

LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Sunday, September 29

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
 9:30AM Worship & Celebration
 11:15AM Foundations Classes: Session 1, Wk 4
 3:30PM Chuck Metz Celebration of Life (Parkcrest)
 6:30PM Newcomers Dessert

Monday, September 30

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

Tuesday, October 1

- 10:00AM All Staff Team Meeting
 6:00PM Student Leaders
 7:00PM The Process- High School

Wednesday, October 2

- 6:30PM AWANA
 The Process High School- Tuesdays @ 7:00PM
 Junior High Live - Thursdays @ 7PM

Thursday, October 3

- 7:00PM Junior High Live

Friday, October 4

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

Saturday, October 5

- 9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous
 Women Connecting with Missions
 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00PM

Sunday, October 6

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
 9:30AM Worship & Celebration
 11:15AM Foundations Classes: Session 1, Wk 5
 5:00PM Annual Vision Dinner
 6:00PM Annual Vision Meeting

MISSIONS

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

GROWTH GROUPS

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

AWANA

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

Wednesday Nights September through May

YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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

Woman To Woman Mentoring

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Lydia House Meals Ministry

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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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THE
ALLIANCE

Weekly Schedule

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts

GOSPEL GLADIATORS

WELCOME TO LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH
 SEPTEMBER XXIX, MMXIX

Sunday, October 6

ANNUAL MEETING

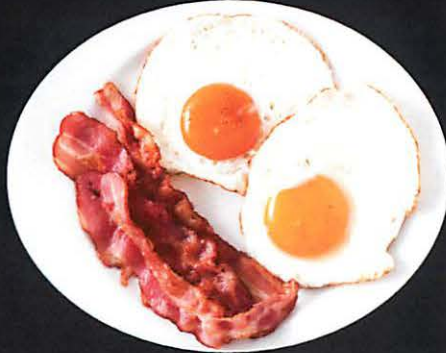
5PM Dinner • 6PM Meeting

Childcare Provided • Birth-Grade 5

MEN'S BREAKFAST

FREE! ALL MEN INVITED!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
8:00AM • LBAC GYM

Got Questions? Call Greg Coles @ 310.293.9518



October 24-27

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MEN'S RETREAT



SEE MIKE COMSTOCK IN THE COURTYARD
TO SIGN UP!

Questions? Mike Comstock 562.505.8398



Dear LBAC Family,
Please accept our sincere heartfelt thanks for
your prayers, condolences, and support during
our son, Robert's homegoing and Lorraine's
extended rehabilitation from her fall.

- The Stanwood Family

Celebration of Life for Chuck Metz

TODAY ☀ 3:30PM
Parkcrest Christian Church
3936 Woodruff Ave LB

Reception immediately following

Men feel free to wear Hawaiian shirts

Newcomers Dessert Night

TONIGHT, 6:30PM-8:30PM

Lankford Home
3424 Hackett Ave LB

RSVP: Call Melinda 562.685.4131 or fill out a Connect Card



LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$12,715.40	\$10,629.43	83.6%
Month-to-Date:	\$50,861.60	\$45,329.15	89.1%
Year-to-Date:	\$50,861.60	\$45,329.15	89.1%
Disbursed YTD:	\$25,172.00	GOF Balance:	\$20,157.15

GOSPEL GLADIATORS

"GOD'S JUDGMENTS ARE IMPARTIAL"

LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH • SEPTEMBER XXIX, MMXIX • ROMANS II:1-11 • PASTOR CHRIS LANKFORD

I) THE GOSPEL REVEALS GOD'S WRATH

- A. There is confidence and pride in the power of the Gospel because it provides salvation for all who believe and receive the righteousness of God through faith in Christ (Romans 1:16-17).**
- B. The presence of Gospel power reveals that all of mankind is under the wrath of God (John 3:17-21). The wrath of God is not part of the Gospel, but the Gospel is like a bright light, illuminating mankind's true condition of sin & God's judgment (Romans 1:18).**
- C. At the heart of Gospel living is faith. But mankind's story is not one of faith in God (1:18). Even though mankind "knew God," they ignored Him, so God withdrew and left mankind to futile, foolish, and darkened "knowing;" resulting in idolatry (1:21-23).**
- D. Idolatry attempted to fill a spiritual void where God used to be known and honored. But mankind's independence from God led to further spiritual darkness, resulting in sexually impure idolatry and broad dishonor among mankind (1:24-25).**
- E. Mankind's ongoing retreat from God resulted in increasing darkness and self-serving (idolatrous) sexual desires; a warping of God's creation design for heterosexual intimacy (reflecting God's image), and replacing it with homosexual intimacy (an obscuring of God's image, 1:26-27).**
- F. Mankind's idolatry reaches its apex when knowledge of God is gone, and mankind explores every self-serving and self-reflecting evil, to the extent that they worship their own independent actions as though they were worshipping themselves (1:28-32).**
- G. The "story" of God's revealed wrath is not just the "big" story of man's historical dishonoring of God, but it is also the story of every person's descent into darkness who chooses idols over honoring God. This is the story of all men, perhaps even ourselves (1:18-32).**

- H. Further, this story about “them” (note the third-person references) was the popular typical “attitude” of the Jewish nation toward those who were outsiders; the Gentile nations -- for instance those who were in Rome or were from Greco-Roman heritage (note the Apocryphal ‘Wisdom of Solomon’ 12-16, esp. 15:1-6, 16:9-12). This “sets up” the next part of the letter...

II) WHY SO JUDGMENTAL?

- A. Just when you are rooting for God’s justice and His “righteous decree” of eternal judgment against evil-doing everywhere... Everything suddenly changes! Now the focus sharpens onto all who judge (one another) with shocking impact (Romans 2:1-5).
- B. Is there no escape from all of this?! We are either under wrath from idolatry, or we are under wrath for hypocrisy! And God is leaving you and I alive so we will repent (2:4), but for what result?
- C. The question is quickly answered (Romans 2:6-11). Each one will be judged, not by one another (2:1), but by God – who is completely impartial, unlike hypocritical human judges (2:11).
- D. What is the result of this impartial judgment of a wrathful God who seems to have lots of wrath (so far), and a very light sprinkling of Gospel hope (so far)? The news is fairly bleak. All people will be judged according to their own “works” or deeds (2:6).
- E. The result of judgment has only two outcomes. Eternal life & peace (2:7, 10) or wrath (again), fury, tribulation, & distress (2:8-9).
- F. So, how do you get in on the eternal life deal? It’s actually simple: Just live a life of patient selflessness, and do good works which reflect glory, honor, and have eternally immortal quality (2:7, 10).
- G. And if you fail, well... Judgment will not be very kind to those of you who live selfishly, do not obey truth, and choose to do things which fall short of eternal immortal perfection (2:8-9).
- H. So there you are, it’s your day! You stand before God Almighty, a perfect and impartial judge (2:11). What will happen next in your life? Will it be peace or will it be distress (2:9-10)?

GROWTH GROUP GUIDE

Gospel Gladiators: God's Judgment

Week 4 • Romans 2:1-11

Ice Breaker

Discuss what your group can do this term to serve our community. With Thanksgiving and Christmas approaching, the opportunities are boundless.

In-Depth

- **Read Romans 2:1-11**
- **Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon**

1. Judgment is Coming

- Read Romans 2:5, 11. Also read Matthew 25:31-34; Acts 10:42; Revelation 20:11-15; 2 Peter 3:8-10. What do we know of God's coming judgment?
- Read Romans 2:6. Also read Matthew 16:27; John 5:28-29; Revelation 20:12-13. What is the basis of God's judgment of mankind?
- Read 1 Peter 1:17-19; Romans 8:1-4. What is the good news for those in Christ?

2. Judgment of the Self-Righteous (verses 1-5)

- In Romans Chapter 2, Paul switches from "them" to "you." Who is he talking to in Chapter 2?

- B. Summarize Romans 2:1-4 in your own words. Why are the self-righteous without excuse? How do they presume upon God?

- C. Romans 2:5. Read Proverbs 28:13-14; Mark 3:1-6; Hebrews 3:12-19. What does it mean to harden your heart? What is the cure?

3. Judgment of the Righteous

- A. Romans 2:6-11. Read 1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 1 Corinthians 4:5. What kind of judgment do Christians face?

- B. Read Romans 14:10; 2 Corinthians 5:10. What happens at the judgment seat of Christ? (If you are able, Google “Bema Seat of Christ.”)

Making It Relevant

1. How can we tell whether we are righteous or self-righteous?

2. Read 1 John 2:28. Why might a Christian “shrink from him in shame at his coming”?