

# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

## Sunday, January 27

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service
- 11:15AM Foundations Class: Session 3 Wk4

## Monday, January 28

- 6:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous
- 7:00PM Golf Tournament Committee Mtg
- 7:00PM Pure Desire

## Tuesday, January 29

- 10:00AM All Staff Team Meeting
- 7:00PM The Process High School

## Wednesday, January 30

- 6:30PM AWANA

## Thursday, January 31

- 7:00PM Junior High Live

## Friday, February 1

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

## Saturday, February 2

- 9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

## Sunday, February 3

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service
- 11:15AM Foundations Class: Session 3 Wk 5
- 3:30PM Big Game Party

### 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 @ 11:15AM

### AWANA

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

Wednesday Nights through May

### 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

### WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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

### Woman To Woman Mentoring

Contact: sherylynnlbac@gmail.com

### Lydia House Meals Ministry

Contact: mcoliver789@msn.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

Weekly Schedule

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts

## long beach alliance church offices

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THE ALLIANCE



**Growth Groups Have Begun!**  
It's not too late to join!

Sign up online, [www.lbac.org](http://www.lbac.org),  
or contact the church office  
for more information!

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 9  
8:00 AM LBAC Gymnasium  
Sign up in the Courtyard today!



Questions? Greg Coles @ 310.293.9518

## MEN'S MINISTRY

# BIG GAME Party

**FEBRUARY 3 AT 3:30PM**

**CRAIG HOOPER'S HOME**  
**3142 MAINWAY DR LOS ALAMITOS**

Call Craig for more info: 562.421.4214



## Have you seen it?

### The Gym Projector?

If you know the whereabouts of the missing projector, please let us know or simply return it to the church office (no questions asked)!

**HELP!**



## Sunday Greeters & Ushers Needed



Fill out a Connect Card or call the Office to sign up

## LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$11,977.03	\$14,442.53	120.6%
Month-to-Date:	\$35,931.09	\$30,566.17	85.1%
Year-to-Date:	\$251,517.63	\$250,574.40	99.6%
Disbursed YTD:	\$236,188.00	GOF Balance: \$14,386.40	

*you are invited to.*

# BAPTISM

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

*in your*

**SUNDAY  
CELEBRATION**

**JOURNEY**

**APRIL 14  
9:30AM**

## **BAPTISM AT LONG BEACH ALLIANCE**

### *Some General Thoughts & Ideas About Baptism at LBAC*

The Bible teaches that baptism is a response to receiving the free gift of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ (note the 'Gospel: God's Plan For Me'). Baptism is an outward symbol revealing new life in Jesus Christ. Baptism represents total identity with Jesus Christ. Because baptism is a response of someone who possesses faith in Christ, we do not baptize infants or anyone who cannot confess the indwelling of the Holy Spirit through relationship with Jesus Christ. We encourage those who were baptized as children or infants to be baptized as believing adults, as an expression of their own faith in God through Christ. We encourage baptism by a spiritual mentor, parent, or respected pastor. We will baptize someone in any location; home, beach, or at church. We encourage choosing a public location for baptism where those who have never believed can witness the miracle of a life changed, washed clean, and resurrected with Jesus Christ!

### *Who Can Be Baptized at LBAC?*

- A) You **MUST** be born again, or born "from above" (John 3:3, 5, 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:9).
- B) You can be saved and not be baptized (Luke 23:39-43).
- C) Baptism was often associated **IMMEDIATELY** with salvation (Acts 2:38).

### *You DO NOT Have To Be Baptized to belong at LBAC, BUT...*

- A) Jesus was baptized, identifying with us and showing a pattern for life (Matthew 3:13-17).
- B) Jesus commands His followers to be baptized (Matthew 28:19).
- C) All believers should follow Christ's example and be baptized (Acts 10:48, Mark 16:16).

# Following Jesus is Worth the Cost

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## Luke 14:15-35

- 1) Won't It Be Great To Eat Together At God's Banquet Table?  
(Luke 14:15; see also Luke 11:37-54, 13:6-9, 13:31-35)

- 2) Time To Follow Through On The Invite For The Great Banquet  
(Luke 14:16-20; Matthew 22:1-6; cf. Revelation 19:6-9)



- 3) Even Good Excuses Can Result In Fatal Consequences  
(Matthew 13:19-22; Mark 4:14-19)

4) **A Banquet For The Broken**

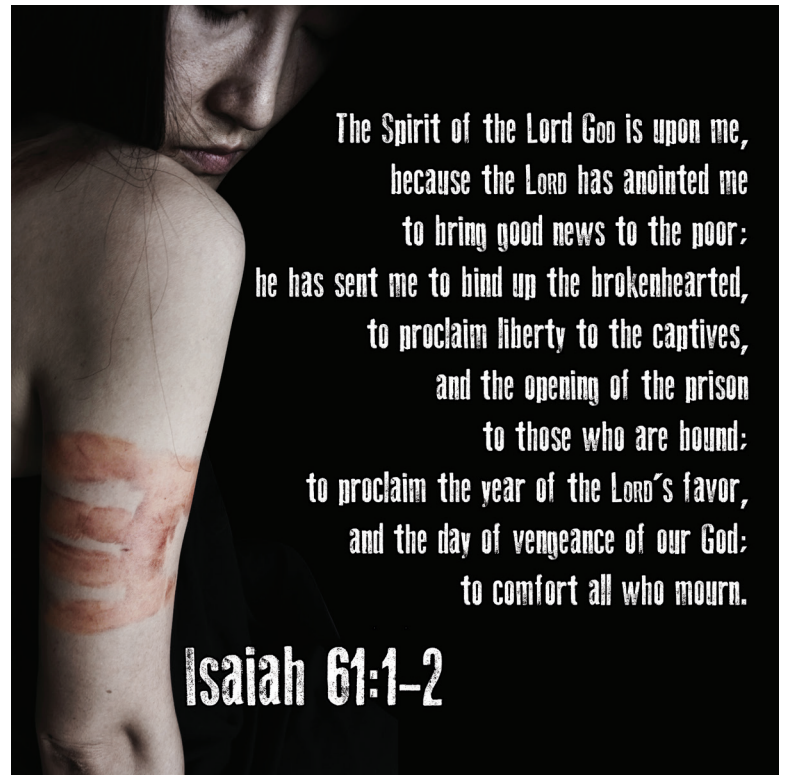
(Luke 14:21-24, Matthew 22:7-14;

Isaiah 29:18-19, 35:5-6, 61:1-2;

Romans 15:5-13)

5) **The Priorities & Conditions  
For Following Christ**

(Luke 14:25-27; Matthew 10:37-38)



The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;  
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison  
to those who are bound;  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn.

**Isaiah 61:1-2**

6) **Strategically Counting Costs  
For Maximum Value**

(Luke 14:28-35; Matthew 5:13;

Mark 9:49-50; Luke 8:8)



The world says love yourself,  
grab all you can,  
follow your heart.

Jesus says deny yourself.  
grab your cross,  
and follow me.

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# Growth Group Guide

## Following Jesus is Worth the Cost

Week #3 • Luke 14:15-35

### Ice Breaker

- Discuss ideas for your group to serve in our community. Commit to researching some of them and coming back next week to select one.

### In-Depth

- **Read Luke 14:15-35**
- **Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon**

1. Luke 14:15. Also read Isaiah 25:6-9. What does it mean to be included at the banquet in the kingdom of God?

A. Luke 14:16-20. Jesus' parable describes an absurd situation. How so? In what ways is rejection of the gospel likewise absurd?

B. Luke 14:21-24. What is the meaning of these verses? Read Romans 9:25-32. In what ways was the parable fulfilled in these verses?

2. Luke 14:25-26. Read 1 John 2:9-11; Proverbs 10:12; Leviticus 19:17-18. I don't get it. Am I to love or hate others? Myself?

A. Luke 14:27. What does it mean to carry ones own cross?

3. Luke 14:28-33. If you were to rewrite these parables using modern examples, what would you say?

A. What are the costs of being a disciple of Christ?

B. What are the benefits of being a disciple of Christ?

## Making It Relevant

1. What are common excuses today for rejecting the Gospel invitation? How should we react to them?

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2. What does hating “even their own life” look like in the life of a disciple of Christ? Would others look at you and see your love for Christ or self?

3. What costs have you paid to be a disciple? Are their costs Jesus wants you to pay that you have not yet paid?