



# Days of Elijah

*Welcome To Long Beach Alliance Church*

*Sunday, June 28, 2020*

# REOPENING LBAC

Our leadership at LBAC is requesting your gracious and willing compliance with Health Orders from our [City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services](#) and the [County of Los Angeles Public Health Department](#) for 'Houses of Worship' ([Appendix F](#)) which specifies:

- Limit attendance to 25% of building capacity (not to exceed 100 people). For LBAC, this results in a capacity of 90 people (360=building capacity).
- Observe 6-feet of social distancing whenever possible while at LBAC.
- Wear face coverings in entry lines and while inside buildings at all times.
- Pre-registration to secure contact information in case of any outbreak and to assign seating which respects social distancing protocols.
- Request guests park in every-other space to discourage gatherings and create space for social distancing when arriving and departing.
- Virtual access provided for those who cannot attend in person services.
- Guests are screened at entry for respiratory symptoms and fever.
- Signage detailing protocols provided for clear communication.
- Disinfect facility regularly, and more often in high touch/traffic areas.
- Provide digital or touch free collection boxes for contributions
- Singing is only allowed when guests maintain social distancing and when preferably wearing face coverings inside church facilities.
- Hand sanitizer stations, tissues, and touchless trash receptacles are provided at or near the entrance and in restrooms within our facility.
- If possible, provide all handouts in an electronic format to reduce surfaces.

Go to the link below beginning at 5:00PM each Sunday  
to register for the following week's service.

[www.lbac.org/registration](http://www.lbac.org/registration)

Contact the office, [office@lbac.org](mailto:office@lbac.org), if you need assistance.

## LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$12,715.40	\$7,190.27	56.5%
Month-to-Date:	\$50,861.60	\$41,179.90	81.0%
Year-to-Date:	\$559,477.60	\$544,511.80	97.3%
Disbursed YTD:	\$449,002.00	GF Balance: \$95,509.80	

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## *From Triumph To Tragedy*

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### 1) *The Beginning of the End*

**(1 Samuel 12; 1 Kings 9:3-9, 10:26-11:3)**

### 2) *Game of Thrones: North vs. South*

**(1 Kings 12:1-24) - The Kingdom Destroyed - A House Divided!**

- ***The Kings of the South (Kingdom of Judah)***



Rehoboam (930-913 BCE) - 1 Kings 14:21-31



Abijam/Abijah (913-911 BCE) - 1 Kings 15:1-8



Asa (911-869 BCE) - 1 Kings 15:9-24

- ***The Kings of the North (Kingdom of Israel)***



Jeroboam (930-910 BCE) - 1 Kings 12:25-14:20



Nadab (910-908 BCE) - 1 Kings 15:25-26



Baasha (908-885 BCE) - 1 Kings 15:27-16:7



Elah (885-884 BCE) - 1 Kings 16:8-10 & 14



Zimri (884-884 BCE) - 1 Kings 16:10-13, 15-20



Tibni (884-880 BCE) - 1 Kings 16:21-22



Omri (884-874 BCE) - 1 Kings 16:16-17, 21-28



Ahab (874-853 BCE) - 1 Kings 16:29-33 (34)

3) *A Bolt of Lightning on a Clear Night*  
(1 Kings 17:1-6)

**El-i-jah**

"El" is short for  
"Elohim" the  
normal Hebrew  
word for "God"

The "i" is  
a connecting vowel  
meaning "my"

"jah" is short for "Yahweh,"  
the Hebrew personal  
name for "God" which  
emphasized God's  
covenant promises to Israel

possessive

**My-God-is-Yahweh**  
**My-God Yahweh-of-Israel is-Alive!**

- A. After 10 faithless, idolatrous, and terrible kings in both Israel (to the North) and Judah (to the South), Elijah's sudden appearance and in-your-face confrontation of King Ahab drips with complete confidence in a living God who sees and knows everything King Ahab has been doing to wipe out the memory of God in Israel. Elijah has just put Ahab on alert, God is alive and He is coming for your so-called gods (1 Kings 17:1)!



- B. King Ahab and his wife, Queen Jezebel (note 1 Kings 16:31-33) are faithful to the foreign gods Ba'al (male god of rain/storm god) and Asherah (mother of Ba'al, goddess of good fortune/happiness). Their marriage is a political alliance, but also revealed Ahab & Jezebel's worship of fertility (Ba'al) & happiness (Asherah) and their attempted eradication of all worship in the entire country of Israel of true worship of Yahweh God.**
- C. God sends Elijah to declare to King Ahab there will be no dew or rain in Israel, "these years" and "until I say so..." Why rain? Why not just kill off King Ahab and his crazy wife Queen Jezebel (more on her coming in future weeks)? Why doesn't God just do the most obvious thing, and eliminate the enemy altogether? As we see God at work in Elijah and the lost and hopeless people of Israel through this story, we will receive our answer!**
- D. Elijah is like Moses going in to declare plagues on Egypt's gods to Pharaoh prior to the Exodus of God's people from slavery to freedom. So also here we observe Elijah declare a devastating plague to King Ahab against the gods of Ahab & Jezebel, "You worship the storm god, Ba'al and his mother, the goddess Asherah for your happiness and good fortune? Well King Ahab, observe what God will do! There will be no rain. None. No rain, no dew, no moisture. Your gods are dead. There will be no good fortune, and there will be no more storms. Yahweh is alive as sure as I stand and declare this to you today!" Then, as quickly as Elijah appeared, he disappears. He just walks out on the King and the kingdom, and for the next few years – no one can find the prophet Elijah (1 Kings 17:2-3). Where did that guy go with our water?!**

***This Page Is For Notes About All The Clever Things Pastor Chris Says...***  
***(HEY! WHY IS YOUR PAGE BLANK?!)***

***Seriously? Another Blank Page? Is He Really Not That Interesting?***  
***(WELL COME ON! DOODLE OR SOMETHING...)***

# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

## Sunday, June 28

- 9:30AM **Livestream** Worship & Celebration  
9:30AM Worship & Celebration @ LBAC

## Monday, June 29

- 7:00PM Pure Desire **Zoom** Meeting  
7:00PM Survivors of Incest **Zoom** Meeting

## Tuesday, June 30

- 7:00PM Youth Group Live (JH & HS)

## Thursday, July 2

- 7:00PM Youth Group Live (JH & HS)

## Friday, July 3

- 8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous **Zoom** Mtg.

## Saturday, July 4

- ☀️☀️☀️ Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July

## Sunday, July 5

- 9:30AM **Livestream** Worship & Celebration  
9:30AM Worship & Celebration @ LBAC

**Activities or  
events inside  
church facilities  
must follow  
protocols per  
city and state  
guidelines**

## 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

Contact: mcoliver789@msn.com

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

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