

# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

## Sunday, January 12

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration
- 11:15AM Foundations Class: Session 3: Week 2
- 12:30PM Hume Parent Meeting
- 7:00PM Golf Tournament Committee Meeting

## Monday, January 13

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

## Tuesday, January 14

- 6:00PM Student Leaders
- 7:00PM The Process-High School

## Wednesday, January 15

- Office Closed- Staff Retreat
- 6:30PM AWANA

## Thursday, January 16

- Office Closed- Staff Retreat
- 5:00PM Lydia House Women's Outreach
- 7:00PM Junior High Live

## Friday, January 17

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

## Saturday, January 18

- 9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous
- 4:00PM Women's Clothing Exchange

## Sunday, January 19

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration
- 11:15AM Foundations Class: Session 3: Week 3
- 12:15PM Deacon Meeting

### 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  
Fun N Funky @ 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>

Contact: mensministry@lbac.org

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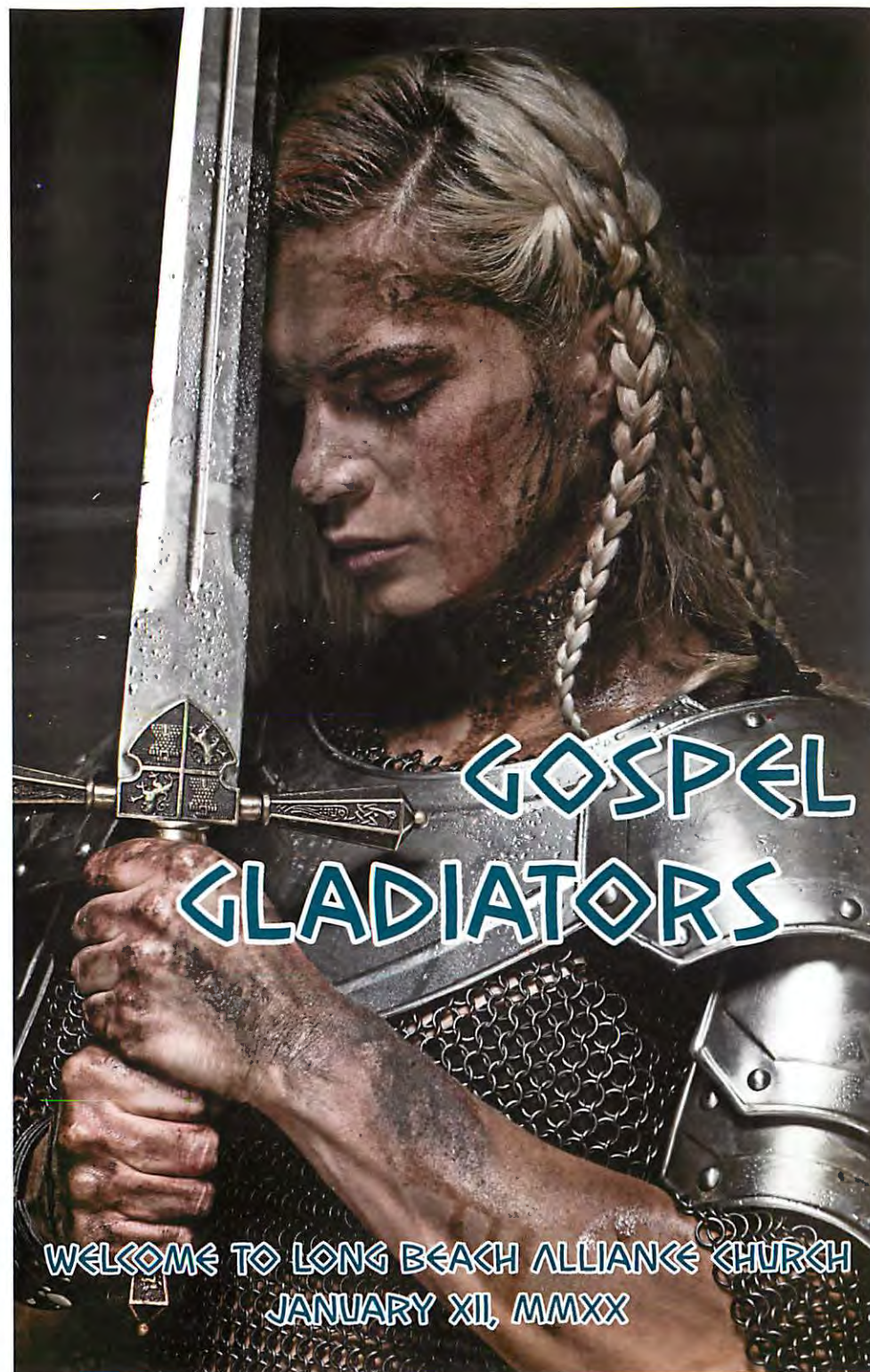
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THE  
ALLIANCE

Weekly Schedule

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts



WELCOME TO LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH  
JANUARY XII, MMXX



Trade up or trade out! Your best shopping day of the year!



## The Clothing Exchange

Why shop if you can swap?

Saturday, January 18  
4:00PM-6:00PM

Your clothes/accessories can be dropped off  
at church Friday or Saturday  
and left behind the main office desk.

All remaining clothes will be donated to Lydia House Ministries

An LBAC Women's Gathering

Questions? Contact Deya Slade 562.761.5464

## Women Connecting with Missions

Join us & connect with our Alliance  
International Workers around the world.

Tuesday, January 21  
7:00PM

Yvonne Turco's house

For questions contact:

Kathie Metz 562.425-5937

Beth Zimmermann 562.852.2771

## BAPTISM

### Interested In Baptism?

Wanting to better understand  
what it means to be baptized?  
Would you like to explore whether  
or not you should be baptized?

Email [office@lbac.org](mailto:office@lbac.org) or  
fill out a Connect Card  
for more information or to sign-up!

**Baptism Service Sunday, April 5**

## LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$12,715.40	\$6,424.00	50.5%
Month-to-Date:	\$12,715.40	\$6,424.00	50.5%
Year-to-Date:	\$241,592.60	\$240,037.89	99.4%
Disbursed YTD:	\$211,244.00	GF Balance: \$28,793.89	

## NEW FOUNDATIONS CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!

### Below the Surface

We're looking at some basic skills to take your bible  
reading deeper than just words on a paper.

Pastor Jesse Duckett, Room 202

### Confronting Christianity

The world has questions about Christianity and we go over  
the answers to those questions.

Pastor Scott Trickett & Vince Palacios, Room 102

### Working the Soil of the Soul

Understanding why the human heart struggles  
with living in alignment with the Scriptures

Kou John Wang, Room 203

### Fun N Funky

Nursery & Kids' Activities for all ages!

Parents Check-in Kids at Nursery & Gymnasium

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

W/ PASTOR CHRIS

FOLLOWING THE MORNING CHURCH SERVICE EACH WEEK,  
FRONT 3 ROWS OF SANCTUARY, BEGINS @ 11:15AM





# GOSPEL GLADIATORS

"AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND"

LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH • JANUARY XII, MMXX • ROMANS VII-XI • PASTOR CHRIS LANKFORD

## I) THE BENEFITS OF BEING DECLARED RIGHTEOUS IN JESUS CHRIST

- A. Through the recounting of some of the central faith stories from the life of 'our Father Abraham,' the Apostle Paul convincingly illustrates that the righteousness of Abraham (cf. Genesis 15:5-6) was not based on Abraham's obedience to the Law (which had not yet been given). Rather, it was Abraham's faith response to God which led to his 'righteous standing' in the heart/eyes of God (Romans 4:13-22).
- B. In a subtly nuanced shift to first-person-plural language (ours, we, us) we are drawn into the drama of God's eternal promises to Father Abraham and the Jews, no longer as observers, but now as those who can also be included in God's eternal promises through faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1).
- C. Many followers of Jesus Christ will naively stop right here. Justification by faith. Declared righteous by God. The moment of salvation when a person appropriates/receives (by faith) the blood of Jesus Christ's sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins and in the hope of inclusion in the promise of eternal life with God in Heaven (Romans 3:23-25)
- D. But, it DOES NOT STOP THERE! There is much more! In a series of superlative phrases, Paul rejoices in the believer's access to more and more of God's amazing grace! Justification by faith is not just for eternity, it provides ongoing and increasing benefits for life today (Romans 5:2)!
- E. Two 'salvation benefits' flowing from God's grace into our lives are captured by "rejoice in hope" (Romans 5:2): **Joy**, grateful pride in God's glory of victory in Jesus Christ. **Hope**, firm confidence in God's integrity and the increase and expansion of God's glory (his identity and character) in fulfillment of all His future promises (Romans 5:2).





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- F. Significantly, joy and hope originate from our justification by faith in Jesus Christ. We live in a culture that encourages “choosing joy” and “choosing hope,” but true joy and genuine hope cannot be fabricated. These attributes are responses to God’s grace. Without God’s grace, there is no lasting joy or authentic hope for humanity. Without Jesus, these qualities are only temporary shadows of what God intends for you and me.
  
- G. When joy flows from the source of God’s declaration of righteousness (our identity in Christ), we can rejoice in all circumstances (Romans 5:3-5, see also James 1:2-4), even growing into greater maturity and hope in the Gospel because we experience the love of God “poured into our hearts” (the person of Christ) by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:1-2).
  
- H. Do not miss the fullness of **God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit** -- all at work in our lives in order to bring us into relationship with God! Even when we did not know or see God, even while we were living in sinful weakness, even while we lived in rebellion against God -- He still loved us and even died, pouring out his blood for us in order to provide us God’s declaration of justification (Romans 5:6-9).
  
- I. And so, the Apostle Paul illuminates for us, if God saved us while we were completely dead in our sins, “how much more” will we be saved (looking toward the future) now that we are “reconciled to God” (Romans 5:10). The language of our salvation by God shifts from legal terms (justification) to relational terms (reconciliation), and from the place of being enemies of God (mutual hostility) to peace with God (mutual love) and “more than that,” terms of mutual joy (Romans 5:10-11) which flow from a reconciled relationship.



# Growth Group Guide

## Gospel Gladiators:

### Since We Have Been Justified

Week #2 • Romans 5:1-11

## Ice Breaker

Who is a historical (non-Biblical) figure from before the 1900s that you admire? Why?

## In-Depth

- Read Romans 5:1-11
- Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon

### 1. Justification...so what?

After teaching justification by faith from Romans 3:21-4:25, Paul explains its benefits. List the benefits that are described after each of these verses:

A. Romans 5:1. "Since we have been justified..." [List at least 6]

B. Romans 5:9. "Since we have been justified..." [List at least 3]

### 2. Peace with God

A. Romans 5:1,10-11. Also read Ephesians 2:13-17; Colossians 1:20-21. What is peace with God? How does it relate to reconciliation?

- B. Read Psalm 4:8; John 14:27; Philippians 4:7. In what ways is peace a present reality for Christians?

### 3. Hope

- A. Romans 5:2. Also read Proverbs 10:28; Romans 8:24-25; Romans 15:13; What does it mean to “rejoice in hope”?
- B. Romans 5:3-5. Also read James 1:2-4. What does it mean to “rejoice in sufferings”?

### 4. God's Love

- A. Romans 5:5-8. How extraordinary is that “God's love has been poured into our hearts”?

## Making It Relevant

1. J. Vernon McGee said some benefits of justification (salvation) are “here and now” and others are “by and by.”
  - A. Which are “here and now” in your life? How have they made a difference?
  - B. Which are you most hoping for “by and by”?
2. How would you describe God’s peace in your life to someone who needs it?