependence, and gratefulness.

# 2) Shamelessly Persistent Prayers

(Luke 11:5-8; Matthew 15:21-28)

There are a variety of reasons we skip/avoid/ignore prayer. But this is not the way of Jesus Christ or His disciples. Jesus taught his disciples to urgently and shamelessly 'beat on God's door' in their prayers. As followers of God, Jesus both examples and teaches persistent prayer, even to the point of personal humiliation, as though God is actually God.

# 3) Fruitfully Generous Behaviors

(Luke 11:9-13; cf. Hebrews 8:5, 10:1-39)

Praying engages spiritual truth and spiritual realities, recognizing that the physical world we see, hear, and touch is a shadowy reflection of the eternal spiritual world which God graciously reveals. But, because we are "in the shadowlands," and our prayers feel as though they might 'fall on deaf ears,' Jesus assures us of God's exceeding goodness and abundant generosity. Simply stated – God is a good, good Father.

# Growth Group Guide The Road Less Traveled

**Relentless** Generosity

Luke 11:1-4

# 1ce Breaker

How have your prayers changed over time?

# In-Depth

- Read Luke 11:1-4
- Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon
- 1. Read Matthew 6:7-13

1A. What is Jesus teaching about prayer in verses 7-8? What are some examples of empty phrases?

1B. The Lord's Prayer teaches various types of prayer. Review those listed in Making It Relevant. Give examples of each.

1C. What other types of prayer can you think of that are not represented in The Lord's Prayer?

1D. The Lord's Prayer also exemplifies various relationships between God and the prayer that can shape our attitude when we pray. For example, father & child ("Our Father"); master & servant ("your will be done"). Which others can you identify?

# Making It Relevant

Tonight we pray as Jesus did. Go through the Lord's Prayer as a group, one line at a time, praying a corresponding prayer.

### Adoration: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name

-- Pray about what you love about who God is

### Intercession: Your kingdom come

-- Pray for the world to know Jesus, those who spread the gospel, and those (family, neighbors, etc) who need Jesus

### Submission: Your will be done

-- Pray that you would know and obey God's will for your life

# Petition: Give us this day our daily bread

- -- Pray for your needs (physical, health, financial, etc)
- -- Pray for the needs of others (family, friends, neighbors)

# Forgiveness: And forgive us our debts

-- Pray God would reveal sin in your life and forgive you

# Transformation: As we have forgiven our debtors

-- Pray God would transform you to be more like Jesus

# Protection: Lead us from temptation, deliver us from evil

- -- Pray for strength to overcome sin in your life
- -- Pray for the thwarting of evil in our world and protection from harm