

LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Sunday, February 2

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration
- 11:15AM Foundations Class: Session 3: Week 5
- 2:00PM Super Bowl LIV Party (Hooper Home)

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

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Lydia House Meals Ministry

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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

Tuesday, February 4

- 6:00PM The Process - Student Leader Mtg.
- 7:00PM The Process - High School

Wednesday, February 5

- 6:30PM AWANA

Thursday, February 6

- 7:00PM Junior High - Live

Friday, February 7

- 7:30AM Men's Bible Study - Room #106
- 6:30PM Third Way Community Update Mtg. (Scott & Deya Slade's Home)
- 8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous (21st Annual 'Gary May Soiree')

Saturday, February 8

- 8:00AM Men's Breakfast in Gym
- 9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous
- 10:00AM Crafty Women
- 4:30PM Parent's Valentine's Night Out

Sunday, February 9

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration
- 11:15AM Foundations Class: Session 3: Week 6
- 12:30PM Deaconess Meeting
- 6:00PM Youth Leader's Meeting

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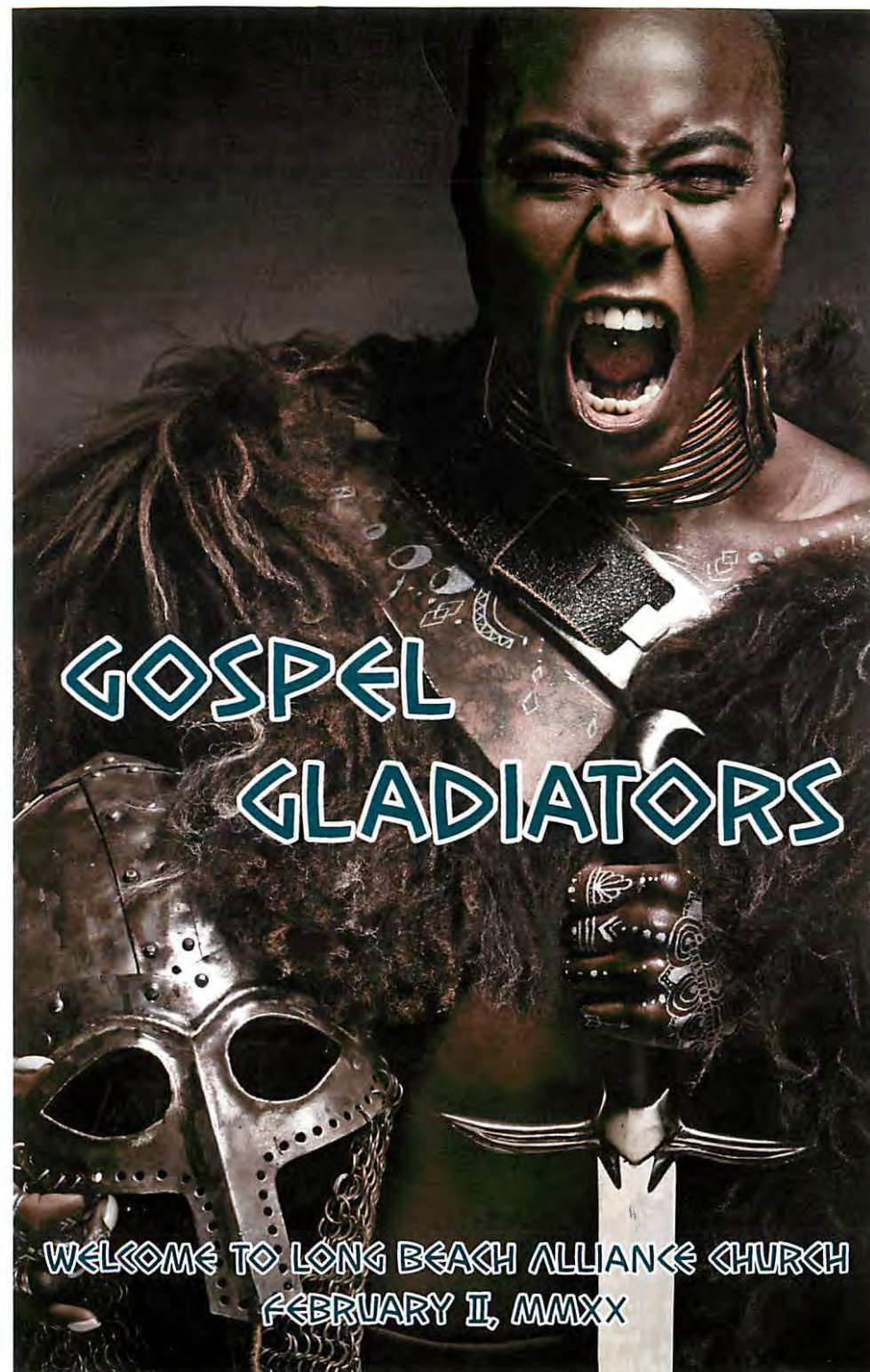
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THE
ALLIANCE

Weekly Schedule

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts



WELCOME TO LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH
FEBRUARY II, MMXX



SUPER BOWL 54 VIEWING & EATING EXTRAVAGANZA!



Today Is Super Bowl Sunday!

The Party Begins @ 2:00PM • Kick-Off @ 3:30PM

Everyone Welcome @ Craig & Katie Hooper's House

3142 Mainway Drive, Los Alamitos, 90720

Meat Provided • Please Bring Additional Dish to Share

Got Questions? Katie Hooper Has Answers! 310.922.3352

**Saturday, February 8
4:30PM - 7:00PM**

Valentine's Day PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Take your valentine out for a date while your kids participate in a fun Valentine's Day themed party! Kids from birth through 5th grade welcome! Pre-registration required! \$10 per child. Dinner is provided! Sign up in the courtyard on Sunday, February 2! Questions? Contact Meghan Brearley 562.708.9261



ALLIANCE YOUTH CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

MARCH 13, 2020

BANQUET TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

VISIT ALLIANCEYOUTHGOLF.COM & SIGN-UP TODAY!

WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE DONATIONS.

HAVE AN ITEM OR SERVICE TO DONATE? KNOW OF A COMPANY THAT CAN DONATE?

PLEASE GIVE US A CALL OR BRING DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE!

CALL MEGHAN BREARLEY @ 562.708.9261 FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION!

Men's

Breakfast

Saturday, February 8

Good Food & Good Friends

8:00AM • Gymnasium

Free Childcare Available!

Sign-Up @ Men's Table
Questions? Call Greg Coles
(310.293.9518)

LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$12,715.40	\$12,373.00	97.3%
Month-to-Date:	\$50,861.60	\$32,671.76	64.2%
Year-to-Date:	\$279,738.80	\$266,485.65	95.3%
Disbursed YTD: \$251,675.00		GF Balance: \$14,810.65	



Long Beach Alliance Church

Giving Campaign

The Purpose, The Projects, & The Plan

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope. be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Revelation 12:10-13

The Purpose

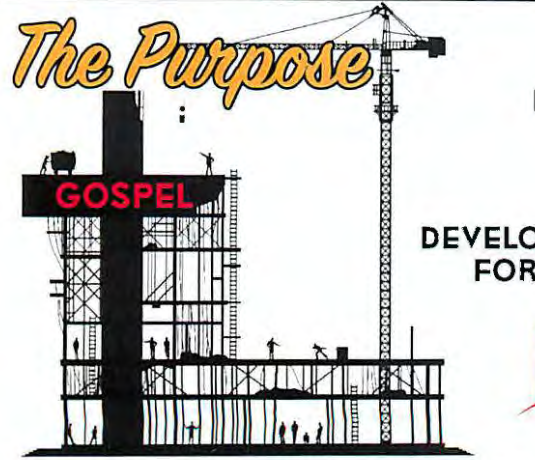
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INVESTMENT IN GLOBAL
PARTNERSHIPS FOR
GOSPEL ACCESS

DEVELOPING BETTER ACCESS
FOR LONG BEACH

LBAC



INTENTIONALLY
DEVELOPING AS A
SACRIFICIAL &
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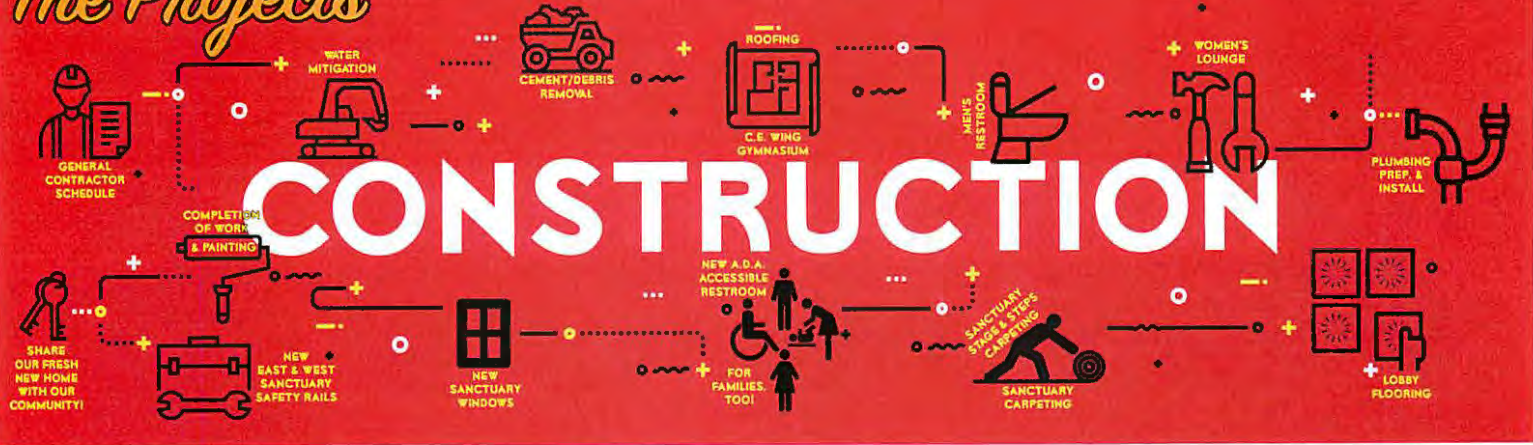
BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS
ACCESSING
GOSPEL INVESTMENTS



LOVING &
SERVING
OUR LOCAL
COMMUNITY

GIVING BEGINS FEBRUARY, 2020 AND LASTS UNTIL FEBRUARY, 2021 (13 MONTHS)

The Projects



The Plan

\$24

\$77

WHAT WILL
SUCCESS
COST US?

PRAYER
REGULAR AND
INTENTIONAL
PRAYER FOR OUR
INVESTMENT IN THE
INCREASING SPREAD
OF THE GOSPEL
THROUGH LBAC!

IMPACT
10% OF ALL GIVING
SUPPORTS MISSIONS!
OUR PARTNERS:
C&MA GCF, EWCM,
CITIZENSHIP ADVOCACY,
THIRD WAY COMMUNITY,
UP & RUNNING AGAIN

INVEST
TAKING AT LEAST 2
ENVELOPES EVERY
MONTH HELPS MEET
OUR GIVING GOAL OF
\$20,100/MONTH
\$261,300/13 MONTHS
\$25K+ FOR MISSIONS!

GRIT
PASSION AND
PERSEVERANCE FOR
LONG-TERM GOALS!
INVESTING 'MUSTARD
SEED FAITH' IN UNITY
AND SACRIFICE FOR
GOSPEL EXPANSION!

EXPAND
INVESTMENT RESULTS
IN EXPANSION! LBAC'S
IMPROVEMENTS OPEN
DOORS TO ALL PEOPLE
IN OUR COMMUNITY
WITH INTENTIONAL
GOSPEL LOVE!

3rd Way Update

What have Kelly and Diana have been up to lately?

- ❖ Hear stories about their recent trip back to France.
- ❖ What did they present at the recent C&MA Converge Conference? (they were the warm-up act for C&MA President John Stumbo)
- ❖ What's been going on at their house in "Little Arabia?"
- ❖ What's next, and how can we join God in this work?
- ❖ Bonus: Enjoy some snacks and stay to watch a 90-minute documentary "Jesus In Athens."

Where:
Scott and Deya Slade home
3581 Halbrite Ave.
Long Beach

When:
Friday, Feb. 7
6:30-9:30 PM (movie will
start around 8:00 for those
who want to stay for that.)



In 2015, one million migrants entered Europe, most of them through Greece. On their journey, unexpected religious conversions and revival have broken out, especially amongst Muslims fleeing their war-torn countries. Jesus in Athens is the powerful story of God's unexpected and unmistakable work to gather people and nations to Himself, in a crisis.

A photograph of five diverse babies (three Black, two white) peeking over a light blue wooden surface. The babies are looking at the camera with various expressions. The surface they are peeking over is decorated with colorful geometric toys like blocks and triangles.

Nursery Workers Needed

Do you like babies and toddlers? Are you responsible and wanting to serve?

Benefits include:

- instant hero status
- all you can eat Goldfish Crackers
- exercise during worship
- unlimited hugs
- free playtime & story reading

If this sounds like the right job for you, contact **Meghan Brearley** 562.708.9261



GOSPEL GLADIATORS

"WHOM DO YOU SERVE?"

LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH • FEBRUARY II, MMXX • ROMANS VI: XV-XXIII • PASTOR CHRIS LANKFORD

I) JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN, DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULD

- A. We should rejoice in God's extraordinary and abundant provision of love and grace which is available (Romans 5:6-8 – Praise the Lord!) for any person who will respond in faith to God by believing and following (repenting and obeying) Jesus Christ with their life (Romans 5:20-21)!
- B. The sacrifice of Jesus Christ is sufficient for conquering all sin (1 John 2:2). That statement is so amazing, so extraordinary, and is provided so abundantly (Romans 5:17) – a person could conclude sin is insignificant, since God's gift of grace abundantly covers sin (Romans 6:1).
- C. In addition, since Jesus Christ perfectly fulfilled all the requirements of the Law, and was without sin (Matthew 5:17-20; Romans 8:3-4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrew 10:11-14) – a person could conclude limits or restraint are unnecessary, since followers of Christ are under grace and no longer under the rule of Law (Romans 6:15).
- D. To the first proposal (licentiousness), "God's love and grace permits my sin..." the Apostle Paul roars out "ABSOLUTELY NOT!" (Romans 6:2)!! And to the second proposal, "Christ's sacrifice permits my sin because the burden of the Law has been removed..." (anti-nomianism), the Apostle Paul (again) fiercely roars "ABSOLUTELY NOT!" (Romans 6:15).

II) FREEDOM FROM SIN, BUT NOT FOR SIN

- A. Perhaps because of "legalism" (the requirement of following rules in order to gain or qualify for salvation) or perhaps because of "idolatry" (something or someone other than God that becomes an object of worship, e.g. astrology, Galatians 4:8-10), Paul uses ominous slavery imagery to compare the similarities and contrast the differences between the goodness of true Christian "freedoms" (good/positive) and the wicked entrapment of so-called Christian "liberties" (bad/negative).



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- B. Beginning in Romans 6:16, the words used for “slave” (pronounced ‘doo-loss’ in Greek) can also be translated as “bond-servant” or “servant” (note Matthew 18:23, 26; John 13:16; 18:10). However, because “context is king” when reading the Bible, we must look to the surrounding intent Romans 6:15-23 to understand we are being challenged to live in true freedom (holy and pure), and reject temptation to sin resulting in deeper bondage.
- C. Simply put, we have been saved from sin by the power of God (**justification** by faith, salvation in Christ Jesus), and we are saved in order to subdue sin in our lives by the power of God (**sanctification**, the work/power of Christ’s sacrifice applied in our lives by the Holy Spirit of God, see also John 16:12-14 & 17:17).
- D. Sin always leads a person into deeper bondage and death (Romans 6:16). Sin promises freedom at first, but it will always result in the ultimate bondage of death (2 Peter 2:19). Because sin separates a person from God (Ephesians 2:1-3) and leads to “impurity and lawlessness” (Romans 6:19), it creates an environment where “righteousness” (faith-actions “in Christ”) is naturally rendered impossible (Romans 6:20). Like a payment or wages for working, the resulting “wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23).
- E. But when God saves a person through the power of Christ’s sacrifice, He does not leave them in a helpless state, but rather gives them “the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21) and the power of the Holy Spirit of God (Galatians 3:13-14) for a life of continual and growing righteous living, or “sanctification and its end, eternal life” (Romans 6:22). This is true freedom, not freedom to sin, but freedom from sin (6:7, 18, 22).
- F. Salvation in Christ Jesus leads to fruitful and holy living, resulting in eternal life. But sinful living, which can begin in our lives so easily and unnoticed (cf. 1 Peter 5:8), can derail the work of Christ and leave us in bondage to shame and death. But the free gift of the Gospel, obtained by faith in Jesus Christ and which leads to eternal life is the wonderful and clear solution for the problem of sin and death (Romans 6:23) -- it is in **Christ Jesus our Lord!**

Growth Group Guide

Gospel Gladiators: Spiritual Economics
Week #5: Romans 6:15-23

Ice Breaker

Discuss with your group what you can do together to serve our community as a witness to the love of Christ. Explore options this week and commit to one group project next week.

In-Depth

- Read Romans 6:15-23
- Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon

1. Slaves of Sin No More!

- A. Read Romans 6:16. Also read John 8:34. What does it mean to be a slave to sin?
In what ways does sin enslave a person?
- B. Read Romans 6:20-21. Also read Genesis 3:4-5; Proverbs 1:10, and 2 Corinthians 2:11.
Sin offers false promises of freedom and reward. What are they? What is the truth?
- C. Read Romans 6:18. Also read 1 Corinthians 7:23; Titus 2:14; and Galatians 4:5.
How have we "been set free from sin?" And, for what purpose?

2. Slaves of Righteousness Now!

- A. Read Romans 6:18-19. What does it mean to be a slave of righteousness?

- B. Read Romans 6:19 & 22. What are the rewards that come with being a slave of righteousness?

3. Spiritual Economics

- A. Read Romans 6:23. What does “the wages of is death” mean?

- B. Read Romans 5:15; Ephesians 1:7; and Galatians 3:13.
In what ways is this “free gift” costly?

- C. Read Luke 14:27-28. What are the costs for those who receive this “free gift?”

- D. Dietrich Bonhoeffer defined “cheap grace” as “forgiveness without repentance, grace without discipleship.” Cheap grace emphasizes the benefits of salvation above the costs of discipleship. Is grace cheap? Why or why not?

Making It Relevant

- 1. What is the allure of sin? Why are so many blind to its destructive results?

- 2. Do you see signs of cheap grace in your walk with Jesus?