

LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Sunday, February 9

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration
- 11:15AM Foundations Class: Session 3: Week 6
- 12:30PM Deaconess Meeting
- 12:45PM Youth Leader's Meeting

MISSIONS

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

GROWTH GROUPS

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

Mid-week Adult Bible Studies

Monday, February 10

- 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, February 11

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

AWANA

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

Wednesday Nights September through May

YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

Wednesday, February 12

- 6:30PM AWANA

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

Thursday, February 13

- 7:00PM Junior High Live

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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

Women's Ministry Event Information

Contact: deya@charter.net

Friday, February 14

- 7:30AM Men's Bible Study - Church Lobby
- 8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

Lydia House Meals Ministry

Contact: mcoliver789@msn.com

Saturday, February 15

- 9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

Women Connecting with Missions

3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00PM

Sunday, February 16

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration
- 11:15AM FosterAll Meeting - Rm 102
- 11:15AM Foundations Class: Session 3: Sabbath
- 12:15PM Deacon Meeting

Crafty Women

2nd Saturday of each month @ 10:00AM

MEN'S MINISTRIES

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

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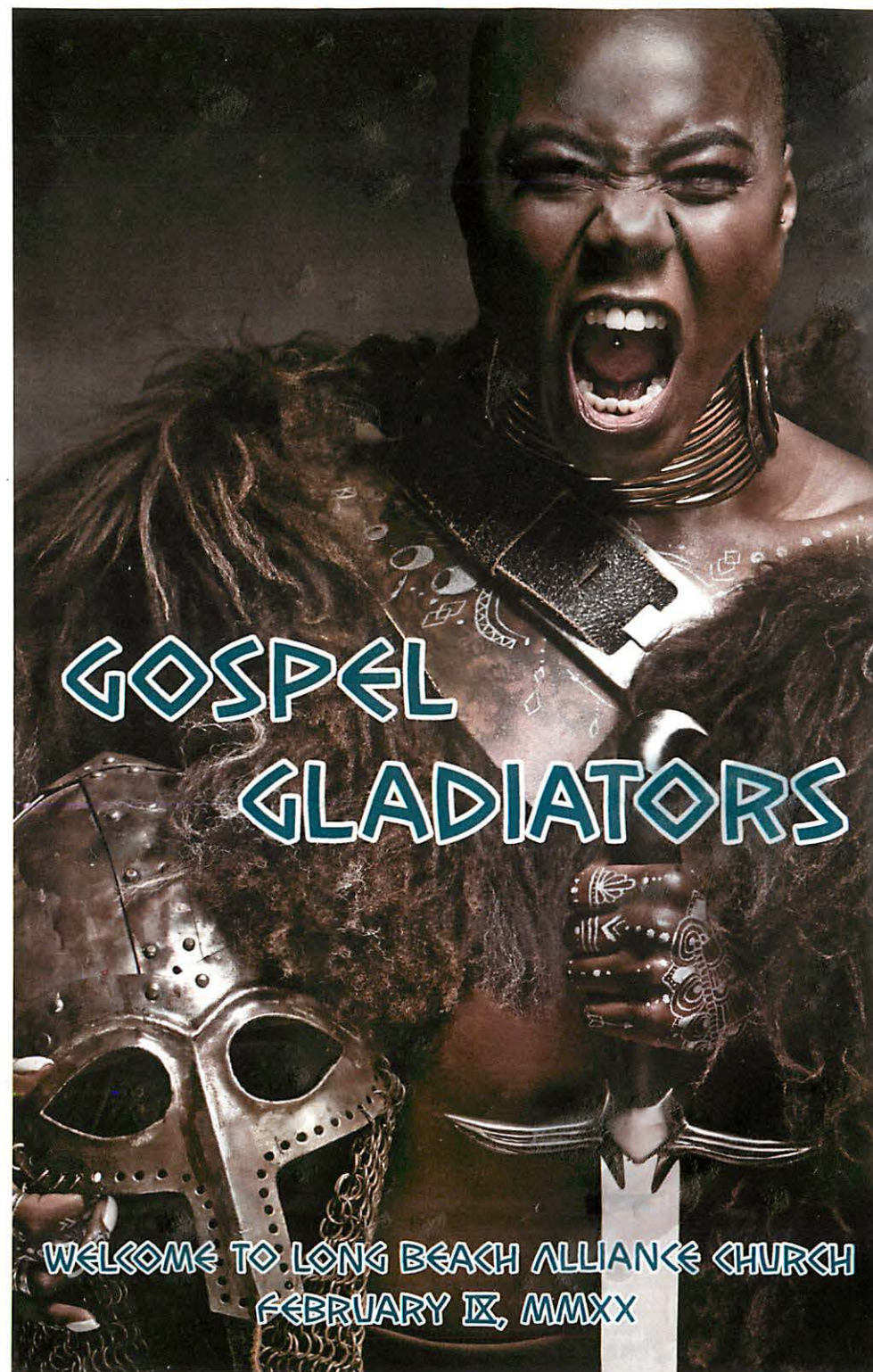
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THE
ALLIANCE

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts



WELCOME TO LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH
FEBRUARY IX, MMXX



ALLIANCE YOUTH CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

MARCH 13, 2020

BANQUET TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

VISIT ALLIANCEYOUTHGOLF.COM OR THE COURTYARD TABLE & 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!



LOVE A CHILD

FosterAll is a leader in resource/foster family recruitment and support. For 33 years, FosterAll has connected over 1,000 families from faith communities with thousands of children. Every day children of all ages are removed from their homes in your community through no fault of their own. They need loving families.

LET FOSTERALL BE YOUR GUIDE



Did you know there are a multitude of foster family agencies in your county providing foster parent approval? Each is different in training, services, locations, philosophy and more. FosterAll will navigate the system for you, at no cost, and connect you with the foster family agency that best suits your needs. Throughout your foster journey, FosterAll will continue to provide ongoing support and services for you and your family.

LOST & FOUND

Lose Something?
*Please check the table
in the Courtyard...
maybe it's there!*

MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Fridays
7:30AM
Sanctuary
Lobby

Contact Larry Hillhouse for more info 562.506.5873

Women Connecting with Missions

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

Tuesday, February 18
7:00PM

Alyn Hillhouse's home

For questions contact:

Kathie Metz 562.425-5937

Beth Zimmermann 562.852.2771

LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	Budget	Received	Budget %
Weekly:	\$12,715.40	\$19,543.80	157.7%
Month-to-Date:	\$12,715.40	\$19,543.80	157.7%
Year-to-Date:	\$292,454.20	\$290,986.21	99.5%
Disbursed YTD:	\$211,244.00	GF Balance: \$25,607.21	

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 or fill out a Connect Card for more info or to sign-up!

Baptism Service Sunday, April 5



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

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

INCREASING & EXPANDING
INVESTMENT IN GLOBAL
PARTNERSHIPS FOR
GOSPEL ACCESS

DEVELOPING BETTER ACCESS
FOR LONG BEACH

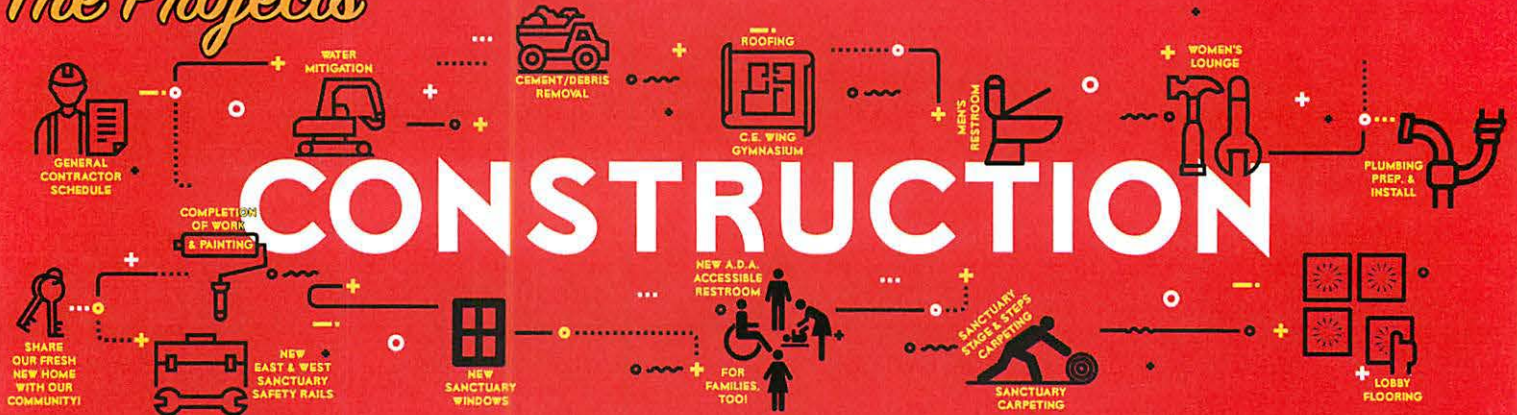
BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS
ACCESSING
GOSPEL INVESTMENTS

LOVING &
SERVING
OUR LOCAL
COMMUNITY

INTENTIONALLY
DEVELOPING AS A
SACRIFICIAL &
WELCOMING
GOSPEL 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, EWGM,
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!



GOSPEL GLADIATORS

"DOING YOUR PART IN EARNING SALVATION"

LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH • FEBRUARY IX, MMXX • ROMANS VIII:1-XXVII • PASTOR CHRIS LANKFORD

I) UNTIL DEATH DO US PART... SO BRING ON DEATH, AND LET'S PART!

- A. When a man and woman are married to one another, they often declare "vows" to one another to "love and cherish," "in sickness and health," for "better or worse," which lasts "until death do we part..." Public vows are witnessed by friends and family, and most of all with "God as your witness" are sealed with rings, a public symbol of fidelity to marriage.
- B. Except for some extreme exceptions (e.g. infidelity, abandonment, etc.), marriage binds a man and a woman together until death. Once death occurs, the living partner is no longer considered bound to their marriage vows, and is free to remarry. In this sense, when one spouse dies, the other is automatically "freed" from the "bond of marriage."
- C. Following the same metaphor, each of us were born into an 'arranged marriage' by our ancestral parents, Adam & Eve. In our case, the Law (the rules) 'wed us' to sin, a marriage which brings increased depth of human failure and a spread of the plague of sin to more & more people.
- D. Mankind's marriage to sin which is bound together by Law (Romans 7:1-6) is a reinforcement of the Apostle Paul's previous compare/contrast of slavery & freedom (see Romans 6:20-23). This was an especially hard-to-understand idea for people with a good Jewish background because they felt that following the Law produced righteousness (not true).
- E. Without getting too lost in details, the basic concept Paul is driving at is clear: Our new life is so completely identified with Jesus Christ, that His death is also our death. Since we died, we are free from the Law which binds us to our old (arranged) marriage to sin, and we are now serving/bound to "the new way of the Spirit." Jesus' life is also our life. We are dead to sin, but alive in Christ (Romans 6:2, 11, 7:6). PRAISE GOD!!

II) I DO NOT WANT WHAT? I DID IT, NO? THERE IS NO TRY. UM, YODA? HUH?

- A. There is something unsettling about the Apostle Paul's assertion that the rules and the rulebook (the commandments and the Law) are "holy" and "pure," but still result in bringing out sin, because sin is so evil and



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subversive that it can even take what is good, and still finds a way to twist it into something with wicked results (Romans 7:7-12). It's disturbing enough to avoid. Often, we do just that.

- B. But, when we look from a different perspective, it probably makes more sense... Think of anything God created as good and pure. Love, hope, sex, generosity, art, joy, music, beauty, nature, etc. All of these things have been gifted to mankind, and yet, in one way or another, these good things (which we have all experienced), also get twisted and warped, even shattered and broken (and sometimes by the selfish actions of others). All good things get bent by sin. It doesn't make the object bad, but we do find ways to take the good things of God's creation and bend them for ourselves. This is sin, and we all sin (1 John 1:8-10).
- C. To make the point explicit, Paul goes into an extended example (it appears at times from personal experience), of what life is like when you try to achieve righteousness by following rules. Said in a different way, this next section speaks to the schizophrenic fight of living by "codes" & "commands" (Romans 7:6, 12-13) and the futile results these efforts bring, only resulting in captivity to sin & death (Romans 7:13-24).
- D. There are two challenges in Romans 7:15-24. The first is fairly obvious. There are so many "perspective shifts" between Paul's desires and actions, and then there are changing values attached, it's pretty hard to keep track of what is going on... (is he wanting to do what is good, or is he actually wanting what is bad, which can't be good, but why does he call it a desire to do right, right after saying nothing good dwells in him, and how can he say that is bad, or maybe what he means is that if he thinks it's bad, it might actually be good, which makes his original bad stuff kinda good stuff, unless he knows that, which he must because he is writing this whole insane thing, or maybe he doesn't know, or then again, maybe not! Right?! Wait, what are we talking about again?) Exactly. It gets confusing.
- E. But here is the big kicker (#2)... When you read Romans 7:15-24, do you think... "YES! That is my experience?! FINALLY, someone gets me!" Is Paul writing to Christians here? Or, is he writing to Jews who are trying to make a nice "Law-abiding" Jew out of Jesus? Or, is he just making the point that working your way to righteousness by means of the Law is futile? Which one is it? Does Romans 7:25-8:1 help? This is one of the most debated sections of the entire NT! What do you think & why? Is this "normal" for Christ-followers? Or, is this something else? And... if you did feel like this section described your Christian experience, is that the right way to read it? So many questions, so little time...

Growth Group Guide

Gospel Gladiators: The Law
Week #6 • Romans 7:1-25

Ice Breaker

If you were king for day, what new laws would you pass?

In-Depth

- Read Romans 7:1-25
- Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon

1. Free From the Law

- A. Romans 7:1-6 and Romans 6:14-15. What obvious question from these verses is Paul addressing now in chapter 7? What does it mean to be free from the law?
- B. Read Psalm 119:7, 16, 18, 47-48, 62; and Romans 7:12. Is God's law good? Why are God's laws to be loved?
- C. Read Luke 11:46; Acts 15:10; and Galatians 3:10. If the law is good, why do we need to be freed from it?

2. Law Reveals Sin

- A. Read Romans 7:7-9 and Galatians 3:19-22. What is the purpose of the law? Give examples.
- B. Read Romans 7:9-14. Does law somehow cause sin? What is Paul's point in these verses?

3. Wretched Man That I Am!

- A. Read Romans 7:15-23. There is much debate on whether Paul writes Romans 7:15-23 from the perspective of one who is a slave to sin (unsaved) or one who has been saved but still struggles with sin. Read these verses. Which statements might lead you to believe he is writing as a slave to sin trying to obey the law?
- B. Read Romans 7:15-23 again. Which statements might lead you to believe he is writing as a Christian struggling with sin?
- C. Which perspective do you think is right? Why?
- D. Read Romans 7:24-25. What is Paul's conclusion? What is the solution?

Making It Relevant

- 1. In what ways do Romans 7:15-23 describe your struggle with sin? How do you respond?