

# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

## Sunday, May 13

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee  
9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service  
11:15AM Foundation Hour Session #5

## 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: sherylynnlbac@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>

Contact: mensministry@lbac.org

## 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 Marilyn Hammer Memorial

## Sunday, May 20

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee  
9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service  
12:15PM Deacon Meeting  
5:00PM Church 90th Anniversary Celebration



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ALLIANCE

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# The Road Less Traveled

Welcome to Long Beach Alliance Church • May 13, 2018





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

BAPTISM

## Interested In 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](mailto: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!



HAPPY  
Mother's  
Day

WOMEN AND MEN  
CONNECTING  
WITH MISSIONS

TUESDAY  
MAY 15  
7-8:30PM  
METZ HOME

Wisleys, missionaries in Papua, will be speaking ♦ [office@lbac.org](mailto:office@lbac.org) for more details

THE JESUS  
PROJECT

TIME LAB

VBS 2018  
JULY 9-13

REGISTER ONLINE  
NOW!



[WWW.LBAC.ORG/VBS](http://WWW.LBAC.ORG/VBS)

## LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

| 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%    |
| Disbursed YTD: \$409,540.74 |              | GOF Balance: \$9,955.25 |          |



# 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?*



# Growth Group Guide

## The Road Less Traveled

Week #6

Measuring Our Spiritual Eyesight

Luke 11:29-36

### Ice 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 Matthew 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?

2. Luke 11:33-36. These verses discuss “light” in three ways. For each, explain what the light is, how it relates to the crowds’ demands for signs, and the main point:

2A. Luke 11:33

2B. Luke 11:34-35

2C. Luke 11:36

## Making It Relevant

1. In what way do we seek signs from God today?
2. How do you think Jesus would rate our generation compared to his own?
3. How can a God who loves also judge and condemn?
4. To what extent should our evangelism emphasize judgment and condemnation?