

LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

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

Monday, November 25

- 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

AWANA

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

Wednesday Nights September through May

YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

Tuesday, November 26

- 7:00PM Elder Board Meeting

Thursday, November 28

Give Thanks Happy Thanksgiving (office closed)

Friday, November 29

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

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>

Contact: mensministry@lbac.org

Saturday, November 30

- 8:00AM Work Day
- 9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous
- 7:00PM 5th Annual Nerf Wars

Sunday, December 1

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration
- 11:15AM Christmas Musical Practice
- 11:15AM Foundations Class: Session 2, Week 4
- 4:00PM Health Talk

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**THE
ALLIANCE**



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Welcome to Long Beach Alliance Church
November 24, 2019



Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts



**PURE DESIRE
MINISTRIES™**

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)



**IT'S NOT
TOO LATE
TO BLESS
A CHILD**



Drop off shoeboxes at the
Courtyard Table today!!

Questions? Call Rob Judy @ 562.537.2658



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!

Give Thanks to the Lord

*I give you thanks, O Lord,
with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
I bow down
toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love
and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted
above all things
your name and your word.*

Psalm 138:1-2

LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$12,715.40	\$7,760.00	61.0%
Month-to-Date:	\$38,146.20	\$28,454.88	74.6%
Year-to-Date:	\$152,584.80	\$142,069.91	93.1%
Disbursed YTD:	\$131,416.00	GF Balance: \$10,653.91	

Give Thanks

Long Beach Alliance Church • November 24, 2019 • Isaiah 12:1-6 • Pastor Chris Tankford

1) The First Thanksgiving in a New World

- A. While some parts of our history books are exaggerated, most of us probably remember the extraordinary story of early American Pilgrims and Native American Indians joining together in 1621 for the 'First Thanksgiving' feast.
- B. In reality, there had been numerous celebration feasts in the New World of America in previous years. But, there are a couple of meaningful qualities about the 1621 feast which made it unique and explain why America will celebrate Thanksgiving this week in memory of that 'first' 1621 celebration.
- C. After a difficult 3-month voyage from England, the Mayflower arrived in December, 1620 with 102 Pilgrims and established a settlement in Plymouth (Massachusetts). Only 53 Pilgrims survived the first New England winter and were still living for the end-of-harvest feast held in October, 1621.
- D. Tragically, only 4 of the 18 original adult women (all married) survived the first year. These four women (along with 5 teenage girls), prepared the food for the 3-day feast for 53 Pilgrims and almost 100 Wampanoag Indians. Fish, Clams, Wild Turkey, Fowl, Venison, and Corn were the primary foods served.
- E. Despite a painful previous year of chaos, loss, and an uncertain future with Winter coming, an influential Plymouth leader wrote to a friend in England:

By the goodness of God, we are so far from want, that we often wish you could also be partakers of our plenty. We have found the Indians very faithful in their Covenant of Peace with us, very loving and ready for being festive. It has pleased God to possess the Indians with a fear of us and love for us - and the hand of God has brought peace through the Plymouth settlers to the entire New England region because we are here, and most specially among the various Indian tribes!

2) Progress for Pilgrims

- A. Circumstances for the Pilgrims after their first year in Plymouth were terrible! But this is what makes the first Thanksgiving in 1621 so amazing! More impressive than 'giving thanks' when everything is going well is being able to 'live grateful' (Ecclesiastes 3:11-13), when things are not going well -- but your confidence is still solidly in Jesus (Romans 8:38-39).
- B. We do not simply esteem a Pilgrim for his actions, but for the way their actions display God's goodness. As we celebrate Thanksgiving later this week, consider that we are also "Pilgrims" in the midst of a watching world (Hebrews 13:12-16). As such, consider the godly and righteous foundations of the 'First Thanksgiving' and the godly characteristics for all (of us) Pilgrims:
 - Pilgrims are more amazed and grateful for the good things than they are distracted and disappointed by bad circumstances (Isaiah 12:1-6).
 - Pilgrims seek and celebrate peace instead of being consumed with worry over possible hostility (1 John 4:18).
 - Pilgrims intentionally rejoice in God's provision instead of slowly becoming faithless and self-sufficient (Philippians 3:8-10).
 - Pilgrims consistently focus on God in active worship rather than allow their circumstances to become idols of despair (Psalm 42:1-5).
 - Pilgrims remain hopeful in the future, convinced that God's love can conquer anything (Philippians 3:13-14).
 - Pilgrims believe their home is "surveyed and marked out by God" as a divine location for ministry instead of (Acts 17:26-31).
 - Pilgrims faith in God's calling for them caused them to live for others with great thanksgiving rather than live as though they were entitled to some sort of "better life" (Romans 12:3, 9-18).

1863 Presidential Thanksgiving Proclamation




The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God.

In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People.

I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.

And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.



In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October,
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three,
and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

By Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States of America
and William H. Seward, United States Secretary of State

