

## LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

### Sunday, July 22

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service
- 11:15AM Summer 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

- 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

- 9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous
- 5:00PM Hume 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>

Wednesdays through May (Summer Break)

#### YOUTH MINISTRIES

<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: 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

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts

### long beach alliance church offices

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church office hours: tuesday-thursday, 10:00AM-5:00PM

### church staff team

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**THE  
ALLIANCE**

# The Word

Welcome to Long Beach Alliance Church

July 22, 2018



**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**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
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: <b>-\$12,535.03</b>	

## **Does Reading The Bible Matter?**

Long Beach Alliance Church · July 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: \_\_\_\_\_?