LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Sunday, April 21

8:30AM Easter Breakfast

9:00AM Easter Worship & Celebration Svc 1 10:30AM Easter Worship & Celebration Svc 2 MISSIONS http://www.lbac.org/missions

GROWTH GROUPS

Monday, April 22

6:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

7:00PM Pure Desire

Tuesday, April 23

7:00PM Elder Board Meeting 7:00PM The Process * High School

Wednesday, April 24

No AWANA this week!

Thursday, April 25

7:00PM Junior High Live

Friday, April 26

6:30AM Men's Bible Study

1:00PM Alliance Youth Charity Golf Tourney 6:00PM Alliance Youth Charity Golf Banquet

8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, April 27

9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

Sunday, April 28

9:00AM Morning Coffee 9:30AM Worship & Celebration

12:15PM Deacon Meeting

Mid-week Bible Studies for all Adults (break)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES http://www.lbac.org/children

Sunday Mornings Gospel Project @ 9:30AM

AWANA

http://www.lbac.org/awana

Wednesday Nights through May

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

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: sherylynnelbac@gmail.com

Lydia House Meals Ministry Contact: mcoliver789@msn.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

Contact: mensministry@lbac.org



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1:00PM 6:00PM 8:00P **Satur** 9:00A



Golfing w/ Banquet or Banquet-Only Tickets Available TODAY!

Golfers - \$150 per person or \$500/Foursome Golf, Dinner Banquet, Silent Auction & Raffle

Banquet Only - \$25 per person
Dinner Banquet, Silent Auction & Raffle

Sign-Ups @ Courtyard Table • Need More Info? office@lbac.org

Health Talk

Food for Thought

"Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food."
-Hippocrates

Share experience, resources, and support for living a healthier lifestyle.

Come learn how to make gluten & dairy free sourdough bread!
Bring your recipes and samples if you have any.

Join us Sunday, May 5, 4PM-5,30PM, Room 106

RSVP is welcome Contact: Dawn Trickett ditrickett@icloud.com

LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

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	<u>Budget</u>	Received	Budget %
Weekly:	\$11,977.03	\$16,183.74	135.1%
Month-to-Date:	\$23,954.06	\$24,160.27	100.9%
Year-to-Date:	\$395,241.99	\$421,310.60	106.6%
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He Is Risen Indeed!

LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH * EASTER SUNDAY * APRIL 21, 2019 * PASTOR CHRIS LANKFORD

1) THERE WILL BE BLOOD...

A) FROM THE DAYS OF MOSES AND ISRAEL WANDERING AROUND IN THE DESERT TO THE TIME OF JESUS CHRIST (ROUGHLY 1500 YEARS!). THE HIGH PRIEST OF ISRAEL ENTERED INTO THE INNER CHAMBER OF THE TEMPLE (THE "HOLY OF HOLIES" OR "MOST HOLY PLACE"*) TO MAKE

PAYMENT FOR THE SINS (THE PAYMENT WAS UNDERSTOOD AS A 'COVERING FOR SIN' OR 'ATONEMENT FOR SIN') OF ISRAEL ONCE A YEAR (HEBREWS 9:6-7).

B) THIS "DAY OF ATONEMENT" (YOM

KIPPUR) FOLLOWED THE LAW OF
ATONEMENT FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT (LEVITICUS 16). THIS SPECIAL DAY PROVIDED
FORGIVENESS OF SINS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE (LEVITICUS 16:29-34).

C) EVERY ISRAELITE BOY AND GIRL WOULD HAVE GROWN UP IN A WORLD WHERE SIN COST SOMETHING AND REQUIRED ATONEMENT. THIS ATONING PAYMENT COULD ONLY BE MADE WITH BLOOD BECAUSE SIN WAS PAYABLE BY DEATH. AND THE LIFE OF EVERY PERSON IS (OF COURSE) IN THE BLOOD (LEVITICUS 17:11). NONE OF GOD'S PEOPLE EVER THOUGHT THE COST OF SIN WAS LOW. AS A REGULAR REMINDER OF THE COST. GOD'S PEOPLE WOULD BE UP TO THEIR ELBOWS IN THE BLOOD OF GOATS. BULLS. AND SHEEP MAKING SACRIFICES IN ORDER TO REMAIN IN A GOOD RELATIONSHIP OF PURITY AND HOLINESS WITH GOD (LEVITICUS 20:26).

^{*} The Most sacred area of the Jerusalem Temple was the "holy of holies" (1st kings 6:16 & 6:20-22) -- A section of the interior of the temple which was set off from the rest of the sanctuary and approached through a thick multi-veiled curtain. Here stood two huge cherubim. Carved of olive wood and overlaid with gold, with their wings spread protectively over the Ark of the Covenant of Yahweh (1st kings 6:23-28). Images of Cherubim appeared throughout the temple interior. Carved on walls and doors and woven into hangings. (Reconstruction above from the Holman bible dictionary)

2) HIGH PRIEST 101 * DAY OF ATONEMENT DUTIES

A) THE HIGH PRIEST WAS CAUTIONED TO ONLY ENTER THE HOLY OF HOLIES ONCE A YEAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING ATONEMENT FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS (LEVITICUS 16:2FF). FORGIVENESS OF SINS WAS NOT A COMMON OCCURRENCE FOR AN ISRAELITE. AND CAME WITH GREAT FEAR AND "AFFLICTION" FOR THE JEWS (CF. LEVITICUS 16:29-31).



B) ON THIS SACRED DAY, THE HIGH PRIEST WOULD WEAR



VERY PLAIN GARMENTS (DEPICTED TO

THE LEFT, 16:4). THESE CLOTHES WERE DIFFERENT THAN THE
BEAUTIFUL AND ORNATE HIGH-PRIESTLY GARMENTS (EXODUS
28. DEPICTED ABOVE). AND WERE EVEN MORE PLAIN THAN
REGULAR PRIESTLY GARMENTS (EXODUS 39:27-29).

- C) Among the People. The High Priest dressed regally.

 An indicator of the Honor of this High office

 Amongst the Jews. However. In the presence of

 God -- All Honor was stripped away. The priest was

 A simple servant of the King. Note that the saints

 In Heaven (revelation 19:8) are portrayed wearing

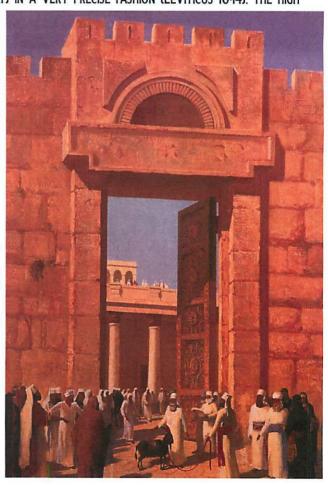
 Similar simple and plain clothing.
- D) THE HIGH PRIEST FIRST MADE A SIN OFFERING FOR HIMSELF (LEVITICUS 16:11). THIS WAS A PURIFICATION OFFERING, SO THAT THE PRIEST HIMSELF WAS PURE IN MAKING AN OFFERING ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE (CF. 4:3-12).
- ** THE WORD "ATONEMENT" IS A DEEP-WATER AND MULTI-LAYERED WORD USED THROUGH THE BIBLE SERVING AS A CAPSTONE DESCRIPTION OF SEVERAL CONTRIBUTING ACTIONS BY GOD WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO A MORE COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S SALVATION PROVISION ON BEHALF OF MANKIND (INCLUDING SUBSTITUTION, RECONCILIATION, PROPITIATION, EXPIATION). SUBSTITUTION MEANS THAT CHRIST'S LIFE IS SUBSTITUTED FOR THE LIFE OF THE REPENTANT SINNER (2 CORINTHIANS 5:21). CHRIST PAYS THE PENALTY FOR SIN (WHICH HE DID NOT DESERVE OR EARN) AND THE REPENTANT SINNER ENJOYS THE BENEFITS OF SALVATION AND BEING A CHILD OF GOD (WHICH MANKIND DOES NOT DESERVE OR EARN). RECONCILIATION IS THE RESTORATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOD AND HIS CREATION (2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-20). PROPITIATION UNDERSTANDS THE LIFE AND DEATH OF CHRIST IN TERMS OF A SACRIFICE WHICH BRINGS ABOUT THE TURNING OF GOD'S WRATH FROM MANKIND, ALLOWING FOR RECONCILIATION (ROMANS 5:8-II). EXPIATION IS MAKING AMENDS FOR SIN. IT IS MORE IMPERSONAL THAN PROPITIATION, BUT IS ALSO CARRIED IN THE MEANING OF ATONEMENT (COLOSSIANS 2:13-14). THE "DAY OF ATONEMENT." THROUGH ITS VARIOUS RITUALS AND MOVEMENTS ACCOMPLISHED THESE MANY THINGS. FURTHER, CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION ACCOMPLISHES A "BETTER" (HEBREWS 10) ATONEMENT BECAUSE IT IS A ONE-SACRIFICE-ONCE-AND-FOR-ALL. THE ATONEMENT. WHEN APPLIED IN OUR LIVES HAS (LIKE THE WORD ITSELF) GREAT DIVERSITY AND SIGNIFICANCE.

- E) THE PRIEST THEN BROUGHT A PAN OF HOT COALS FROM THE ALTAR WITH SWEET INCENSE INTO THE HOLY OF HOLIES. WHICH WOULD CREATE A DENSE CLOUD OF SWEET SMELLING SMOKE (16:12-13). THIS PROTECTED THE HIGH PRIEST. SINCE TO GAZE UPON THE "MERCY SEAT" (THE SEAT OF ATONEMENT) WOULD MEAN DEATH (LEVITICUS 16:12-13).
- F) THE PRIEST HAD TO CARRY THE COALS AND OFFERING WITH HIM THROUGH A VEIL WHICH WAS ACTUALLY MUCH MORE LIKE A GIGANTIC CURTAIN OR MASSIVE HANGING RUG -- 60 FEET HIGH. 30 FEET WIDE. AND SEVERAL FEET THICK. THE WAY THE VEIL WAS CONSTRUCTED REQUIRED THE HIGH PRIEST TO ZIG-ZAG THROUGH ITS SEVERAL LAYERS OF THICK BLANKETING RICH BLUE AND PURPLE LINENS IN ORDER TO PROCEED THROUGH TO THE INTERIOR OF THE HOLY OF HOLIES.

G) THE PRIEST THEN SPRINKLED THE BLOOD OF THE SACRIFICE ON THE MERCY SEAT (THE ATONEMENT SEAT) IN A VERY PRECISE FASHION (LEVITICUS 16:14). THE HIGH

PRIEST WOULD
REPEAT THE SAME
PROCEDURE WITH
ANOTHER SACRIFICE
(16:15-16) FOR THE
PEOPLE. THE BLOOD
SACRIFICE PROVIDED
PURIFICATION FOR
SIN: LIFE FOR LIFE,
BLOOD FOR BLOOD.

FINALLY A GOAT H) (TO THE RIGHT IS A DEPICTION OF THE RELEASE OF THE "SCAPEGOAT," 16:8FF). RECEIVED ALL THE SINS OF THE PEOPLE, AND WAS SENT/ESCORTED INTO THE WILDERNESS AS PAYMENT FOR SIN (16:20-22), ISRAEL OBSERVED YOM KIPPUR EACH YEAR FOR THESE PURPOSES.



3) JESUS CHRIST'S ATONING SACRIFICE FOR SIN

- A) ALL OF THE EXAMPLE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT SACRIFICES AND VIVID DETAILS WERE FORESHADOWING OF JESUS CHRIST (HEBREWS 1:1-3, 2:17-18), WHO WAS PROVIDED AS AN ATONEMENT FOR SIN ON BEHALF OF ANYONE WHO TRUSTS THEIR LIFE TO HIM (HEBREWS 7:25: JOHN 14:6).
- B) JESUS WAS ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS EXTRAORDINARY PAYMENT FOR SIN BECAUSE HE WAS FULLY MAN AND FULL GOD AT THE SAME TIME (JOHN 1:1, 14). JESUS LIVED LIFE AS A MAN, BUT IN PERFECT PURITY THROUGH RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD THE FATHER, MAKING JESUS THE PERFECT HIGH PRIEST FOR MAKING A SACRIFICE (HEBREWS 7:26).
- C) But the great offer of Salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9) does not come Cheap. Just as god designed, Just as it has always been, life costs life, blood for blood. In order for Jesus to save us, he had to die for us. To make the payment we could not, once and for all Jesus was the perfect "one sacrifice for sins for all time" (Hebrews 10:12). He is the ultimate "scapegoat," carrying our sin away.
- D) WHEN CHRIST DIED. THE VEIL IN THE TEMPLE WAS TORN IN TWO FROM THE TOP TO THE BOTTOM (LUKE 23:45: MATTHEW 27:51-53: MARK 15:38). THE SEPARATION BETWEEN GOD AND MAN WAS ABOLISHED. AND NOW WE CAN APPROACH GOD BOLDLY BECAUSE OF A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD THE FATHER THROUGH JESUS CHRIST THE SON (HEBREWS 10:19-25) AND SEALED BY GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT (EPHESIANS 1:13-14 & 4:30).
- E) EASTER IS THE MOMENT WHEN THE ENTIRE PLAN OF GOD "WENT PUBLIC" FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY! WHILE THE DEATH OF JESUS CONQUERED SIN AND DEATH (ROMANS 8:31-39). IT IS THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST THAT GIVES US CONFIDENCE THAT WHAT JESUS SAID, DID, AND DIED FOR -- IS AUTHENTIC AND TRUE -- AND GOD ACCEPTED HIS ATONING PAYMENT (I PETER 1:3-5: ROMANS 1:1-4)!
- F) HAVE YOU TRUSTED YOUR ENTIRE LIFE TO THE COMPLETELY SUFFICIENT AND PERFECT PROVISION OF JESUS (I PETER 1:18-21)? THE BIBLE SAYS THAT GOD DOES NOT GIVE SALVATION TO THOSE WHO HAVE NO NEED. BUT ONLY TO THOSE WHO WILL HUMBLE THEMSELVES AND RESPOND TO GOD'S GREAT MERCY AND LOVE. HE HAS ACTIVELY REVEALED AND SHOWN THIS LOVE TO YOU -- HOW WILL YOU RESPOND ON THIS EASTER MORNING (EPHESIANS 2:1-10)?