

LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Sunday, May 27

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

MISSIONS

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

GROWTH GROUPS

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

Mid-week Bible Studies for all Adults

Monday, May 28

6:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

Sunday Mornings

Gospel Project @ 9:30AM
Fun-N-Funky Hour (on hiatus)

Tuesday, May 29

7:00PM Elder Board Meeting
7:00PM Youth Group- High School

AWANA

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

Wednesday, May 30

6:30PM AWANA

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

YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

Thursday, May 31

6:30PM Youth Group- Junior High@Sky Zone

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: sherylnnelbac@gmail.com

Lydia House Meals Ministry

Contact: robbi@apabrandu.com

Friday, June 1

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

Women Connecting with Missions

3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00PM

Saturday, June 2

9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous
3:00PM EWCM 23rd Anniversary Celebration

Crafty Women

2nd Saturday of each month @ 10:00AM

Sunday, June 3

9:00AM Morning Coffee
9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service
11:00AM JH VBS Leader Meeting

MEN'S MINISTRIES

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

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Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts

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THE
ALLIANCE

The Road Less Traveled

Welcome to Long Beach Alliance Church • May 27, 2018



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

ATTENTION VBS WORKERS

All VBS Leader Meeting
Saturday, June 16
9:00AM-11:00AM ● Gym



Mark your calendars and come to this important meeting!

THE JESUS
PROJECT

TIME LAB

VBS 2018
JULY 9-13

STUDENTS
VOLUNTEERS
REGISTER ONLINE NOW!



WWW.LBAC.ORG/VBS

LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$12,041.97	\$9,081.53	75.4%
Month-to-Date:	\$36,125.91	\$30,737.65	85.1%
Year-to-Date:	\$457,594.86	\$44,250.71	96.2%
Disbursed YTD: \$428,629.00		GOF Balance: \$11,621.71	

LBAC DODGERS vs ANGELS BASEBALL GAME

Sunday, July 8



Tailgate Party (under the Big A) * 4:30PM-6:30PM

Food & Drink Provided * Game begins at 6:30PM-

questions? john moses 562.755.0920 Tickets \$28

MEN'S
FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
long beach alliance

Saturday, June 9
at 8:00AM

Sign up in the Courtyard today!

Questions? Contact Greg Coles 310.293.9518

Killing By The Rules

Long Beach Alliance Church • May 27, 2018 • Pastor Chris Lankford

1) Dirty Hands, Dirty Dishes, Dirty Hearts (Luke 11:37-41; Matthew 15:1-9; Mark 7:1-9)

Cleaning your hands and feet (note Genesis 18:4, Judges 19:21) were a common pre-meal practice for the Jews. But the Pharisees and Scribes had taken an 'observed' (optional) tradition and made it into a set of 'prescribed' (required) rules required for eating any food (see Mark 7:3).

Whether Jesus purposely initiated this conversation (by not washing) or this was simply His normal practice; it is clear Jesus wants to 'shine some light' (cf. Luke 11:33-36) on a dirty-little-secret of the Pharisees. Like a laser beam into the darkness, Jesus exposes the wickedness and dangers of following religious rules in order to 'be good' with God.

Following man made traditions and rules which replace the actual Word of God revealed in the Bible is a poisonous recipe for eternal death. This practice, known as legalism, remains a cancerous force in every modern-day church. Jesus cries out "Woe to those..." rule following fools!

2) Following the Rules Can Lead to Hell (Luke 11:42-54; Matthew 23:13-39; Isaiah 29:13; Ezekiel 33:30-32)

In a series of 6 (Luke) or 7 (Matthew) "woe's" (pity and pain for the terrible misfortune awaiting those in these dire conditions), Jesus sharply and surgically condemns the Pharisees for their hypocrisy, calloused hearts, pride, and desire for notoriety.

When the Scribes begin to object to Jesus' harsh characterization of their Pharisee comrades, Jesus raises the temperature, unleashing white-hot condemnation on the lawyers/Scribes for their hypocrisy, heartless legalism, deceptive leadership, and false teaching.

The darkness of Israel's leaders sets the stage for their desire to snuff out the Light of Christ (Luke 11:35-36), and marches us ever closer to the ultimate climax of Jerusalem & the death of Jesus at Golgotha.



Growth Group Guide

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Week #8

Killing By The Rules

Luke 11:37-54

Ice Breaker

- This week marks the unofficial start of summer. What are you planning to do this summer?

In-Depth

- Read Luke 11:37-54
- Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon

1. Define legalism.

1A. Read Psalm 112:1; Luke 6:46; John 14:15; James 1:22-25. How does legalism differ from obedience?

2. Luke 11:37-41. What was Jesus' reaction to the legalistic demands of the Pharisee? What did he mean in Luke 11:41?

2A. Luke 11:42-44. Jesus condemns legalists with three "woes." What are the dangers of legalism highlighted in these three?

2B. Luke 11:45-52. Jesus then pronounces three more woes on the legalistic lawyers. What are they?

3. Read Galatians 2:15-16; Galatians 3:10-11; Colossians 2:20-23. Why is legalism futile?

4. Read John 1:16-17; Ephesians 2:8-10; Galatians 3:23-26; Romans 14:1-4. How did Grace change everything?

Making It Relevant

1. Catholics, Muslims, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses all practice forms of legalism. Discuss within your group experience or knowledge you have with any of these.

2. What are some examples of Christian legalism? Why does it occur in the church, despite scriptural admonishments? How do we stop it?

3. How did Grace change everything for you?