

# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

**Sunday, March 22**

9:30AM At Home Worship & Celebration

**No activities  
or events  
allowed at  
church at  
this time,  
as per city  
and state  
restrictions.**

## 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

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 7:00PM

Crafty Women

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month @ 10:00AM

## MEN'S MINISTRIES

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

Contact: mensministry@lbac.org

**Sunday, March 29**

9:30AM At Home Worship & Celebration



**THE  
ALLIANCE**

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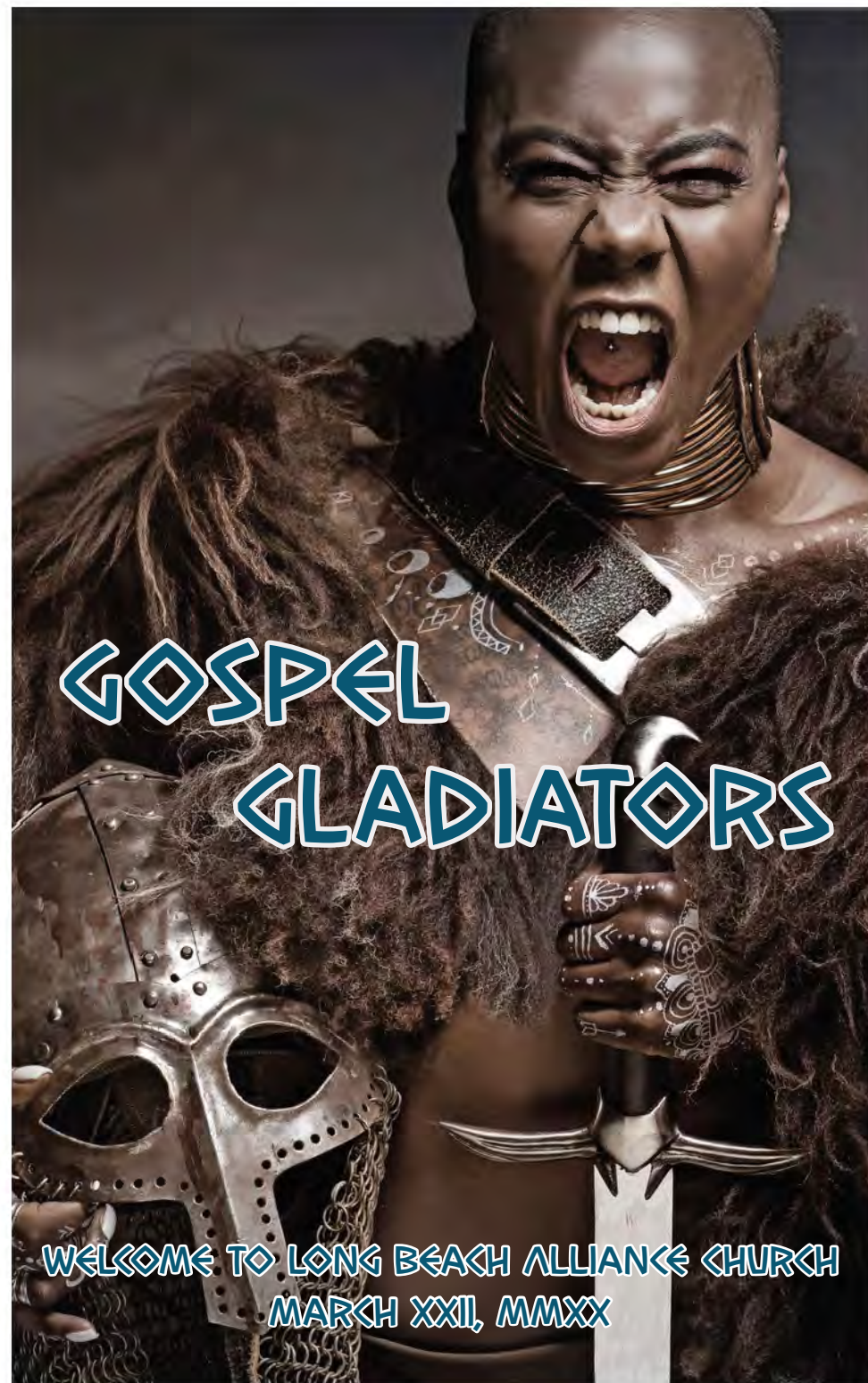
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Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts



**WELCOME TO LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH  
MARCH XXII, MMXX**

**NEED  
HELP?**

Please contact the office and let us know if there is anything we can do to help you. We are a family here at Long Beach Alliance and we want to make sure everyone gets the help they need during this uncertain & often-changing time.

office@lbac.org ♥ 562.420.1478

**YOU CAN  
HELP TOO!**

**HELLO  
NEIGHBOR!**

Are you self-isolating?  
Let's connect!

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

I live nearby at \_\_\_\_\_

My number to call or text: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19, I can help with:

- ☐ Picking up groceries    ☐ Urgent errands/supplies  
☐ Daily check-in calls    ☐ Mail/Package pick-up

I will take every precaution to ensure your well-being. I will stay 6 feet away from you and leave items on your doorstep. You are not alone!

SAVE THE DATE



**American  
Red Cross**

*Blood Drive*

**Sunday, June 7 in the GYM**

**2020**

**FAMILY  
CAMP**

11 RV/Camping Spaces, 120 people, \$15/person

**Sign ups are limited!**

Contact Meghan Brearley to sign up today!

Questions? Contact Meghan Brearley 562.708.9261

## LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$12,715.40	\$3,441.88	27.1%
Month-to-Date:	\$38,146.20	\$23,513.76	61.6%
Year-to-Date:	\$368,746.60	\$352,180.63	95.5%
Disbursed YTD:	\$343,177.00	GF Balance: \$9,003.63	

# STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

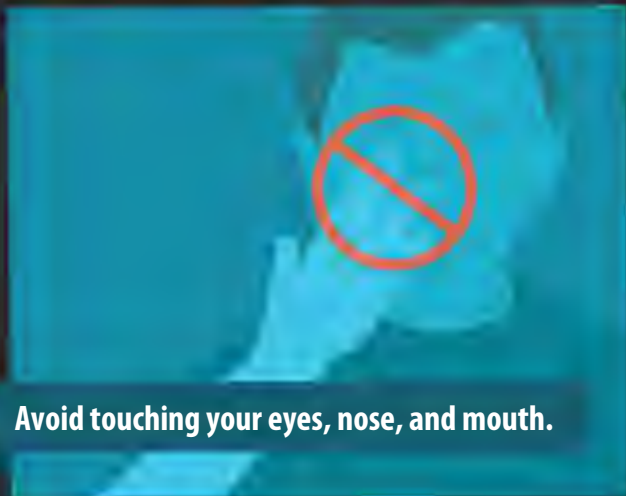
Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)



# What you need to know about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

## What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

## Can people in the U.S. get COVID-19?

Yes. COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in parts of the United States. Risk of infection with COVID-19 is higher for people who are close contacts of someone known to have COVID-19, for example healthcare workers, or household members. Other people at higher risk for infection are those who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19. Learn more about places with ongoing spread at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html#geographic>.

## Have there been cases of COVID-19 in the U.S.?

Yes. The first case of COVID-19 in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020. The current count of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is available on CDC's webpage at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>.

## How does COVID-19 spread?

The virus that causes COVID-19 probably emerged from an animal source, but is now spreading from person to person. The virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It also may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. Learn what is known about the spread of newly emerged coronaviruses at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>.

## What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

## What are severe complications from this virus?

Some patients have pneumonia in both lungs, multi-organ failure and in some cases death.

## How can I help protect myself?

People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with everyday preventive actions.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

## If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

## What should I do if I recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19?

If you have traveled from an affected area, there may be restrictions on your movements for up to 2 weeks. If you develop symptoms during that period (fever, cough, trouble breathing), seek medical advice. Call the office of your health care provider before you go, and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don't go out and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others.

## Is there a vaccine?

There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to take everyday preventive actions, like avoiding close contact with people who are sick and washing your hands often.

## Is there a treatment?

There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19. People with COVID-19 can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms.



For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)



# GOSPEL GLADIATORS

## "UNLEASHING GOOD NEWS"

LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH • MARCH XXII, MMXX • ROMANS X:XII-XXI • PASTOR CHRIS LANKFORD

### I) THE BEAUTY OF GOOD NEWS DISPLAYED!

- A. Sometimes, God's gracious offer of salvation can be explained in such simplistic terms, it almost seems to cheapen the wonder of God's grace. Romans 10:13 is a good example of this, if the phrase (an Old Testament quote from Joel 2:32) is plucked from its broader context.
- B. Sensitive to the potential of diminishing the riches of salvation extended by the power of Christ's sacrifice for sin, Paul expands on the meaning of 'calling on the Lord's name' with four dramatic questions which are answered with an interesting Old Testament quote (10:14-15).
- C. The intent of these four rhetorical questions shouldn't be missed. Simply, it is no small thing for a person to respond to the Gospel!
- In order for a person to be saved, they must respond in faith and believe the Gospel message (Romans 10:14).
  - In order for a person to believe the Gospel message, they must hear the truth of the Gospel (10:14).
  - In order to hear the truth of the Gospel, there has to be someone proclaiming the truth of the Gospel (10:14).
  - In order for someone to proclaim the truth of the Gospel, they must be sent from the saved to proclaim to the not-yet-saved (10:15).
- D. In a quick glance, Romans 10:13 appears to contain all we might want of the Gospel without the helplessness of slavery to sin and death, the brutality and punishment of the cross, the defiled innocence and suffering sacrifice of Jesus, or the strict demands of obedience and faithful discipleship - even to the point of death.
- E. But of course, Paul does not intend for us to just glance. Like deep and solid footings which form a strong foundation for a building, God sent His Anointed One, the Son of God, to proclaim the message of Gospel truth to those who will hear, calling for responses of faith; "how beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news" (Romans 10:15, quoting Isaiah 52:7). When we are proclaimers of God's Gospel of grace, we are also most like Jesus the Christ! How beautiful, indeed!



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## II) NOT EVERYONE WILL HEAR AND BELIEVE THE GOSPEL

- A. Why is it so important to appreciate the complexities and wonder of the Gospel displayed? Because, not everyone heard & believed Jesus (Romans 10:16, Isaiah 53:1), which should tell us (most compassionately) that not everyone will listen & believe you.
- B. Heartbreaking? Absolutely. Disillusioning? Never. This is how it works, it is the way God has designed. Faith comes from hearing and believing in Jesus (Romans 10:17). There is beauty and wonder in a hopeless sinner becoming a life-saving proclaimer of hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ!
- C. Paul is essentially saying, 'don't be focused on those who do not respond. Be focused on those who do respond, and teach them to become proclaimers of Gospel truth. And if you ever do fear the responses of others or get distracted by the lack of response from others, take a good look in the spiritual mirror. That person staring back at you listened. You heard and believed. God did a million things to bring you into His family. Isn't He beautiful? Be like the One who loved you most; go and proclaim and He will do beautiful things.

## III) BUT GOD'S PROMISES WILL BE FULFILLED, EVEN TO THE JEWISH NATION

- A. Part of Paul's point in quoting from the Old Testament (seven quotes in Romans 10:13-21) is to point out that God has been working very, very, very hard for many, many, many years to reach people with the Gospel. So much so, that no one is without excuse for not hearing (Romans 10:18). This is especially true for the Jewish nation of Israel, who now return to being the focus of the remaining verses of this chapter (10:18-21).
- B. God is like a good human father, and His heart breaks over the truth that Israel, His chosen nation, has heard the Gospel, but will not listen and believe (10:18). In fact, part of the reason that the Gospel has gone to the Gentiles (10:19-20) is to stir Israel's jealousies and produce ears that would hear and a heart that would believe in Christ the Messiah.
- C. While the plan for Israel is yet to come (more on that in Romans 11), there is beauty in God working and seeking whom He loves, despite sins of disobedience and lack of submission to Christ (Romans 10:21, cf. 5:8). The beauty of those who respond is not the focus here. Rather, the focus is on the faithfulness of God's loving efforts to save people. This is true beauty! Despite rejection, God still continues to love and pursue all men with the Gospel!

# Growth Group Guide

*Gospel Gladiators: The Message*

*Week #12 • Romans 10:14-21*

## Ice Breaker

What is something you've seen in the last few weeks that you've never seen before?

## In-Depth

- Read Romans 10:14-21
- Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon

### 1. The Message and the Messenger

- Read Romans 10:13-17. For each piece of this chain, explain who is involved and what is their responsibility:  
Sender ➤ Preacher ➤ Hearer ➤ Believer ➤ Caller ➤ **Saved**
- Read 2 Corinthians 5:20; Romans 1:16; Matthew 28:19-20. What is the message? List some things that make the message good news.
- Read Romans 10:16; John 3:19-20; Mark 7:8-9; Ephesians 4:17-19. Why do people sometimes "shoot the messenger"?

### 2. Israel Rejected the Message

Let's look at the chain of salvation again, as it related to Israel:  
Sender ➤ Preacher ➤ Hearer ➤ Believer ➤ Caller ➤ **Saved**

A. Who was sent to Israel with the message? Who did the sending? (Luke 4:18-19, 13:34; Romans 1:16)

B. Read Romans 10:18; Matthew 13:13-15; Hebrews 4:2. Did Israel hear the message?

C. Read Romans 10:19-20. Did Israel believe? Did they call to Jesus as Lord?

### **3. Who Calls Whom?**

A. Read Romans 10:21; Isaiah 55:1-3; Matthew 11:27-28; 1 Peter 2:9. Only a remnant of Israel came when he called. The same is true with the gospel today. Why do some hear and believe while others don't?

## *Making It Relevant*

1. What responsibilities do we have in worldwide missions?

2. We all know evangelism is important. What are some things that keep us from being “all in”?

3. How can we tell whether someone is rejecting the messenger or the message? How can we keep from becoming discouraged?

4. Should we give up on someone who is hostile to the message?