

# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

## Sunday, December 22

9:00AM Morning Coffee  
9:30AM Worship & Celebration  
11:15AM Foundations Class: Sabbath  
6:00PM Elders Dessert Evening

## 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  
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

## Monday, December 23

7:00PM Survivors of Incest Anonymous

## Tuesday, December 24

6:30PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

## Wednesday, December 25

🎄 Merry Christmas!

## Thursday, December 26

6:00PM Unofficial Youth Event: Movie Night

## Friday, December 27

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

## Saturday, December 28

9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

## Sunday, December 29

9:00AM Morning Coffee  
9:30AM Worship & Celebration  
11:15AM Foundations Class: Sabbath

## long beach alliance church offices

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THE  
ALLIANCE

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts





# CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight SERVICE

Tuesday  
December 24  
6:30PM

this will be a family service • children welcome  
no lbac childcare provided

## GROWTH GROUPS

START UP JANUARY 5!  
JOIN A GROUP!

Sign-ups on our website, [www.lbac.org](http://www.lbac.org),  
or contact Luke Schaub via email: [schaublj@gmail.com](mailto:schaublj@gmail.com) for info!

## Health Talk

Sunday, January 5  
4PM-5:30PM, Room 203

Come share experience, resources,  
and support for living strong, healthy lives.

**This month's topic: YOGA with Mercedes**  
(regular and chair options available)

Have Questions? Dawn Trickett [dltrickett@icloud.com](mailto:dltrickett@icloud.com)  
Barbara Garrett [mselmom@gmail.com](mailto:mselmom@gmail.com)

## Confession

O Lord, we have not longed for your coming and your kingdom as we ought. We have not denied ourselves, taken up the cross and followed you.

Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have grown callous to the needs of the poor, the lonely and the suffering.

We have not cried out for justice nor cared about those who are without Christ and without hope in this world.

Lord, forgive us for our offenses and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we might live in light of your coming again.

**Amen**

## YOUR YEAR-END GIVING

MAKES A DIFFERENCE

## LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$12,715.40	\$12,183.08	95.8%
Month-to-Date:	\$38,146.20	\$32,011.46	83.9%
Year-to-Date:	\$203,446.40	\$192,447.77	94.6%
Disbursed YTD:	\$185,701.00	GF Balance: \$6,746.77	



# Preparing in Joy

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## ***1) Joy Flows From Hope In God's Love***

- A) The Psalms are the “song book” of Israel; five smaller sections (1-41, 42-72, 73-89, 90-106, 107-150) joyously concluding with the five “Hallelujah” Psalms (146-150).
- B) These last five Psalms are notable because of their form (they all begin and conclude with “Hallel-u-jah”), and also because of their composition following the post-exile (post-relocated-POW’s) time period in Israel’s history.
- C) The Hallelujah-Psalms (Psalm 146-150) become, for New Testament followers of Jesus, a wonderful and compact guide for joyfully experiencing God in the midst of brokenness, difficulties, and circumstances beyond our control.
- D) Further, these Psalms are exemplary as Advent Psalms, looking forward to the return of the King. Intentional worship (Psalm 146:1-4) reflects on God’s character (146:5-10) bringing hope (146:5) because of God’s loving promises (146:6-9), resulting in a fullness of joy and worship (146:10).

## ***2) God's Loving Faithfulness Provides Authentic Joy***

- A) A wonderful example of Advent hope and joy (despite wildly difficult to explain circumstances) is also provided by Mary, mother of Jesus Christ. Her “Magnificat” (from “mega-loonoh,” to magnify), is a wondrous NT ‘Psalm’ (Luke 1:46-55).
- B) Mary’s “magnifying God” response (1:46-47), despite her life-altering and difficult circumstances (Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38), hopes in God’s faithful provision (1:50-55) joyfully anticipating the coming Messiah (1:48-49).