LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Sunday, May 13

9:00AM Morning Coffee

9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service 11:15AM Foundation Hour Session #5

Monday, May 14

6:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

Tuesday, May 15

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

Wednesday, May 16

6:30PM AWANA

Thursday, May 17

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

Friday, May 18

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

Saturday, May 19

9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous 10:00AM Crafty Women

2:00PM Marily Hammer Memorial

Sunday, May 20

9:00AM Morning Coffee

9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service

12:15PM Deacon Meeting

5:00PM Church 90th Anniversary Celebration

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 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

long beach alliance church offices

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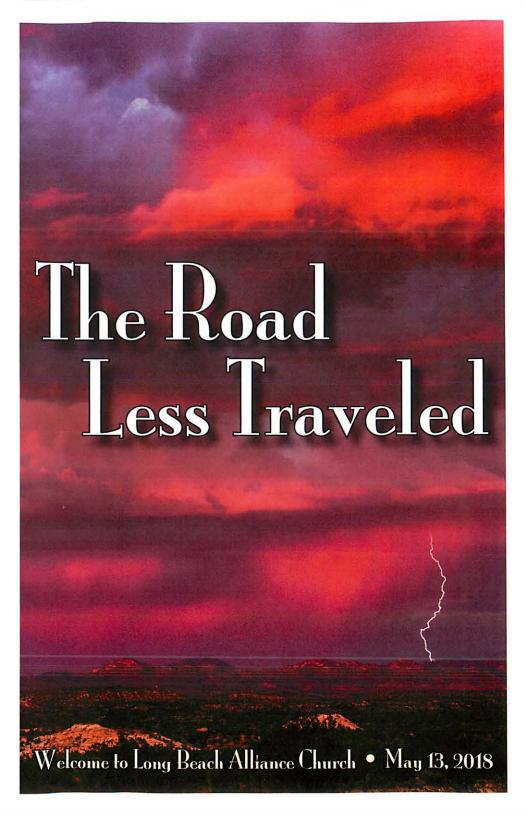
church staff team

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

Interested In Baptism?

BAPTISM

Want to better understand what it means to be baptized as a follower of Jesus Christ? Would you like to explore whether or not you should be baptized?

Baptism Service Sunday, May 20.

Fill out a Connect Card or email the church office at office@lbac.org

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



Potluck Sign-Ups in the courtyard today!



WOMENMEN CONNECTING WITH MISSIONS

TUESDAY MAY 15 7-8:30PM METZ HOME

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office@lbac.org for more details



LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

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	Budget	Required	Received	Budget %
	Weekly:	\$12,041.97	\$9,982.93	82.9%
	Month-to-Date	£ \$12,041.97	\$9,982,93	82.9%
	Year-to-Date:	\$433,510.92	\$419,495.99	96.8%
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Measuring Our Spiritual Eyesight Long Beach Alliance Church • May 13, 2018 • Pastor Chris Lankford

1) Sign, Sign, Everywhere A Sign

(Luke 11:29-32, Matthew 12:38-42; Jonah 1:2, 3:1-10; 1 Kings 10:1-13, 2 Chronicles 9:1-12; cf. Josephus-Antiquities 8.6.5-6 §§165-75)

Seemingly caused by increasing crowds and challenges from religious leaders for "signs" (Matthew 12:38, Luke 11:29), Jesus speaks out against a sign-seeking "evil generation," because (sadly), the miracles of Christ were actually obscuring greater Gospel purposes (cf. Luke 10:20, 11:28).

In order to illustrate a more appropriate response to the goodness of God revealing His great Gospel purposes (cf. Luke 10:23-24) Jesus recalls two of Israel's great stories of foreign nations/peoples responding positively to God's redemptive message of repentance & renewal.

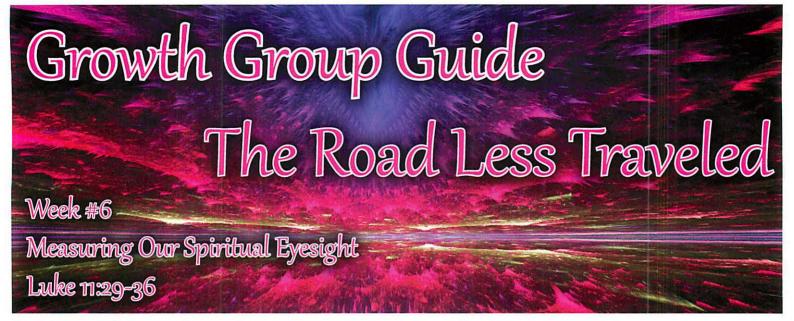
The signs and responses of the Queen of Sheba by Solomon & and of Nineveh by Jonah provided a shameful reproach against the national religious leaders of Israel and her people seeking more signs. The signs of God were not the problem, but rather the fickle faith of the people/ leaders and their darkened hearts, despite the bright light of Jesus.

2) Spiritual Eye Exam

(Luke 11:33-36; Matthew 6:22-23)

Jesus continues to His rebuke of 'sign-seeking,' the bottomless quest of miraculous experiences for the purpose of self-serving satisfaction, with an illuminating simile (an illustration applying the characteristics of one thing to another thing of a different type).

Jesus emphasizes the importance of simply opening our spiritual eyes to the signs (historically and currently) of God's goodness. Darkness in our lives is caused by closing our spiritual eyes to Christ. Are your spiritual eyes receiving the Light of Christ, or are they clouded with darkness?



1ce Breaker

· If you could spend a day with someone who was alive in your lifetime, but whom you never met, who would it be? Why?

In-Depth

- · Read Luke 11:29-36
- · Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon
- 1. Luke 11:29. Jesus called the Jews an evil generation for seeking signs. Why?
 - 1A. Read Mathewt 12:45; Mark 8:38; Luke 9:41. Jesus repeatedly called the Jews an evil generation. Would this have surprised them?
 - 1B. Luke 11:29-30. Read also Matthew 12:39-40. What is the sign of Jonah? Will they respond to the sign of Jonah (see Luke 16:29-31)?
 - 1C. Luke 11:31-32. What is Jesus saying about judgment in these verses?

