

LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Sunday, May 26

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

Monday, May 27

6:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous
7:00PM Pure Desire
7:00PM Survivors of Incest Anonymous

Tuesday, May 28

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

Wednesday, May 29

6:30PM AWANA

Thursday, May 30

7:00PM Junior High * Live

Friday, May 31

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

Saturday, June 1

9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous
10:00AM All VBS Leader Meeting
9:00AM EWCM 23rd Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, June 2

9:00AM Morning Coffee
9:30AM Worship & Celebration
10:45AM All Church Congregational Meeting
4:00PM Health Talk
6:00PM VBS JH Leader Meeting

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

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: sheryllynnelbac@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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Weekly Schedule

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts

CRISIS FORMATION

WELCOME TO LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH
MAY 26, 2019

MEN'S HELP WANTED!

MEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, JUNE 8
8:00 AM LBAC GYMNASIUM

Sign up for both these events at the Courtyard Table or Call Greg Coles @ 310.293.9518

The Women's Breakfast, hosted by Men's Ministry, is Saturday, June 15 at 9AM. We need all available help to bless these ladies.

Health Talk

Do you deal with immune, disease, undiagnosed concerns, or simply want to live a healthier lifestyle? Share experience, resources, and support for living strong, healthy lives. Join us Sunday, June 2 • 4PM-5:30PM • Room 203

Questions? Contact Dawn Trickett dltrickett@icloud.com

Crafty Women

Do you like to craft? Please join us...

Saturday, June 8
10AM-4PM
Room 102

Questions? Contact Donna Neel
 Text: 562.335.9088 Email: donna@neel.com

All Ladies (High School Juniors and up) Invited

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World

Book Group starting Saturday, June 8
 See Deya Slade or Pamela Rice at the Courtyard Table Today!!!

VBS LEADERS WANTED

POWER UP
RAISE YOUR GAME

Come to the **ALL VBS LEADER MEETING** to find out how you can help!
Saturday * June 1, * 10AM, * GYM
 Register as a volunteer at www.lbac.org.

Questions? Contact Meghan Brearley 562.708.9261 or meghan@lbac.org

REMINDER

VBS Special Offering in June
 (instead of the Benevolent Offering)

MARK THE DATE

Coming Soon

Nominating the Nominating Committee Meeting

Sunday, June 2
 immediately after service

Eternal Word Communication Ministries

Invites You to Celebrate Her

25th Anniversary

Saturday, June 1, 3:00PM
Long Beach Alliance Church

LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$11,977.03	\$9,096.54	75.9%
Month-to-Date:	\$35,931.09	\$35,016.70	97.5%
Year-to-Date:	\$455,127.14	\$485,567.16	106.7%
Disbursed YTD:	\$478,417.00	GOF Balance: \$7,150.16	

Crisis Formation

LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH ※ MAY 26, 2019 ※ PASTOR CHRIS LANKFORD

1) *Positional, Progressive, & Perfecting Spiritual Formation*

- A. SALVATION FROM GOD TRANSFORMS A PERSON FROM BEING SPIRITUALLY DEAD INTO A NEW SPIRITUALLY ALIVE PERSON (EPHESIANS 2:4-9). JESUS CALLED THIS CHANGE BEING "BORN AGAIN" (JOHN 3:3-6).
- B. BECAUSE GOD IS PERFECT (OR HOLY), HE REQUIRES HIS PEOPLE TO ALSO BE HOLY (LEVITICUS 19:2, 20:7, 26). SINCE WE CANNOT ACHIEVE PERFECTION, GOD THE SON JESUS CHRIST, FULFILLS THIS REQUIREMENT HIMSELF (HEBREWS 10:10-14).
- C. A PERSON SAVED BY FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST OBTAINS CHRIST'S SPIRITUALLY HOLY LIFE (HEBREWS 10:14). THEY ARE "POSITIONALLY SANCTIFIED," OR GIVEN A HOLY IDENTITY (ACTS 26:16-18: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:2, 30, 6:11, 2 CORINTHIANS 1:1, 2 THESSALONIANS 2:13-15: HEBREWS 2:10-14, 10:14: 1 PETER 1:2).
- D. THE REST OF A PERSON'S SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL LIFE IS THEN SPIRITUALLY FORMED INTO THIS NEW IDENTITY (PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION - ROMANS 6:19, 12:1-2, 6:13-14: COLOSSIANS 3:12-17: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:3-8: 2 TIMOTHY 2:21-26: HEBREWS 10:14: 1 PETER 1:13-16, 22-25).
- E. WHILE THIS SPIRITUAL FORMATION WILL NEVER BE COMPLETE ON THIS SIDE OF HEAVEN (PHILIPPIANS 3:12-16), WE ARE PROMISED THAT GOD WILL COMPLETE THE WORK OF HOLINESS IN EACH OF US (COMPLETE/PERFECT SANCTIFICATION - ROMANS 6:22-23: 1 CORINTHIANS 13:12: 2 CORINTHIANS 3:17-18: EPHESIANS 1:13-14: PHILIPPIANS 1:6: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:23).
- F. THE MEANS OF SANCTIFICATION ARE THE WORD OF GOD (JOHN 17:17-19) APPLIED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT (JOHN 14:26, 16:13-14: 2 CORINTHIANS 3:17-18) IN COMPLETE IDENTITY WITH JESUS CHRIST (GALATIANS 2:20) WHO BRINGS US PEACE WITH GOD (ROMANS 5:1-2: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:23-24).

2) *The Crisis Experience in Progressive Spiritual Formation*

- A. MANY (IF NOT MOST) FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST WILL EXPERIENCE AN ONGOING AND GRADUAL "GROWTH-CYCLE" IN BOTH THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND THEIR OBEDIENCE TO A SPIRIT-LED-CHRIST-CENTERED-GOD-GLORIFYING LIFE (COLOSSIANS 3:1-17).
- B. BUT AT TIMES, THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN LEAD A PERSON THROUGH (WHAT A.B. SIMPSON, FOUNDER OF THE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE PHRASED) IS AN INTENTIONAL "CRISIS SANCTIFICATION" EXPERIENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- C. ACCORDING TO THE C&MA STATEMENT OF FAITH, "CRISIS SANCTIFICATION" IS A UNIQUE POST-SALVATION EXPERIENTIAL ASPECT OF PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION MARKED BY A COMPLETE SUBMISSION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT OF THE ENTIRE PERSON LEADING TO A DEEPER AND FULLER FILLING OF HOLY SPIRIT POWER AND DIVINE LIFE IN THE BELIEVER (ROMANS 6:1-14; 2 PETER 1:3-4; 1 TIMOTHY 6:17; 1 PETER 5:10).
- D. DISTINGUISHING HIMSELF (AND THE C&MA) FROM SOME OF THE POPULAR TEACHING OF HIS DAY (KESWICK & WESLEYAN THEOLOGY), SIMPSON EMPHASIZED THAT SUPPRESSION OF SIN AND/OR THE MORTIFICATION OF THE BODY (NOTE ROMANS 8:13; COLOSSIANS 3:5-8) WERE "THE LOW WAY OF MAN'S VAIN AND FRUITLESS" SELF-IMPROVEMENT PERFECTION EFFORTS, AND LED TO INEFFECTIVE AND TOILSOME STRUGGLES WHICH COULD NOT MOVE YOU ONE INCH IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.
- E. A.B. SIMPSON'S SAID, "JUSTIFICATION BRING US PEACE WITH GOD. SANCTIFICATION, THE PEACE OF GOD." SPIRITUAL FORMATION IS PEACE WITH GOD, HARMONY WITH THE SPIRIT, AND ABIDING IN CHRIST AS A NEW CREATION (2 CORINTHIANS 5:17).
- F. FOR THE ONE LIVING "IN CHRIST JESUS" (1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-31), FOLLOWING GOD IS NOT FILLED WITH FRUITLESS SELF-EFFORT, BUT ACTUALLY LACKS BURDEN (MATTHEW 11:28-29; 1 JOHN 5:3-5). THE GOAL ISN'T EFFORT NOR IS IT FEELINGS-CENTERED, BUT, IT IS A SUBMITTED LIFE IN CHRIST, "WITHOUT FEELING, WITHOUT QUESTION, IN FULL ASSURANCE OF FAITH ON SIMPLE PROMISES" (JOHN 3:36, JOHN 6:35-37).
- G. FOR A "WHOLLY SANCTIFIED" PERSON, FOLLOWING GOD IS AS EFFORTLESS AS THE BURDEN OF GOD'S LAW OF GRAVITY. GRAVITY IS A POWERFUL FORCE OF THE EARTH'S MASS PULLING US CLOSE TO ITSELF (OR THE SUN'S MASS KEEPING OUR EARTH IN ORBIT CLOSE TO ITSELF), BUT LIKE THE LIFE OF THOSE SANCTIFIED IN CHRIST, WE LIVE EFFORTLESSLY AND FREELY UNDER THE "BURDEN" OF GRAVITY, SO IT IS WITH SANCTIFIED LIVING (HEBREWS 12:1-3).

3) *Christ-Centered Living vs. Experiential-Centered Living*

- A. THE CRUCIAL ISSUE IN SPIRITUAL FORMATION IS JESUS (COLOSSIANS 3:1-4, 12-17). IF YOU WANT MORE FROM AN ANEMIC OR WEAK WALK WITH GOD, SEEK CHRIST. IF SIN HAS A GRIP ON YOU, SEEK CHRIST. IF YOU HAVE NEVER TRUSTED GOD BEFORE, SEEK CHRIST. AND IF YOU NEED TO TRUST HIM AGAIN FOR WHATEVER CHALLENGES LIE AHEAD, SEEK CHRIST. IN EVERYTHING & ALWAYS, SEEK CHRIST (ROMANS 1:16-17).
- B. SOME PEOPLE TEACH THERE IS A "SECOND-BLESSING" FOR SOME (BUT NOT ALL) IN A DEEPER-COMMITMENT OR HIGHER-CALLING OF "TRUE LORDSHIP DISCIPLESHIP." DO NOT BE SWAYED BY FALSE TEACHERS. THERE IS CHRIST ALONE (1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5) AND HE IS ALL YOU NEED TODAY, TOMORROW, AND FOREVER (1 PETER 5:6-11).

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Contact Tina Rand at 562.420.1478 or tina@lbac.org**

Mobile Giving Guides

For iOS Devices

Getting Started:

- Launch the app store from your device and search for our **easyTithe** app.
- Make sure your location services are turned ON. When you launch the app, you can search for your organization by typing “Long Beach Alliance Church” and/or zip code, or choose to search for organizations near you.
- Login or create a donor profile to give to your organization.
- Once logged in, make a donation by tapping the “Give” icon.

Giving a Donation:

- Enter your donation amount.
- Choose your recurrence. You can give a one-time, weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annual gift. Choose from the calendar the date that you would like your gift submitted.
- Select your payment method. To add a new payment method, tap “Add Debit or Credit Card” to add card information, or tap “Add Bank Account” to add bank account information.
- Select which fund you would like to donation to from the drop down list.
- If enabled by the church, you also have the option to type an additional comment or add the cost of processing to your donation.
- Tap “Give!” to process your donation.

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Donating to Multiple Funds:

Using our Giving Tools, donating to multiple funds has never been easier:

- Login to giving link/create an account
- Navigate to the box for adding additional funds.
- Dropdown – Choose fund

It's that easy!

Growth Group Guide

Crisis Formation

WEEK #5 . SANCTIFICATION AND THE DIVINE NATURE

Ice Breaker

Are these a Blessing or a Curse?

1. Cell phone
2. Lawns
3. Fast Food
4. Teens
5. Birthdays
6. Cold days

In-Depth

- **Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon**

1. Sanctification (Again)

A. Read 2 Corinthians 3:17-18; Ephesians 4:13; Philippians 3:21; Colossians 3:10-11. Progressive sanctification is the transformation into the image of Christ. What does this mean?

B. Read Isaiah 64:8; Matthew 16:24-25; Galatians 2:20. How was "crisis sanctification" explained in the sermon? How does this kind of "crisis" occur in a believer?

2. Attaining the Divine Nature

A. Read 2 Peter 1:3-4. Put in your own words what Peter is saying.

B. What does "all things that pertain to life and godliness" mean? What does it mean to "become partakers of the divine nature?"

C. Describe the impact of living a holy life on our whole nature:

Our Minds (Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 10:5)

Our Emotions (Galatians 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:31-32)

Our Wills (Psalm 143:10; John 5:30; Philippians 2:13)

Our Bodies (1 Thessalonians 5:23; 2 Corinthians 7:1; 1 Corinthians 11:28-30)

D. Read John 15:4-5; Philippians 1:20-21; Colossians 3:17. What is the difference between a life centered on Christ and one centered on not sinning?

Making it Relevant

1. Have you had a “crisis” that drove you to greater holiness? Describe it.
2. Do you believe your spiritual health affects your physical health? Why or why not?
3. Are you more in sin-avoidance mode or pursuing Christ-centeredness? What can you do to be more Christ-centered?