

# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

## 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

## MISSIONS

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

## GROWTH GROUPS

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

## Mid-week Adult Bible Studies

## Monday, February 17

- 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 18

- 6:00PM The Process - Student Leader Mtg.
- 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, February 19

- 6:30PM AWANA

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

## Thursday, February 20

- 5:00PM Lydia House Women's Outreach
- 7:00PM Junior High Live

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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

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

## Friday, February 21

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

Lydia House Meals Ministry  
Contact: mcoliver789@msn.com

## Saturday, February 22

- 9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

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

## Sunday, February 23

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration
- 11:15AM Foundations Class: Session 4: Week 1
- 12:30PM Gospel Project Leaders Meeting

## Crafty Women

2nd Saturday of each month @ 10:00AM

## MEN'S MINISTRIES

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

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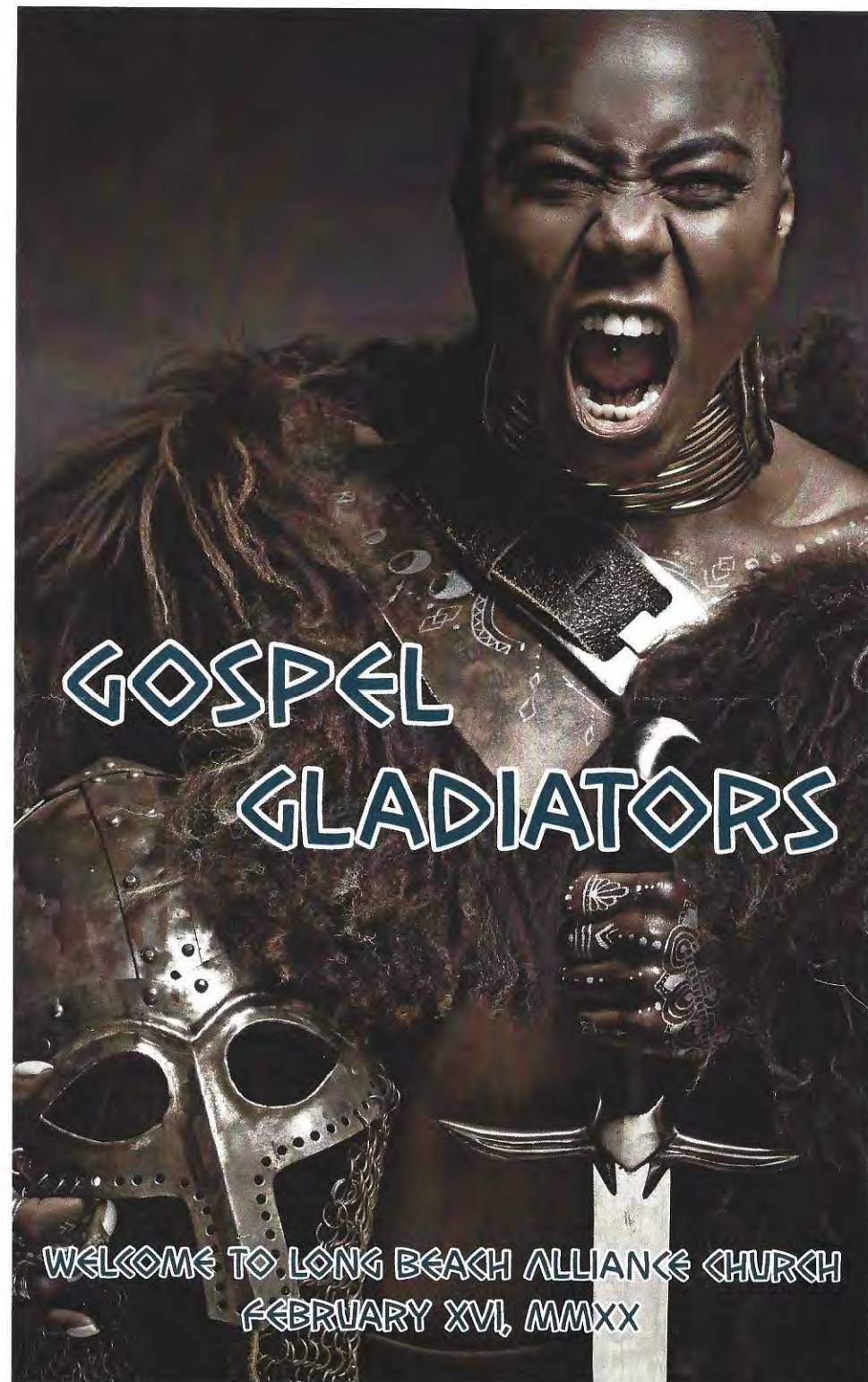
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THE  
ALLIANCE

Weekly Schedule

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts



WELCOME TO LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH  
FEBRUARY XVI, MMXX



Dear Family,

Thanks cannot even express  
our gratitude to you all. Your  
gifts of \$, knots, dinners,  
words of encouragement,  
prayers... and on & on, have  
BLOWN us away in this  
strange & challenging time.  
We ♥ you ALL so much!

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**ALLIANCE YOUTH**  
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

**MARCH 13, 2020**

**BANQUET TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!**

VISIT [ALLIANCEYOUTHGOLF.COM](http://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!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY  
GATHERINGS INVITES YOU TO  
CONNECT FOR...



Please join us for our next speaker-led  
discussion exploring how we can  
"know and be known, love and be loved."

**Saturday, February 29**  
**10:00AM-11:30M**



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

## FOUNDATIONS CLASSES

*Begin Next Week*

### Mental Health & the Church

A look at different ways the church can  
support people with mental illness.

Kou John Yang, Room 203

### Missions: Here, There & Everywhere

A look at missions from the local work we are involved in to  
the work being done at the end of the earth through CMA.

Pastor Scott Trickett & Others, Room 102

### View From 30,000 Feet

Take a step back from smaller passages to examine entire  
books and letters in a single setting, to pick up on some of  
the overall themes and messages in the Bible.

Pastor Jesse Duckett, Room 202

### Fun N Funky

Nursery & Kids' Activities for all ages!

Parents Check-in Kids at Nursery & Gymnasium

### LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	Budget	Received	Budget %
Weekly:	\$12,715.40	\$6,575.88	51.7%
Month-to-Date:	\$25,430.80	\$26,119.68	102.7%
Year-to-Date:	\$305,169.60	\$297,562.09	97.5%
Disbursed YTD:	\$285,878.30	GF Balance: \$11,683.79	



# 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 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



BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS  
ACCESSING  
GOSPEL INVESTMENTS

INCREASING & EXPANDING  
INVESTMENT IN GLOBAL  
PARTNERSHIPS FOR  
GOSPEL ACCESS

DEVELOPING BETTER ACCESS  
FOR LONG BEACH



LOVING &  
SERVING  
OUR LOCAL  
COMMUNITY



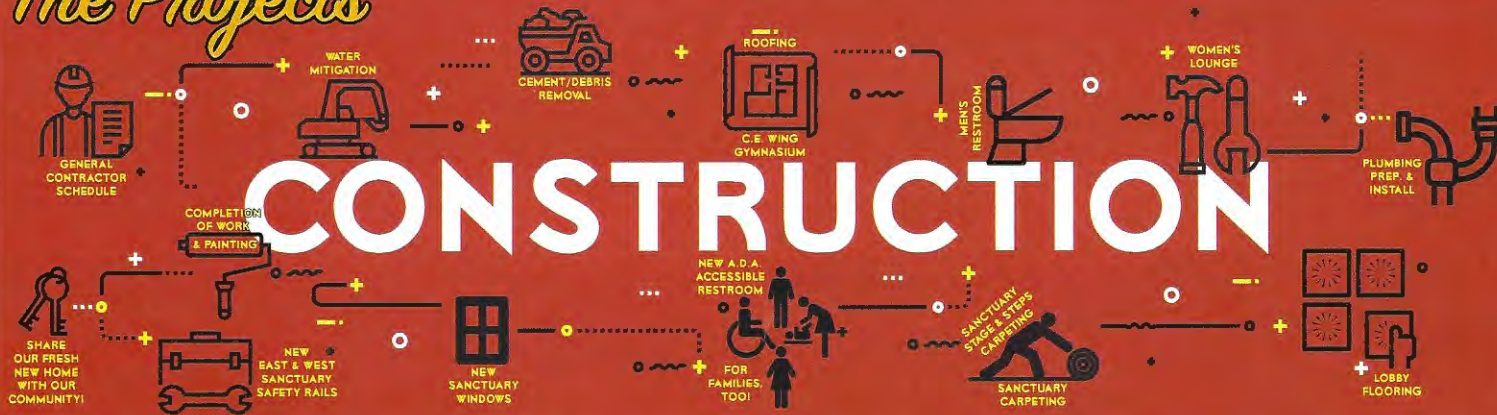
LBAC



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, 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!





# GOSPEL GLADIATORS

"THE SPIRIT IS LIFE!"

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

## I) THE WRETCHED RESULTS OF GOOD INTENTIONS & GOOD WORKS

- A. After carefully weaving through numerous negative examples (carnal debauchery, 6:1-14; antinomian libertinism, 6:15-23; abusive slavery, 6:16-23; and loveless marriage, 7:1-6), the Apostle Paul shifts his focus onto his personal recollections with his Jewish 'brothers' (Romans 7:1, 4).
- B. As only a religious insider can, Paul unites his heart with those who live with a sincere dedication to good rules and holy laws (7:12) in an earnest pursuit of spiritual success derived from 'a pure/holy intention to honor God with honorably good works' (7:5, 8-9).
- C. Paul's unity with his fellow Jews is not meant for refuge, but rather Paul leverages his ethnic and religious background to expose that even for those with the greatest advantages, sin exploits human strengths and weaknesses (the "flesh," 7:5, 14, 18) with deadly savagery and a sophisticated supra-human diversifying power to virally spread the malignancy of sin through the 'spiritual' and 'pagan' alike (7:10-11).
- D. No one can escape. Like someone awake while being buried alive, the horror and desperation of sincerely hoping we can somehow escape the coffin of spiritual death and the suffocating weight of sin through our 'hard work' or by identifying as 'spiritual' is ludicrous (7:15-23).
- E. Like a nuclear explosion, Paul screams out against his wretched and hopeless condition (7:24). Dead and buried in sin, he primal-cries out for salvation, and God answers personally in Jesus Christ (7:25)! In one of the singularly most triumphant transitions in the whole Bible, the ancient problem of human condemnation (5:16) is erased in Jesus (8:1)!

## II) THE WONDER AND SUPERIORITY OF LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

- A. God rescues us from our hopelessness and wretched condition by giving us the free gift of Jesus Christ (8:1-11) which can only be received through trust/faith (repent in faith & follow in faith, 6:23) in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (8:3-4, 11).





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- B. When we receive the free gift of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, we are also “sealed” or “enveloped” (like securing/sealing an envelope, cf. Revelation 5:1) by the Spirit of God (Ephesians 1:13, 4:30). This is the great promise from Jesus Christ for all His disciples, our peace-filling confidence in God & Christ (cf. John 14:16, 26-27, 16:7-15)!
- C. Contrasted against a wretched life in the flesh (Romans 7:15-24), a life of faith trusts in the provision of the Holy Spirit, and brings to life the ability to live righteously, to actually live spiritually alive by faith (a life of faithful submission to Christ, 8:10). This confidence in God the Son and the provision of God the Spirit given by God our Father is foundational!
- D. Once a person becomes a “Christian” by faith, they no longer identify themselves as a person who has a “sin nature” or a person who lives “in the flesh.” **“YOU ARE NOT IN THE FLESH BUT IN THE SPIRIT”** (8:9). Don’t climb back into the coffin! You now have a “Spirit nature” which speaks God’s Word of Jesus Christ into your soul!
- E. Your identity is important! Do you identify yourself as a “sinner” or a person with a “sin nature?” Paul attacks this concept in Romans 8:1, **“THERE IS THEREFORE NOW NO CONDEMNATION FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST JESUS...”** This is our confidence for tomorrow (8:11), but more than that it is our confidence today! Jesus is not just life in the future, but for life eternally (now and forever), for your mortal body and your spirit (8:11)!
- F. Here’s my final question: If the devil had the goal of getting Christians to live as though they really don’t make a difference, as though they just don’t matter to God (remember that line from Genesis 2:4-5?!), like Christians are actually powerless and useless – what would be the most clever method for achieving such a goal?
- G. Would distracting you from your identity work? Would convincing you that you are a sinner rather than a chosen child of God work? What if he just bent your identity in Christ, just a little? Would it work to neuter your effectiveness? To take you out of the Christian life for long periods of time? What about you? Is your identity a “Spirit nature” or is it something else? Who are you (authentically) in Christ?



# Growth Group Guide

*Gospel Gladiators: The Spirit of Life*  
*Week #7 • Romans 8:1-11*

## Ice Breaker

Happy Birthday George and Abe. If we could elect one of these former Presidents today, which would you choose and how do you think he could help with our 21st Century challenges?

## In-Depth

- Read Romans 8:1-11
- Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon

### 1. No Condemnation

- A. Read Romans 8:1 and Romans 8:31-34. Summarize what Romans 8:1 means. Why is this the case?
- B. Read Romans 3:23, 6:23; Ephesians 2:3; Hebrews 10:28. Why is "no condemnation" such great news?
- C. Read Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 2:20. What does it mean to be "in Christ Jesus"?

- D. Read Romans 8:3-4; Leviticus 17:11; Matthew 26:28; 1 Peter 2:24. What does atonement (Leviticus 17:11) mean? How does Jesus' atonement relate to our "no condemnation"?

## 2. *The Spirit of Life*

- A. Read Romans 8:2. What does "the law of the Spirit of life" mean? How can it set us free?
- B. How many times is "Spirit" used in Romans 8:2-11? What is the work of the Spirit in our lives?
- C. Read Romans 8:9-11. How is the Holy Spirit's role in the Trinity made visible in these verses?
- D. Romans 8:4-11 use 5 phrases to describe the Christians relationship with the Spirit (e.g. "walk according to the Spirit" verse 4). Identify each and explain what each means.

## *Making It Relevant*

1. "There is now no condemnation..." What reaction do you have when you read this great news?
2. What are some ways the Holy Spirit is able to help someone achieve victory over sin?
3. In what ways has the Holy Spirit personally blessed you?