

# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

## 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 (on hiatus)

### AWANA

<http://www.lbac.org/awana>

Wednesdays through May 6:30PM-8:30PM

### YOUTH MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/youth>

JH & HS Foundations ~ Sundays (on hiatus)

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@apabrando.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 21

6:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

## Tuesday, May 22

7:00PM Youth Group- High School

## Wednesday, May 23

6:30PM AWANA

## Thursday, May 24

7:00PM Youth Group- Junior High

## Friday, May 25

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

## Saturday, May 26

9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

## Sunday, May 27

9:00AM Morning Coffee  
9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service  
6:00PM Youth Leader Meeting

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts



THE  
ALLIANCE

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# The Road Less Traveled

Welcome to Long Beach Alliance Church • May 20, 2018





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



Join Us TODAY Celebrating 90 Years of God's Great Faithfulness

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

THE JESUS  
PROJECT

TIME LAB

VBS 2018  
JULY 9-13

REGISTER ONLINE NOW!  
Questions? Contact office@lbac.org



WWW.LBAC.ORG/VBS

# PENTECOST

"It is quite right that you should feel that 'something terrific' has happened to you (it has) and be 'all glowy.' Accept these sensations with thankfulness as birthday cards from God, but remember that they are only greetings, not the real gift. I mean, it is not the sensations that are the real thing. The real thing is the gift of the Holy Spirit, which can't usually be-perhaps not ever-experienced as a sensation or emotion. The sensations are merely the response of your nervous system. Don't depend on them. Otherwise when they go and you are once more emotionally flat (as you certainly will be quite soon), you might think that the real thing had gone too. But it won't. It will be there when you can't feel it. May even be most operative when you can feel it least."

- C.S. Lewis

## LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

Budget	Required	Received	Budget %
Weekly:	\$12,041.97	\$11,673.19	96.9%
Month-to-Date:	\$24,083.94	\$21,656.12	89.9%
Year-to-Date:	\$445,552.89	\$431,169.18	96.8%
Disbursed YTD:	\$425,379.35	GOF Balance:	\$5,789.83

# God's Spirit Is For All People

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## 1) The Promise of Something Faithful & Secure (Ezekiel 36:24-28; Ezra 1:1-4; Hosea 2:1-23)

At one time, God's 'Chosen People' (Israelites) lived in a prolonged exile far away from their homeland, which had been conquered and occupied by Assyrian (722 BCE) & Babylonian (605-597 BCE) invaders. Deported Israelite captives were eventually released by the Medo-Persian Empire (who had defeated the Babylonians, around 538-537 BCE), leading to a slow return of God's people to the Promised Land of Israel.

Israel's exile was deeply humbling for a proud people who came from the rich history of patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, Jacob; from great leaders Joseph, Moses, and Joshua; and the legendary Kings of Israel's United Kingdom: Saul, David, and Solomon. The exile was a clear sign of God's judgment and displeasure with Israel's adulterous rebellion. But God is faithful, and brings Light in unexpectedly gracious ways.

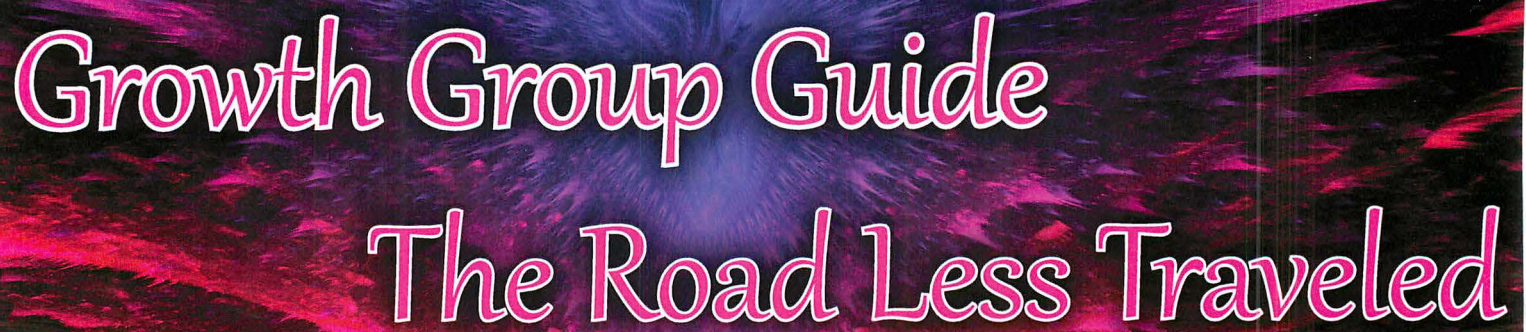
## 2) The Beginning of the Final Act (Acts 2:1-47; Luke 12:11-12; John 14:16-18, 25-29; 16:8-15; Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 4:1-16, 3:10-14; Revelation 2:1-3:22)

In the Old Testament, Passover (remembering Israel's rescue out of Egypt), was followed by a "Feast of Weeks/Harvest" 50 days after the Passover. "Pentecost" (meaning "fiftieth") marked the beginning of harvest, and the offering of the "firstfruits of the harvest" to God.

Pentecost Sunday, observed 7 weeks after Christ's death & resurrection during Passover, is also the moment God poured out the 'fire' of His promised "Helper," the Spirit of God to equip and gift 'firstfruit' people, the establishment of His powerful end-times church.

The church is Christ's 'visible' body in the world, an ongoing Spirit-filled & gifted movement of grace-saturated Christ followers proclaiming God's continued promise of forgiveness from sin for the deepest purposes of an eternal family (inheritance, descendants, blessing).





# Growth Group Guide

## The Road Less Traveled

Week #6

God's Spirit Is For All People

Acts 2

### Ice Breaker

- This week, we are celebrating the 90th anniversary of LBAC. When did you first come to LBAC and what brought you?

### In-Depth

- Read Acts Chapter 2
  - Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon
1. Reread Acts 2:42-47. This provides an excellent picture of the typical acts of a Christian Church. For each of these, discuss how important it is for the church, and how well you think we do at each:
    - 1A. Teaching (also read Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Timothy 4:2; Colossians 3:16)
    - 1B. Fellowship (also read Romans 12:10; Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 John 1:3)
    - 1C. Communion (also read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17)
    - 1D. Praying (also read Philippians 4:6; 1 Timothy 2:1-4; James 5:15)
    - 1E. Caring for one another (also read John 13:34-35; Galatians 6:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:11)
    - 1F. Praising God (also read Psalm 150:1-6; Ephesians 5:19-20)

# Making It Relevant

1. How has LBAC been a *blessing* to you?
2. Which LBAC event or ministry is your *favorite*? Why?
3. What sets LBAC apart *from* other churches?
4. Where do you think LBAC has had the most impact?
5. What would you like to see LBAC doing in 5 years that we aren't now?
6. What do you imagine LBAC will be like in 50 years?

End with a time of prayer:

-- Thanksgiving for 90 years of ministry and those who made it possible

-- God's guidance and blessings for our future ministry