

# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

## Sunday, November 3

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration
- 11:00AM Congregational Meeting
- 11:00AM Christmas Musical Practice
- 4:00PM Health Talk

## MISSIONS

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

## GROWTH GROUPS

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

Mid-week Adult Bible Studies

## Monday, November 4

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

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

Sunday Mornings: Gospel Project @ 9:30AM  
Christmas Musical Practice @ 11:15AM

## Tuesday, November 5

- 7:00PM The Process- High School

## AWANA

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

Wednesday Nights September through May

## Wednesday, November 6

- 6:30PM AWANA

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

## Thursday, November 7

- 7:00PM Junior High Live

The Process High School~ Tuesdays @ 7:00PM  
Junior High Live ~ Thursdays @ 7:00PM

## Friday, November 8

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

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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

## Saturday, November 9

- 8:00AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous
- 10:00AM Crafty Women

Woman To Woman Mentoring  
Contact: sherylnnelbac@gmail.com

## Lydia House Meals Ministry

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## Sunday, November 10

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration
- 11:15AM Christmas Musical Practice
- 11:15AM Foundations Class: Session 2, Week 1
- 12:30PM Deaconess Meeting
- 6:00PM Youth Leaders' Meeting

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

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts



THE  
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NOVEMBER III, MMXIX



# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL



**C.A.K.E**  
(CHRISTMAS ACTS OF KINDNESS EXPERIMENT)

PRACTICES BEGIN TODAY 11AM-12PM, RM 203 (TODAY ONLY)  
BEGINNING NOVEMBER 10 11:15AM-12:15PM IN SANCTUARY  
PERFORMANCE - SATURDAY 12/14 7PM  
KINDERGARTEN THRU 8TH GRADERS WELCOME

QUESTIONS??? JILL 562.305.8852 OR MARIKKA 562.972.8718

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY GATHERINGS INVITES YOU TO CONNECT FOR . . .

### Session 2: Authentic Relationships

Please join us for our next speaker lead discussion exploring  
how we can "know and be known, love and be loved".

Saturday, November 16  
10:00AM - 11:30AM



## Men's Breakfast

**FREE CHILDCARE PROVIDED!**

Saturday, November 9  
8:00AM  
LBAC Gymnasium

Got Questions? Call Greg Coles @ 310.293.9518

# NEW FOUNDATIONS CLASSES BEGIN NOVEMBER 10

## The Minors

See how God uses the minor prophets to teach about  
Himself as they attempt to lead God's people into  
deeper relationships with Him.

Pastor Jesse Duckett, Room 202

## Can You Relate?

Looking at God's design and purpose for relationships & the  
extremely important role they play in displaying the gospel.

Pastor Scott & Dawn Trickett, Room 203

## Christian Basics

The foundational basics of the Bible and  
our LBAC Family!

Pastor Chris Lankford, Room 106

## Christmas Musical Practice

Kindergarten-Grade 8 Check-In @ Sanctuary (11/3 in Rm 203 @ 11AM)

Nursery for kids ages 0-4 Check-in @ Nursery

## LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	Budget	Received	Budget %
Weekly:	\$12,715.40	\$14,510.86	114.1%
Month-to-Date:	\$50,861.60	\$47,889.22	94.2%
Year-to-Date:	\$114,438.60	\$106,898.15	93.4%
Disbursed YTD:	\$103,009.00	GF Balance: \$3,889.15	

# GOSPEL GLADIATORS

## "WHAT IS THE ATONEMENT?"

LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH • NOVEMBER III, MMXIX • ROMANS III:XXI-XXVII • PASTOR CHRIS LANKFORD

### I) YOU ARE ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTION!

- A. Thus far, Paul's letter to the Romans has focused on God's universal indictment against mankind for our idolatrous independence and willful separation from God (Romans 1:18-3:20).
- B. God's righteousness and perfect purity burns in wrath against sin. But rather than heartlessly dispense judgment, God desires our salvation (2:4) and His mercy and kindness lead Him to put distance between Himself and mankind. But in so doing, mankind sinks hopelessly into darkness, exploring ever-more-increasing depths of impurity, shame, and wickedness (1:18-32; 3:10-18).
- C. Mankind's history, even into our present day, is filled with equally damning 'spiritual' and 'humanistic' attempts at achieving success and/or happiness apart from God. Likewise, we are also guilty rebels without hope or want of finding a righteous God (2:1-3:20).
- D. Cleverly though, Paul began his description about mankind's darkness and shame against God with a 'ray of hope,' an annoying mental splinter in our memory of "good news" (1:16-17).
- E. What could possibly be 'good news' when we know that if the Bible says "the righteousness of God is revealed," it rightfully results in our judgment and penalty of God's fiery wrath?! **Great question...**

## II) BUT NOW...

- A. Unexpectedly, out of the hopeless and darkest places of God's wrath, Paul finally returns to the hope of the Gospel of 'God's righteousness being revealed' (Romans 1:16-17). Unlike the Law, which can only reveal wrong/sin, God manifests His righteous goodness in the person of Jesus Christ, and makes it available to all, without any distinction, for all who believe (3:21-23).
- B. Jesus is God's righteousness manifested! How can we be forgiven for our sin-guilt and be made just (righteous) in God's eyes (3:23)? How can we be pardoned from God's terrible wrath? Only by faith in God's gracious gift of redemption: faith in Christ's death on the cross as the blood-ransom payment for sin which satisfied God's wrath (propitiation) in exchange for our lives (3:24-25).
- C. God Himself requires payment (atonement) for sin (Leviticus 17:11), and God Himself provides what is required as payment for sin (Romans 6:23). God does for you and me what we cannot do for ourselves: He covers our sin with His own precious blood (1 Peter 1:18-19). This is God doing what is in man's best interests, even while mankind actively refuses to give its best for God (Romans 5:8).
- D. God makes such a grand sacrifice on our behalf for a couple of reasons. First, it was to show that God's patience in "passing over" previous sins was not God 'winking at sin' or treating sin like it is 'no big deal' (Romans 3:25). Rather, God had a "just" plan from the beginning, and Jesus is the perfect and complete "atonement" for past, present, and future sins (Hebrews 10:4, 10).
- E. Secondly, while this shows God has been "just" through history, it also makes God the "justifier" (making one righteous) for all of history-future for those who respond in faith to the redemptive blood of Jesus Christ (Romans 3:26). **Have you trusted in Christ's 'atoning' blood (10:9-13)?**

# GROWTH GROUP GUIDE

## Gospel Gladiators:

## "But Now!"

Week 9 • Romans 3:21-26

### Ice Breaker

What is the best news you ever received?

### In-Depth

- Read Romans 3:21-26
- Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon

#### 1. **But now! (Romans 3:21-22)**

- A. Why does Paul start with "But now"?
- B. What is "the righteousness of God"? What does it mean that it is "for all who believe" (see Philippians 3:9)?
- C. Read Jeremiah 31:33-34; Habakkuk 2:4; John 5:39 What did Paul mean when he said "the law and prophets bear witness to it"?

#### 2. **Words of Salvation (Romans 3:23-26)**

Paul uses some key terms in his summary of salvation. Explain each:

- A. Justified (also Galatians 2:16)
- B. Grace (also Romans 11:5)

C. Redemption (also Galatians 3:13)

D. Propitiation (also 1 John 4:10)

E. Faith (also Hebrews 11:1)

F. Forgiveness (also Ephesians 1:7)

### **3. *The Gospel of Salvation***

Summarize in your own words the gospel, using all six of the words of salvation above.

## ***Making It Relevant***

1. What are some ineffective ways to share the gospel?

2. How can we share the gospel effectively in America today?