

LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

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

Monday, January 20

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

Sunday Mornings: Gospel Project @ 9:30AM
Fun N Funky @ 11:15AM

Tuesday, January 21

- 6:00PM Student Leaders
- 7:00PM Governing Board Meeting
- 7:00PM The Process-High School
- 7:00PM Women Connecting with Missions

AWANA

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

Wednesday Nights September through May

YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

Wednesday, January 22

- 6:30PM AWANA

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

Thursday, January 23

- 7:00PM Junior High Live

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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

Friday, January 24

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

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

Lydia House Meals Ministry
Contact: mcoliver789@msn.com

Saturday, January 25

- 9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

Women Connecting with Missions
3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00PM

Sunday, January 26

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration
- 11:15AM Foundations Class: Session 3: Week 4
- 5:00PM Giving Campaign Launch

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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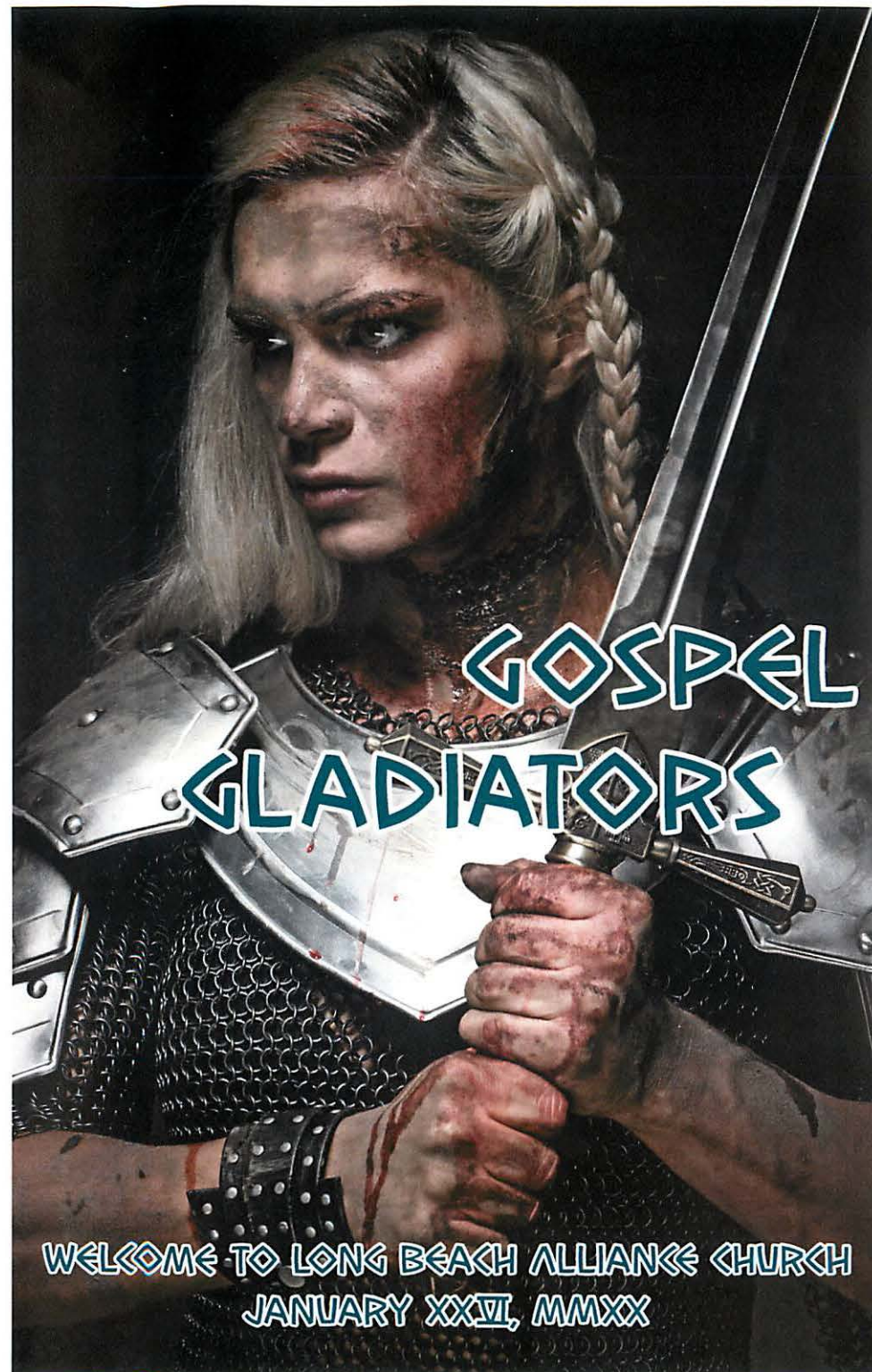
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THE
ALLIANCE

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts



WELCOME TO LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH
JANUARY XXVII, MMXX

BIG GAME PARTY

Sunday February 2, 2PM

Craig & Katie Hooper's House

3142 Mainway Drive, Los Alamitos

Meat provided, but please bring another dish to share

Contact Katie Hooper 310.922.3352 for questions

Men's Breakfast

FREE CHILDCARE PROVIDED!

Saturday, February 8

8:00AM

LBAC Gymnasium

Got Questions? Call Greg Coles @ 310.293.9518

Please join us...

Crafty Women

Saturday, February 8

10AM-4PM - Room 102

Questions? Contact Donna Neel

Text: 562.335.9088 Email: donna@neel.com

parents' night out

Take your valentine out for a date while your kids participate in a fun valentine themed party!

Kids birth through 5th grade welcome!

\$10 per child, Dinner is provided

Sign up in the courtyard on Jan. 26 and Feb. 2

(Pre registration required)

Questions? Meghan Brearley 562.708.9261

Saturday, February 8

4:30-7PM



ALLIANCE YOUTH

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

MARCH 13, 2020

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW AT
ALLIANCEYOUTHGOLF.COM

WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE DONATIONS. IF YOU HAVE AN ITEM OR SERVICE TO DONATE OR KNOW OF A COMPANY THAT MIGHT BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. QUESTIONS? MEGHAN BREARLEY 562.708.9261

Giving Statements Are Available

Pick Yours Up in the Courtyard today!



The rest will be mailed after today.

LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$12,715.40	\$7,451.88	58.6%
Month-to-Date:	\$38,146.20	\$20,298.76	53.2%
Year-to-Date:	\$267,023.40	\$254,112.65	95.2%
Disbursed YTD:	\$234,995.00	GF Balance: \$19,117.65	



GOSPEL GLADIATORS

"WILL GOD'S LOVE SAVE ALL PEOPLE?"

LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH • JANUARY XXVII, MMXX • ROMANS VII-XIV • PASTOR CHRIS LANKFORD

I) GRACE IS GREATER THAN SIN FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

- A. The provision of grace is infinite! There is no way to "out-sin" the grace of God for the person who has faith in Jesus Christ! Grace always wins, providing both righteousness and eternal life (Romans 5:20-21)!
- B. Justification by faith declares one righteous by God. Since God's grace is provided abundantly ("all the more" • Romans 5:20), it makes sense that a person could sin (a lot more than a lot more), and Christ's sacrifice on the cross still covers the sin (Romans 6:1). Right?
- C. Have you ever thought something like that in your life? Have you ever thought that since God's grace is abundant, God has obligated Himself to forgiving you? Is God obligated to forgive you and me? Can we go on sinning, knowing that God's grace covers all our sin (Romans 6:1)?
- D. In the most absolute and strongest possible manner, the Apostle Paul roars out "ABSOLUTELY NOT!" (6:2). Our identity "in Christ" is not only an eternal reality, but is also "much more" (5:17) for living right now! In other words (as commentator Douglas Moo puts it), "Christ's death "on our behalf" (Romans 5:6-8) frees us not only from the penalty of sin but from the power of sin also."
- E. Up to now, Paul has been most concerned with establishing "justification by faith," our identity in Christ, focusing on the penalty of sin. But now, the focus shifts to 'sanctification' (holy living, purity, righteousness). Sanctification flows out from our justification, and is most concerned with solving the problem of the power of sin in our daily lives. The Westminster Catechism notes that in justification, we are pardoned from sin, but in sanctification, sin is subdued.



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II) BEING FOR TODAY LEADING TO DOING FOR TOMORROW

- A. In the same manner that being comes before doing, justification is the source from which sanctification flows. Our identity is revealed in our actions, or in spiritual lives, our justification is revealed in our sanctification.
- B. Salvation is not just for eternity! It is for life today as well! God provides power for living out the wonder of our justification so we can “walk in the newness of life” (Romans 6:4) and live out a ‘resurrection life of freedom’ in Christ (Romans 6:5-8).
- C. Playing on some common concepts, the Apostle Paul notes that the resurrection life of the Christ-follower is marked by the “death of death” in their lives (Romans 6:8-11). Phrased differently, since death is the result of sin, and Christ has provided us freedom from sin by His death on the cross, we are now “dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus” (6:11).
- D. Rather than following rules, which only lead to failure, God gives us a new “Spirit-nature” (Romans 5:5) leading to a new life of abundant obedience to Christ flowing from our reconciled relationship (Romans 6:12-14).
- E. In a series of imperative commands, Paul calls on Christ-followers to live out of their identity, rather than fall back into a rule-following cycle of failure. Quite literally, we take each part of our lives (internally and externally, Romans 6:13) and give them to God for His purposes. We no longer live according to old rules, but according to the abundant resurrection life given to each follower of Christ by God’s grace (6:14)!
- F. So many questions arise! We have shifted from justification to sanctification, and with it the substance of living by the power of the Spirit **TODAY** with **TOMORROW** in view!

Growth Group Guide

Gospel Gladiators:

Sin Rehab

Week #4: Romans 6:1-14

Ice Breaker

Have you ever tried to kick a habit, abstained from particular foods or activities, or resolved to change a behavior? How successful were you? Would you change anything if you were to do it again?

In-Depth

- Read Romans 6:1-14
- Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon

1. Neither Legalist nor Libertine

- A. Read Acts 15:5; Romans 3:27-28; Romans 11:6; Galatians 2:15-21. The gospel of grace taught by Paul is counter to what false belief?
- B. Roman 6:1-2. Read Romans 3:8; Jude 4. What perversion of the gospel of grace are some accusing Paul of teaching? How could they think this is Paul's teaching? What is his response?
- C. Romans 6:2-11. Also read 1 John 3:5-6. What is Paul's response? What does he mean by "walk in newness of life" and "dead to sin and alive to God"?

2. Sin Rehab

- A. Romans 6:12-14. What is the "therefore" in verse 12 there for? What is Paul's conclusion in these verses?

- B. Read 1 Corinthians 6:11; Hebrews 10:14. What is the relationship between justification and sanctification?
- C. In what ways is the Christian's struggle against sin similar to drug or alcohol rehab? Different?
- D. Read Ephesians 3:16; 2 Peter 1:3-4; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12. How are we able to be rehabilitated from a life of sin?

Making It Relevant

1. What is the difference between "live in sin" (verse 2) or "sin reigning in your body" (verse 12) and the sins Christians commit daily (1 John 1:10)
2. Read 2 Peter 1:5-8. Take this passage verse by verse and describe what sanctification looks like in a believer.
3. Looking back to when you were a new believer, do you see sins that you have now generally broken free from? How did you do it?