# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

### Sunday, October 21

9:00AM Morning Coffee 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service 11:15AM Foundations Class: Session 1 Week 6 12:15PM Deacon Meeting

# Monday, October 22

6:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous 7:00PM Pure Desire Men's Ministry

#### Tuesday, October 23 7:00PM Elder Meeting 7:00PM The Process- HS Youth Group

Wednesday, October 24 6:30PM AWANA

#### Thursday, October 25 7:00PM Junior High Live Youth Group

Friday, October 26 6:30AM Men's Bible Study 6:00PM Great Pumpkin Hunt 8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, October 27 9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

### Sunday, October 28

9:00AM Morning Coffee 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service 11:15AM Foundations Class: Session 1 Week 6 Contact: mensministry@lbac.org



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 Nights through May

**Regular Ministry** 

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

JH & HS Foundations ~ Sundays @ 11:15AM The Process High School ~ Tuesdays @ 7:00PM Junior High Live - Thursdays @ 7:00PM e

> 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 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00PM

Crafty Women 2nd Saturday of each month @ 10:00AM

> **MEN'S MINISTRIES** http://www.lbac.org/men



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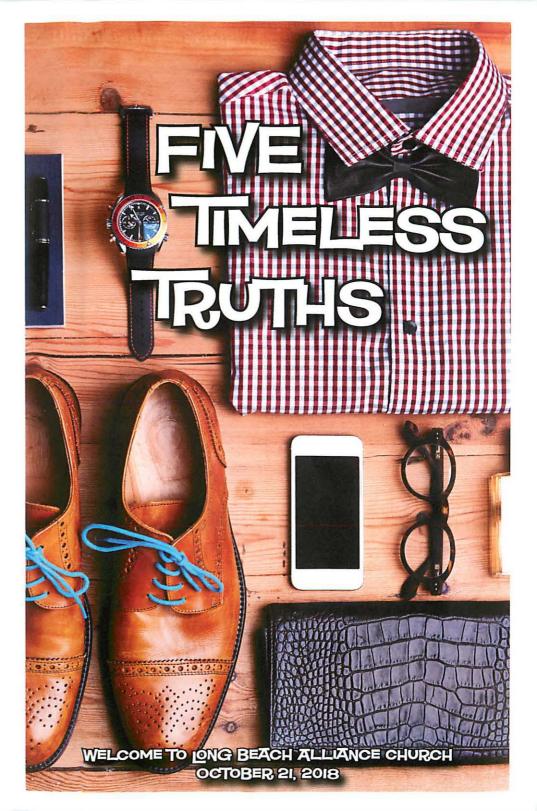
# church staff team

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# THE POWER OF SERVING OTHERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

## Craft, Cook, Create

- 1. Take a meal to a widow, homebound member, or single mom
- 2. Bake goodies and deliver them to your local police or fire station
- 3. Write letters or send cards to missionaries or soldiers
- 4. Put together and distribute homeless food & supplies bags
- 5. Provide a meal for families at your local Ronald McDonald House

# Donate and Shop with a Purpose

- 1. Donate food and items to the Long Beach Rescue Mission
- 2. Pack and distribute holiday food & gifts baskets for a needy family
- 3. Host an Operation Christmas Child packing party
- 4. Participate in the Salvation Army's Christmas Angel Tree Program
- 5. Give diapers, clothes, and supplies to a local pregnancy shelter

# Volunteer Your Time

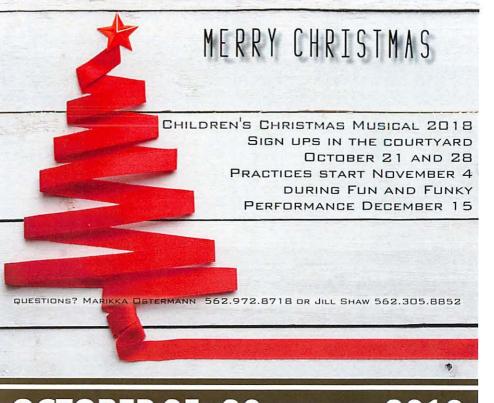
- 1. Volunteer at a local food pantry/soup kitchen
- 2. Clean the home of an elderly or homebound person you know
- 3. Visit a nursing home and spend time with the residents
- 4. Clean up the roadside, park or beach
- 5. Take on a Meals on Wheels Route

# **Random Acts of Kindness**

- 1. Tape money to the vending machines in hospital waiting rooms
- 2. Leave quarters and washing detergent at your local laundry mat
- 3. Leave bottles of bubbles at the park for families to use
- 4. Pass out water bottles to outside workers on a hot day
- 5. Pay for a random person's food or coffee

# LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	Budget	Received	Budget %
Weekly:	\$11,977.03	\$10,176.53	85.0%
Month-to-Date	: \$23,954.06	\$24,144.27	100.8%
Year-to-Date:	\$83,839.21	\$74,701.19	89.1%
Disbursed YTD: \$75,466.00		GOF Balance: -\$764.81	



# OCTOBER 25-28 2018 MEN'S RETREAT



# Five Timeless Truths That Every Person Has to Face

Long Beach Alliance Church 🖶 October 21, 2018 🖶 Jack Littlefield

# Luke 13:1-9

The parable in 13:6-9 adds to what Jesus said in 13:1-5.

Compare 12:54 with 13:1 and 13:10.

I. There is necessity for bearing fruit, Luke 13:6-7

You were created to "bear fruit" for God.

It is the reason you exist.

See Bonus Section #1.

### II. There is justice in God's judgment, Luke 13:7

Luke 13:2 compare 13:4; Ezra 7:6; Isaiah 53:6

Ecclesiastes 8:11; Romans 2:4-5; Matthew 3:10; 7:19; John 15:2, 6

### III. There is potential for God's mercy, Luke 13:8-9

Hosea 11:8-9: Ephesians 2:4-7; 2 Peter 3:9

### IV. There is provision for true change, Luke 13:8

1 Peter 2:24; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 8:1-6; Ephesians 2:10

### V. There is urgency for your transformation, Luke 13:9

Revelation 3:14-22; Proverbs 29:1

How will you end this parable?

## BONUS SECTION #1: Types of Fruit in the New Testament

- 1. The fruit of good works, Matthew 3:8; Luke 3:8-14
- 2. The fruit of Christian character, Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 5:9; James 3:18
- 3. The fruit of righteousness in response to discipline, Hebrews 12:11
- 4. The fruit of souls won, John 4:36
- 5. The fruit of praise, Hebrews 13:15
- 6. The fruit of giving money, Romans 15:26-28; Philippians 4:17; compare 4:10, 14-16, 18
- 7. Fruit in general, unspecified, Matthew 7:16-20; Mark 4:3-20; John 15:1-8, 16

## BONUS SECTION #2: Some Open-Ended Parables of Jesus

The unfruitful fig tree, Luke 13:6-9.

The prodigal son and the elder brother, Luke 15:11-32.

The shrewd manager, Luke 16:1-8.

Workers in the vineyard, early and late, Matthew 20:1-16.

### BONUS SECTION #3: What Jesus Said About Hell

Jesus had more to say about hell than anyone else in the Bible. Way more.

Luke 16:19-31 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43, especially 41-42 Matthew 13:47-50 Matthew 25:41, 46 Mark 9:42-48 Matthew 5:22, 29-30; also 18:8-9 Matthew 10:28; Luke 12:5 Matthew 23:33 Matthew 11:23; Luke 10:15 John 5:29



# ICE BREAKER

• What are one or two things on your "bucket list" (the things you'd most like to do before you "kick the bucket")?



# Read Luke 13:1-9

- Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon.
- 1. Luke 13:6-7. What does Jesus mean when he talks about "fruit"?

A. Read Colossians 1:10; Luke 6:43-45; John 15:16. There is an expectation that good trees bear good fruit. Why?

B. Read Luke 3:8-9. Also read John 15:8; Romans 7:4; James 2:14-17. What is "fruit in keeping with repentance"?

C. Does the date tree in this parable represent a Christian or non-Christian? Why?

2. Read Luke 13:8. Also read Romans 2:4. Why does God delay his judgment? What does this say of His character?

A. Give examples (from scripture or your life) of God's patience and mercy.

B. Luke 13:9. Also read Isaiah 55:6-7; John 8:21; Matthew 7:13-14. Why is there urgency to repent and bear fruit?

# MAKING IT RELEVANT

1. If someone is bearing very little fruit (i.e actions and deeds are no different than non-Christians), what should they do?

2. Read Galatians 5:22-23. Discuss what each of these fruit looks like in a believer. Which of these are you strongest at? Which are you weakest?