

A desert landscape featuring rolling sand dunes under a bright sun in a clear sky. The dunes are illuminated with warm, golden light, and the foreground shows sparse desert vegetation.

# Days of Elijah

*Welcome To Long Beach Alliance Church  
Sunday, September 20, 2020*

# FOUNDATIONS CLASSES

## PROVERBS: GOD'S WISDOM FOR A SUCCESSFUL LIFE

*You've read the book, but have you ever really studied it?  
Join us on Zoom as we explore what Proverbs is all about,  
gaining wisdom on leading a life that blesses others, you and God.*

Led by Luke Schaub » 11:30AM Sundays

Click [here](#) to connect to Meeting ID 873 0007 7201. Password: Proverbs

Can't Zoom? You can participate by phone by calling (669) 900-6833

You will be asked to enter the Meeting ID: 873 0007 7201# & Passcode: 4554 6950#

## LEARNING TO LIVE FAITHFULLY IN DIFFICULT TIMES

*This class is designed to help us deepen our faith learning skills  
that will help us walk with each other during difficult times.*

Led by Kou-John Yang » 1PM Sundays

Click [here](#) to connect to

Meeting ID 926 6128 4532. Password: 123

## WHY ON EARTH ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?

*Explore the elements that formed the early church, which enabled  
them to navigate extremely difficult circumstances. We will learn  
from the ancient church and how our faith can flourish today.*

Led by Pastor Scott » 4PM Sundays, Heartwell Pk, b/t McNab & Snowden

To sign up for this class send an email to: [scott@lbac.org](mailto:scott@lbac.org)

## THE MARRIAGE COURSE

*This class is designed to strengthen your marriage  
using videos with prompted conversations, and a  
workbook to facilitate discussions between you and your spouse.*

This is a class with online videos provided by the church  
To register for this self-facilitated class go to: [www.lbac.org/tmc](http://www.lbac.org/tmc)

## GOSPEL PROJECT: CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

*We will be offering a short Gospel Project lesson and discussion, with  
some worksheets and crafts for the kids. Materials are age-specific,  
preschool through 5th grade. Meetings will be about 30-45 minutes.*

Led by Meghan Brearley » 11:30AM Sundays

Click [here](#) to connect to Meeting ID 827 0107 5881. Password: 970031



# Growth Group

*Need a group?*

*Click [here](#) to fill out the form  
or contact [office@lbac.org](mailto:office@lbac.org) for more info*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, October 4, 5PM**

More details to come...

# ANNUAL MEETING

*Still thinking  
about being  
Baptized?*

If you are ready or want to better understand  
what it means to be baptized,  
contact [office@lbac.org](mailto:office@lbac.org)  
to sign up or for more information.

# **Worship Songs ~ Sunday, September 20, 2020**

## **Dwell**

### **Verse 1**

Though a thousand may fall at  
my side  
Though the enemy war  
against me  
I will not fear the terror by night  
I will hide in the shadow  
of your wings

### **Chorus**

I will dwell in the shelter of the  
Most High God  
I will rest in the beauty  
of your presence  
Your faithfulness is a shield and  
my great reward  
I will not be afraid,  
I will trust in the Lord

### **Verse 2**

You have set me securely  
on high  
You delivered me  
out of darkness  
And when evil surrounds my life  
You commanded your angels  
to guard me

### **Chorus**

I will dwell in the shelter of the  
Most High God  
I will rest in the beauty  
of your presence  
Your faithfulness is a shield and  
my great reward  
I will not be afraid,  
I will trust in the Lord

### **Bridge**

No weapon formed against me  
will prosper  
No weapon formed against me  
will prosper

No weapon formed against me  
will prosper  
Says the Lord

### **Chorus**

I will dwell in the shelter of the  
Most High God  
I will rest in the beauty  
of your presence  
Your faithfulness is a shield and  
my great reward  
I will not be afraid,  
I will trust in the Lord

## **Raise a Hallelujah**

### **Verse 1**

I raise a hallelujah,  
in the presence of my enemies  
I raise a hallelujah,  
louder than the unbelief  
I raise a hallelujah,  
my weapon is a melody  
I raise a hallelujah,  
heaven comes to fight for me

### **Chorus**

I'm gonna sing,  
in the middle of the storm  
Louder and louder, you're gonna  
hear my praises roar  
Up from the ashes,  
hope will arise  
Death is defeated,  
the King is alive!

### **Verse 2**

I raise a hallelujah,  
with everything inside of me  
I raise a hallelujah,  
I will watch the darkness flee  
I raise a hallelujah,  
in the middle of the mystery  
I raise a hallelujah,  
fear you lost your hold on me!

## **(Raise a Hallelujah cont.)**

### **Chorus**

I'm gonna sing,  
in the middle of the storm  
Louder and louder, you're gonna  
hear my praises roar  
Up from the ashes,  
hope will arise  
Death is defeated,  
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### **Bridge**

Sing a little louder  
(In the presence of my enemies)  
Sing a little louder  
(Louder than the unbelief)  
Sing a little louder  
(My weapon is a melody)  
Sing a little louder  
(Heaven comes to fight for me)

Sing a little louder  
(In the presence of my enemies)  
Sing a little louder  
(Louder than the unbelief)  
Sing a little louder  
(My weapon is a melody)  
Sing a little louder  
(Heaven comes to fight for me)  
Sing a little louder!

### **Chorus**

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## **Confession**

Lord, we are sinful followers  
of a holy and perfect God. We  
confess that too often we try to  
hide from You, and we live for  
ourselves, instead of living for  
You.

Though our sins separate us  
from You, Your word tells us  
that You will be merciful toward  
our offenses, and that You will  
remember our sins no more.

Thank you, Jesus for Your  
limitless grace towards us. Amen

## **Simple Pursuit**

### **Verse 1**

God take us back,  
the place we began  
The simple pursuit  
of nothing but you  
The innocence of a heart  
in your hands  
God take us back, oh God,  
take us back

### **Pre-chorus**

To an unswerving faith  
in the power of your name  
A heart beating  
for your kingdom to reign  
A church that is known  
for your presence again  
God take us back

### **Chorus**

Nothing and no one comes close  
to you  
Nothing could ever come close  
Nothing and no one, it's you,  
and you only  
Nothing could ever come close

## **(Simple Pursuit cont.)**

### **Verse 2**

Keep our hearts real,  
keep your grace close  
You're bringing us back  
You're bringing us home

### **Pre-chorus**

To an unswerving faith  
in the power of your name  
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### **Chorus, 3x**

## **Speak O Lord**

Speak, O Lord, and  
renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights  
of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged  
from the dawn of time  
That will echo down  
through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand  
on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk  
as You walk with us  
Speak, O Lord,  
till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled  
with Your glory.

## **Days of Elijah**

### **Verse 1**

These are the days of Elijah,  
Declaring the word of the Lord  
And these are the days of Your  
servant Moses,  
Righteousness being restored.  
And though these are days of  
great trials,  
Of famine and darkness and  
sword,  
Still, we are the voice in the  
desert crying  
"Prepare ye the way of the  
Lord!"

### **Chorus**

Behold He comes, riding on the  
clouds  
Shining like the sun, at the  
trumpet call  
Lift your voice, it's the year of  
jubilee  
Out of Zion's hill, salvation  
comes

## **(Days of Elijah cont.)**

### **Verse 2**

These are the days of Ezekiel,  
The dry bones becoming as  
flesh,  
And these are the days of Your  
servant David,  
Rebuilding a temple of praise.  
These are the days of the  
harvest,  
The fields are as white in Your  
world,  
And we are the laborers in Your  
vineyard,  
Declaring the word of the Lord!

### **Chorus, 2x**

Behold He comes, riding on the  
clouds  
Shining like the sun, at the  
trumpet call  
Lift your voice, it's the year of  
jubilee  
Out of Zion's hill, salvation  
comes

### **Bridge, 3x**

There's no God like Jehovah  
There's no God like Jehovah  
There's no God like Jehovah  
There's no God like Jehovah

### **Chorus**

Behold He comes, riding on the  
clouds  
Shining like the sun, at the  
trumpet call  
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# Days of Elijah

## *The Problem with Coveting*

Long Beach Alliance Church • September 20, 2020 • Pastor Jesse Duckett

### *1) Obey the King of Israel or the King of Kings*

(1 Kings 21:1-3; Leviticus 25:23; Jeremiah 17:5; Isaiah 2:22; Acts 5:29; Galatians 1:10)

### *2) Covetousness -> Discontentment -> Whatever it Takes*

(1 Kings 21:2-16; Exodus 20:17; Joshua 7:21; Luke 12:15; James 1:5, 4:2)

### *3) We Are All King Ahab (or Jezebel)...When Left Unchecked*

(1 Kings 21:17-29; Psalm 51: 5; Jeremiah 17:9; Ezekiel 33:31; 1 John 1:8-10)



## Verses Sheet

(PLEASE READ ALONG IN YOUR OWN BIBLES EACH SUNDAY, IT IS GOOD PRACTICE FOR READING THE BIBLE ON YOUR OWN DURING THE REST OF THE WEEK MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY!)

### 1 Kings 21:1-3

21 Now Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, beside the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. 2 And after this Ahab said to Naboth, "Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house, and I will give you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money." 3 But Naboth said to Ahab, "The Lord forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers."

### Leviticus 25:23

23 "The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine. For you are strangers and sojourners with me.

### Jeremiah 17:5

5 Thus says the Lord:  
"Cursed is the man who trusts in man  
and makes flesh his strength,[a]  
whose heart turns away from the Lord.

### Isaiah 2:22

22 Stop regarding man  
in whose nostrils is breath,  
for of what account is he?

### Acts 5:29

29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men.

### Galatians 1:10

10 For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant[a] of Christ.

## 1 Kings 21:1-16

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### **Exodus 20:17**

17 “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

### **Joshua 7:21**

21 when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels,[a] then I coveted them and took them. And see, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath.”

### **Luke 12:15**

15 And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

### **James 1:5**

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

### **James 4:2**

2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask.

### **1 Kings 21:17-29**

17 Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 18 “Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who is in Samaria; behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to take possession. 19 And you shall say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord, “Have you killed and also taken possession?”’ And you shall say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord: “In the place where dogs licked up the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick your own blood.”’” 20 Ahab said to Elijah, “Have you found me, O my enemy?” He answered, “I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of the Lord. 21 Behold, I will bring disaster upon you. I will utterly burn you up, and will cut off from Ahab every male, bond or free, in Israel. 22 And I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the anger to which you have provoked me, and because you have made Israel to sin. 23 And of Jezebel the Lord also said, ‘The dogs shall eat Jezebel within the walls of Jezreel.’ 24 Anyone belonging to Ahab who dies in the city the dogs shall eat, and anyone of his who dies in the open country the birds of the heavens shall eat.”

## **1 Kings 21:25-29**

25 There was none who sold himself to do what was evil in the sight of the Lord like Ahab, whom Jezebel his wife incited. 26 He acted very abominably in going after idols, as the Amorites had done, whom the Lord cast out before the people of Israel. 27 And when Ahab heard those words, he tore his clothes and put sackcloth on his flesh and fasted and lay in sackcloth and went about dejectedly. 28 And the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 29 “Have you seen how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has humbled himself before me, I will not bring the disaster in his days; but in his son’s days I will bring the disaster upon his house.”

## **Psalms 51: 5**

5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

## **Jeremiah 17:9**

9 The heart is deceitful above all things,  
and desperately sick;  
who can understand it?

## **Ezekiel 33:31**

31 And they come to you as people come, and they sit before you as my people, and they hear what you say but they will not do it; for with lustful talk in their mouths they act; their heart is set on their gain.

## **1 John 1:8-10**

8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**Some Extra Space For Sermon Notes!**  
*Because Pastor Jesse has cool stuff to say too.*

# GROWTH GROUP GUIDE

## DAYS OF ELIJAH: GREED & INJUSTICE

WEEK #2 • 1 KINGS 21

### ICE BREAKER

When you were a kid, was there a toy you really wanted more than anything? If you never got it, how did you react? If you got it, was it everything you dreamed it would be?

### IN-DEPTH

- Read [1 Kings 21](#)
- Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon

### 1. Naboth's Vineyard

- 1 Kings 21:1-3. Read [Leviticus 25:23-24](#); [Numbers 36:7](#); [Isaiah 5:8-10](#). Was Ahab's offer for the vineyard a fair price? Why did Naboth refuse his king?
- 1 Kings 21:4-16. Read [Deuteronomy 19:15](#); [Exodus 22:28](#). What scheme does Jezebel concoct to satisfy her husband's greed?
- 1 Kings 21:17-26. Read [1 Kings 14:10-11, 16:4](#). Why does God judge Ahab for Jezebel's scheme? What is his sentence?
- 1 Kings 21:27-29. Read [2 Chronicles 7:14](#); [Proverbs 28:13](#). What is God's reaction to Ahab's surprising repentance?



## 2. Greed

- A. Gordon Gekko, in the movie Wall Street, said “Greed is good.” What does American culture think of greed? Why?
- B. Read [Psalm 10:3](#); [Ecclesiastes 5:10](#); [Proverbs 1:19](#); [1 John 2:16](#). What does God think of greed? Why?

## 3. Injustice

- A. Read [Exodus 23:1-3](#); [Ecclesiastes 5:8](#); [Psalm 82:2](#); [Luke 3:14](#); [James 5:4](#). Naboth was a victim of injustice. When is injustice likely to occur and who are its sources and victims?
- B. Read [Micah 6:8](#); [Proverbs 31:8-9](#). What does God expect of us?

## MAKING IT RELEVANT

1. Is all desire for material things greed? What distinguishes a desire for nice things from greed?
2. Where do you see injustice today? What can you do about it?
3. [Proverbs 31:8-9](#). There are cries today from across the political spectrum for our Government to act justly. What can you do as a Christian to “open your mouth” for its victims?

***Some Extra Space For Growth Group Notes!***

# Hume Lake

## MEN'S RETREAT

“ESCAPE WITH PURPOSE”

October 22-25, 2020

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Contact Mike Comstock  
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## LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$12,803.78	\$7,779.50	60.8%
Month-to-Date:	\$25,607.56	\$20,870.77	81.5%
Year-to-Date:	\$25,607.56	\$20,870.77	81.5%
Disbursed YTD:	\$27,381.00	GF Balance: \$34,184.38*	

\*Denotes General Fund (GF) balance after subtracting \$47,232.00 of Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) Small Business Loan funds. LBAC's application has been submitted for the promised complete loan forgiveness and is expected soon. Until then, we will report the GF balance with PPP funds subtracted.

# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

## Sunday, September 20

- 8:00AM Red Cross Blood Drive
- 9:30AM Parking Lot & Livestream  
Worship & Celebration!
- 11:30AM Gospel Project: Children's  
Ministry
- 11:30AM Proverbs Foundations Class
- 1:00PM Live Faithfully Foundations  
Class
- 4:00PM Why Are You A Christian  
Foundations Class

## Monday, September 21

- 7:00PM Pure Desire Zoom Meeting
- 7:00PM SIA In-Person & Zoom Mtg

## Tuesday, September 22

- 7:00PM Elder Board Meeting
- 7:00PM Youth Group In-Person (HS)

## Wednesday, September 23

- 4:00PM Kids' Zoom Meeting

## Thursday, September 24

- 7:00PM Youth Group In-Person (JH)

## Friday, September 25

- 8:00PM NA Courtyard & Zoom Mtg.

## Sunday, September 27

- 9:30AM Parking Lot & Livestream  
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## MISSIONS

[Link to LBAC Missions!](#)

## GROWTH GROUPS

[Link to LBAC Growth Groups!](#)

Mid-week Adult Bible Studies

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

[Link to LBAC Children's Ministries!](#)

Sunday Mornings:

Gospel Project @ 9:30AM

Fun-N-Funky @ 11:15AM

## AWANA

[Link to LBAC AWANA](#)

Wednesday Nights September through May

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

[Link to LBAC Youth Ministries!](#)

[Click Here For Youth Group Live Stream Events](#)

Every Tuesday & Thursday Night @ 7:00PM

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

[Link to LBAC Women's Ministry!](#)

Women's Ministry Event Information

Contact: [deya@charter.net](mailto:deya@charter.net)

Lydia House Meals Ministry

Contact: [mcoliver789@msn.com](mailto:mcoliver789@msn.com)

[Women Connecting with Missions](#)

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

[Crafty Women](#)

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

## MEN'S MINISTRIES

[Link to LBAC Men's Ministry!](#)

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