

LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

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

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

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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

Monday, February 24

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

Tuesday, February 25

- 6:00PM The Process - Student Leader Mtg.
- 7:00PM The Process - High School
- 7:00PM Women Connecting with Missions

Wednesday, February 26

- 6:30PM AWANA

Thursday, February 27

- 7:00PM Junior High Live

Friday, February 28

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

Saturday, February 29

- 9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous
- 10:00AM Women Connect For...

Sunday, March 01

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration
- 11:15AM Foundations Class: Session 4: Week 2
- 4:00PM Health Talk
- 7:00PM Golf Tournament Committee Meeting

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts



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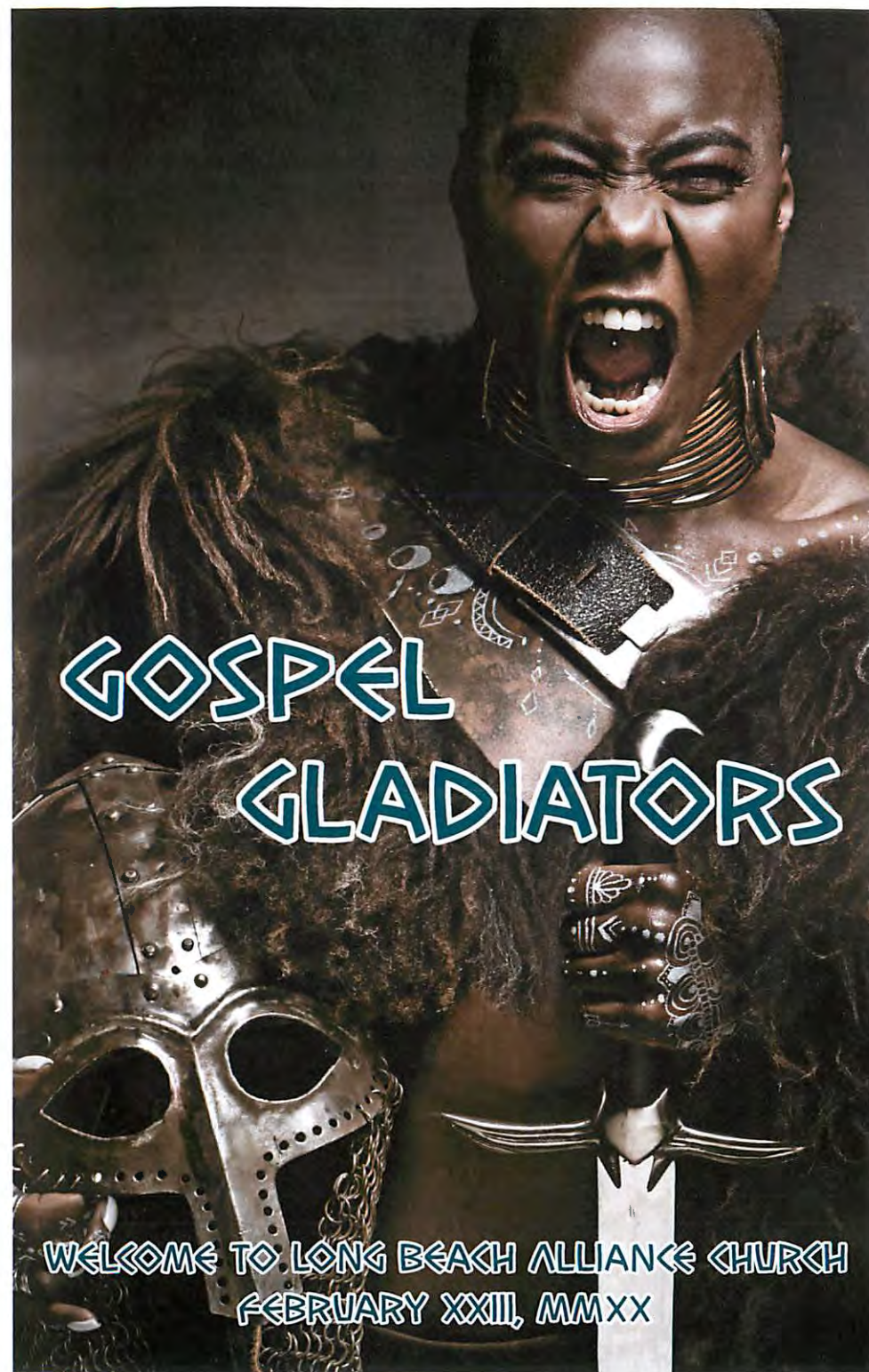
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WELCOME TO LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH
FEBRUARY XXIII, MMXX

FOUNDATIONS CLASSES

Begin TODAY!

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

Fun N Funky

Nursery & Kids' Activities for all ages!

Parents Check-in: Kids at Nursery & Gymnasium

Youth Only Foundations Class!

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



ALLIANCE YOUTH

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

MARCH 13, 2020

BANQUET TICKETS AVAILABLE TODAY!

VISIT ALLIANCEYOUTHGOLF.COM OR THE COURTYARD TABLE & SIGN-UP!

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!

LBAC Women's 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

10AM-11:30AM in Gym

Please sign up in the Courtyard or contact Deya, 562.761.5464, for questions.



Health Talk

Sunday, March 1

4PM-5:30PM, Room 203

Come share experience, resources, and support for living strong, healthy lives.

This month's topic: Come to find out!

Have Questions? Dawn Trickett dltrickett@icloud.com

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LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$12,715.40	\$14,045.88	110.5%
Month-to-Date:	\$38,146.20	\$40,165.56	105.3%
Year-to-Date:	\$317,885.00	\$311,607.97	98.0%
Disbursed YTD:	\$288,553.00	GF Balance: \$23,054.97	



GOSPEL GLADIATORS

"ADOPTED BY THE BEST FOR THE BEST"

LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH • FEBRUARY XXIII, MMXX • ROMANS VIII:12-XXX • PASTOR CHRIS LANKFORD

I) ADOPTED AS GOD'S OWN CHILDREN

- A. The contrast of living under obligation (indebted) to either 'flesh' or 'Spirit' (from Romans 8:1-11) is given further development by the Apostle Paul to show the good results of emancipation from 'bondage/ enslavement' (from 6:15-7:6, see also Galatians 4:1-7) to an amazing new status with both legal and relational implications (Romans 8:12-17)!
- B. Remember the analogy of freedom from sin being like freedom from the 'bonds of marriage' (Romans 7:1-6)? Imagine if someone lost their spouse to death, but decided to keep the corpse and pretend to live as though nothing had changed! That would be certifiably crazy, right?!!
- C. Christians are no longer 'under obligation' (8:12) to sin, because 'deeds of the body' or 'the old self' (cf. Ephesians 4:22; Colossians 3:9) is dead! Don't dig up the old body! Don't believe 'I just don't have a choice,' or 'I just can't help it!' Jesus buried your sin! The old is gone, the new has come (2 Corinthians 5:17)! It's time to live with your brand new name!
- D. When we die to ourselves ('crucified with Christ,' Galatians 2:20, 5:24) we are given true life by the Spirit ('raised with Christ,' Romans 8:11) as God's own adopted children (Romans 8:14-15)! **Did you hear that?!** You no longer have your 'old' last name(s) (gossip, liar, slut, jealous, drunk, angry, player, thief, Astro), etc! You have a new identity as a child of God with your new name(s) (gentle, pure, joy, sober, generous, gracious, truth, peace, integrity, fidelity), etc! Live into your new name!
- E. The benefits of being a child of the King are abundant! As God's child, we come to God as 'our Father,' like a young child welcome in the throne room of God without concern for protocol or procedure because Daddy (Abba!, 8:15) gives us unfettered access due to our adopted identity authenticated by the witness (fingerprint) of God's Spirit (8:16)!
- F. And if you are a child of the King, you are an heir of King and Kingdom (cf. Galatians 4:7), and of course – you have a home for eternity (John 14:1-3) with all the children of God in heaven (Romans 6:22-23, 8:17).



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II) DO NOT LOSE HOPE!

- A. All of these aspects of our identity in Christ Jesus are crucial, because an authentic life in Christ is not limited to simply benefits and rewards (Romans 8:17). The Christian life also includes painful and difficult experiences of suffering and struggle (8:18-25). Christians should not expect health, wealth, or an easier life (John 16:33; Hebrews 11:32-40), but rather an authentic Christlike life full of love for others (Colossians 1:24).
- B. The benefits of Christianity can be intoxicating (Romans 8:1-16), but no follower of Christ should be surprised or shocked when suffering happens (John 15:18-21; 1 Peter 4:12-19). There is no division of joy derived from the benefits of being a Christ-follower from sorrow as a result of suffering from being a Christ-follower. Our hope is found in the Suffering Servant, Jesus Christ (Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Luke 24:44-48; Acts 3:12-21).
- C. Suffering leads to knowing Christ more intimately (Philippians 3:8-11) and results in greater faith and a stronger identity in Christ (2 Timothy 2:3-13). The sufferings of Christ also provide Christ-followers a merciful and sympathetic advocate in Jesus Christ who gives us confidence to bring our prayers to God (Hebrews 2:17-28, 4:14-16) with hope, even when our prayers are weak or fumbling, because the Spirit of God is actively taking our weaknesses and translating them into words of power and influence (Romans 8:26-27).
- D. This is what leads to confident faith! Whether we experience euphoric heights or the depths of despair, God is bringing everything together for good (Romans 8:28). Our hope is not in our ability to figure out the answers, but is in confidence in the One who has promised He will complete what He has begun in our lives (8:29-30; Philippians 1:6).
- E. Whenever we encounter verses which reveal God's predestination, foreordination, or the divine determinism of God for everything in all of creation (Acts 2:23, 13:48; Romans 8:29-30, 9:15-18; Ephesians 1:3-14; 1 Peter 1:2-5) the verses are meant to give us confidence in God's plans (Isaiah 46:9-10) and produce appreciation for God, faithfulness (even when we suffer and do not understand why), and purity in our lifestyle (1 Peter 1:13-25).
- F. We will explore this subject in greater depth in Romans 9 (week of March 8), but it is worth asking: Do you believe God has predestined and/or pre-determined all things?

Growth Group Guide

Gospel Gladiators: Adoption
Week #8 • Romans 8:12-30

Ice Breaker

What is the favorite toy you owned as a kid? What is your favorite “toy” now?

In-Depth

- Read Romans 8:12-30
- Discuss what you learned from this week’s sermon

1. Adopted Children of God

- A. Read Romans 8:12-16; 2 Corinthians 6:18; Galatians 4:4-6; Ephesians 1:3-5. Think of examples of adoption in the Bible or real life. What is the significance of adoption to the child? To the parents? How do these apply to God’s adoption of us?
- B. Read Mark 14:36. What does “Abba” signify in our relationship with God?
- C. Read Romans 8:16. What does the Spirit have to do with our adoption?

2. Heirs of God

- A. Read Romans 8:17-18; Matthew 25:34; Ephesians 1:13-14. "If children, then heirs..." What do God's children inherit? What is its worth?
- B. Read Romans 8:19-26. There are 3 "groans" in these verses. Why is each of the three groaning?
- C. Read Romans 8:24-25; 1 Corinthians 15:19; Colossians 1:5, 1:27; Titus 2:13. What is our hope? Why does it require patience?

3. Eternal Security

- A. Read Romans 8:28. ALL things work together for good? Even suffering? Even evil? How is this possible?
- B. Read Romans 8:29-30. What do these verses say about whether someone who is saved can lose their salvation? Does the power rest in our hands or God's?

Making It Relevant

- 1. When does your relationship with God lead you to cry "Daddy"? "Father"? "Lord"?
- 2. What are examples in your life where God took things that looked bad and worked them together for good?
- 3. If we have eternal security, how do we explain those who proclaim Christ for a time and then walk away? How do we know it can't happen to us?