### LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

#### Sunday, July 22

9:00AMMorning Coffee9:30AMWorship & Celebration Service11:15AMSummer Sampler Class: God Within You

Monday, July 23

6:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

#### Tuesday, July 24

10:00AM All Staff Team Meeting 7:00PM Elder Board Meeting 7:00PM Youth- The Deep

#### Thursday, July 26

**Weekly Schedul** 

10:00AM Youth Beach Days 6:00PM Summer Youth Group/Dinner

#### Friday, July 27

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

#### Saturday, July 28

9:00AMCompulsive Eaters Anonymous5:00PMHume Lake Bag Drop/Medical Screen

#### Sunday, July 29

9:00AM Morning Coffee 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service 11:15AM Summer Sampler Class: God Within You

#### 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 (Summer Break)

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

Regular

Ministry

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Wednesdays through May (Summer Break)

YOUTH MINISTRIES http://www.lbac.org/youth

http://www.lbac.org/youth JH & HS Foundations – Sundays (Summer Break) The Deep (Study) – Tuesdays @ 7:00PM Summer Youth Group – 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

Contact: mensministry@lbac.org



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## church staff team

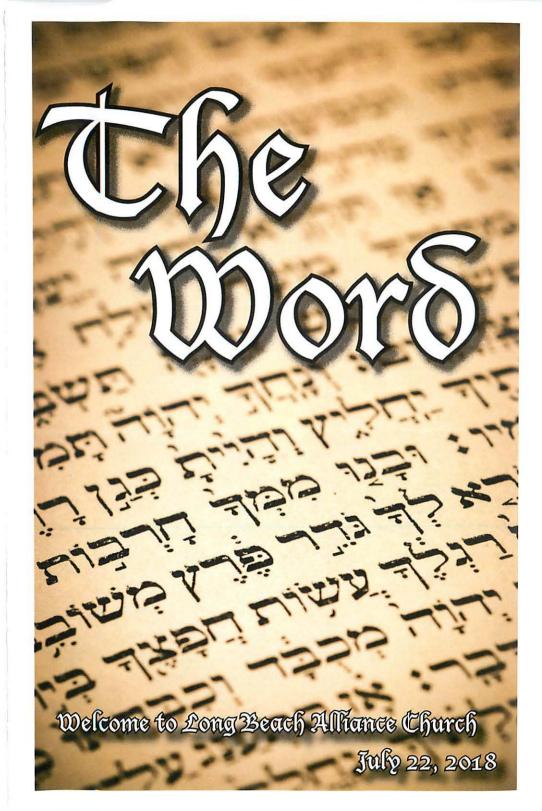
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Summer Sampler Class... Begins TODAY! Join us at 11:15AM for the following 6 weeks as we dive in...

# God Within You: The Holy Spirit as Comforter, Guide, and Empowerer

## Led by: John Carriveau Location: Room 102

A look at God, the Holy Spirit, and who He is, what He does, in both the OT and NT, and how He makes your walk with God possible and successful.

## LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	Budget	Received	Budget %
Weekly:	\$12,041.97	\$6,677.53	55.5%
Month-to-Date	: \$36,125.91	\$30,065.05	83.2%
Year-to-Date:	\$553,930.62	\$532,206.97	96.1%
Disbursed YTD: \$544,742.00		GOF Balance: -\$12,535.03	

# Does Reading The Bible Matter?

Long Beach Alliance Church · Iuly 22, 2018 · Pastor Chris Lankford

## 1) Wrong Answers to the Right Questions

When I first responded to Jesus, I asked God to forgive me for my sins, for the many sins I knew about and even the sins I did not know about. And even though I trusted Jesus for my salvation, I was thirsty for more. I wanted to know what I needed to do to live like the other Christians I saw around me. I wanted what they had, something more than fire-insurance from Hell. I was asking the right questions!

Unfortunately, what came next was the wrong (or at least incomplete) answer to my questions! I was told that if I wanted to grow in Jesus, I needed to read the Bible (listening to God), and I needed to pray (talking to God). Sadly, even though this is what many Christians (maybe even you and me) experience, it isn't the right answer.

Shocking, isn't it?! Bible study and prayer aren't the answer. Don't get me wrong, to be sure, it's part of the answer, but like getting driving directions from a child, it won't actually get you where you need to go.

If Bible Study and prayer were the answer, then it's all we would see Jesus doing. But of course, that's not His whole story. Likewise, it's not our whole story either. There's something more, something important.

## 2) So, What Is The Answer?

God has	placed you in a	for His purposes.
	lives in your soul to provide	
Harboring	in our lives /	God's Spirit.
Your homework	assignment:	?