

LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Sunday, November 17

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration
- 11:15AM Christmas Musical Practice
- 11:15AM Foundations Class: Session 2, Week 2
- 12:15PM Deacon Meeting

Monday, November 18

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

Tuesday, November 19

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

Wednesday, November 20

- 6:30PM AWANA

Thursday, November 21

- 5:00PM Lydia House Women's Outreach
- 7:00PM Junior High Live

Friday, November 22

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

Saturday, November 23

- 9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

Sunday, November 24

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration
- 11:15AM Christmas Musical Practice
- 11:15AM Foundations Class: Session 2, Week 3

MISSIONS

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

GROWTH GROUPS

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

Mid-week Adult Bible Studies

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

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

AWANA

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

Wednesday Nights September 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>

Women's Ministry Event Information
Contact: deya@charter.net

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>

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THE
ALLIANCE

Weekly Schedule

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts

GOSPEL GLADIATORS

WELCOME TO LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH
NOVEMBER XVII, MMXIX



There Is Hope!
Beginning January, 2020
Monday Nights @ LBAC
7:00PM-9:00PM

Finding hope and healing from the pain of unwanted negative and compulsive sexual behaviors, betrayal, and shame!

Contact Sam Eberhart for confidential information (925.285.1295)



All-Church Work Day

Saturday, November 30
8:00AM-1:00PM

Sign up in the Courtyard to help!

breakfast (donuts/fruit) & lunch (sandwiches/salad) will be provided!

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 102

Christian Basics

The foundational basics of the Bible and our LBAC Family!

Pastor Chris Lankford, Room 203

Christmas Musical Practice

Kindergarten-Grade 8 Check-In @ Sanctuary
Nursery for kids ages 0-4 Check-in @ Nursery

LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$12,715.40	\$8,584.88	67.5%
Month-to-Date:	\$25,430.80	\$20,694.88	81.4%
Year-to-Date:	\$139,869.40	\$134,309.91	96.0%
Disbursed YTD:	\$129,161.51	GF Balance: \$5,148.40	

GOSPEL GLADIATORS

"FATHER ABRAHAM HAD MANY SONS..."

LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH • NOVEMBER XVIII, MMXIX • ROMANS IV:I-XII • PASTOR CHRIS LANKFORD

I) GOING BACK TO THE O.G. OF JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

- A. If anyone had a legitimate claim to being "justified" (righteous in God's eyes) by their "good works" (Romans 3:20 vs. James 2:21) and was deserving of boasting about their good standing with God (Romans 3:27-28 vs. Isaiah 51:1-2), certainly Abraham, the father of the Jewish nation, qualified – right (Romans 4:1-2)!?!**

- B. Think about it from a Jewish viewpoint: If the Law "reveals sin" (Romans 3:20), logically leading to "all have sinned" (3:23); can we find someone from before the Law was given to Moses (prior to Exodus 20) whose good works earned them "righteous" (justified) standing before God? YES! (cries the Jew), it's "Father Abraham!"**

- C. Before the lips of the theological legalist (those who depend on rules for their righteous/justified standing) can get out "Abram," the story of Abraham has already been recalled (Romans 4:2-5, cf. Genesis 15:6) and immediately reframed as "justification by faith."**

- D. As further support (from a negative example, a Jewish commentary method, or “midrash”), another ancient Jewish hero (though less exemplary), King David is quoted (Psalm 32:1-2; Romans 4:6-8).
- E. Following the same pattern of reasoning as the first few chapters, the physical mark of God’s promise (male circumcision, 4:9-10) is brought into view, noting that Abraham received his justification (counted as righteous) from God before he was even circumcised (Genesis 15:6 comes before Genesis 17:10-14).
- F. In other words, Abraham’s circumcision (the sign of the promise) was purposely after Abraham had received his “justification by faith” so it would be clear and provable that God intended Abraham as father of both Jews and Gentiles (Romans 4:11-12).
- G. The very first of God’s chosen people, “Father Abraham,” was justified by means of his faith in God, even before the Law was given, and even before the sign of circumcision was given, all to illustrate the truth & trustworthiness of “justification by faith!”

GROWTH GROUP GUIDE

Gospel Gladiators:

Counted As Righteousness

Week #11 • Romans 4:1-12

Ice Breaker

We're about to break for the holidays...

What is a favorite memory from your childhood of Thanksgiving or Christmas?

In-Depth

- Read Romans 4:1-12
- Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon

1. Abraham's Righteousness

- A. Romans 4:1-3. Read Genesis 11:31-12:7; Hebrews 11:8-12. Why did God bless Abram?
- B. Read Genesis 15:1-6. What does he "counted it to him as righteousness" mean?
- C. Read Genesis 17:9-11, 22-27. Then read Romans 4:9-12. What is Paul's point about circumcision and righteousness? Why focus on circumcision?
- D. Romans 4:6-8. Also read Psalm 32:1-5; James 5:19; 1 John 1:7-9. What does David mean by saying blessed are those "whose sins are covered"?

2. Our Righteousness

- A. Read Romans 4:3-5. Also read Philippians 3:9. What role does our own righteousness play in our salvation?
- B. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24. In fact, what really became of our sins?
- C. Some say we are saved because we become righteous through our faith and works. Others say God considers us righteous because of Christ's work and despite our sin. Which do you think is right? Why?

Making It Relevant

- 1. If God considers sinners to be righteous anyway, why should we stop sinning?
- 2. God may consider us as righteous, but we often see only our sin. How can Romans 8:37-39 be an encouragement in these times?