



# Days of Elijah

*Welcome To Long Beach Alliance Church*  
*Sunday, October 18, 2020*

# FOUNDATIONS CLASSES

COMING NOVEMBER 1

## ENGAGING THE ADVENTURE

**Each week we will learn exciting methods for reading and understanding the broad variety of literature contained in the Bible. We will examine resources available for Bible study, as we engage the great adventure of reading the Word of God!**

Led by Pastor Chris » 11:30AM Sundays

This will be a Zoom Class (details to follow)

## 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

## WHY ON EARTH ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?

**Continue to explore the elements that formed the early church, enabling them to navigate 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)

## NOTICE

Because of the lack of calls we receive on a weekly basis, we have decided to cancel our phone service. Feel free to call our Staff members' cell phones (see the back of the Worship Guide) if you need to get in touch with them.



## Hume Lake MEN'S RETREAT 2021

**TO RESERVE YOUR 2021 SPOT,  
GET YOUR \$100 DEPOSIT IN BY OCTOBER 20, 2020!**  
(especially if you want a Deluxe or Standard room)

For questions contact Mike Comstock  
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# Worship Songs ~ Sunday, October 18, 2020

## **Beautiful One**

Tim Hughes

### **V-1**

Wonderful, so wonderful  
Is Your unfailing love  
Your cross has spoken mercy  
over me  
No eye has seen, no ear has  
heard

No heart can fully know  
How glorious, how beautiful you  
are

### **Chorus**

Beautiful One I love  
Beautiful One I adore  
Beautiful One  
my soul must sing

### **V-2**

Powerful, so powerful  
Your glory fills the skies  
Your mighty works displayed  
For all to see  
The beauty of Your majesty  
Awakes my heart to sing  
How marvelous, how wonderful  
You are

### **Chorus**

Beautiful One I love  
Beautiful One I adore  
Beautiful One  
my soul must sing

### **Bridge**

And You opened my eyes  
To Your wonders anew  
You captured my heart with this  
love

Because nothing on earth  
Is as beautiful as You (2x)

## **(Beautiful One cont.)**

### **Chorus**

Beautiful One I love  
Beautiful One I adore  
Beautiful One  
my soul must sing

## **Forever Reign**

### **V-1**

You are good, You are good  
When there's nothing good in  
me

You are love, You are love  
On display for all to see  
You are light, You are light  
When the darkness closes in  
You are hope, you are hope  
You have covered all my sin

### **V-2**

You are peace, You are peace  
When my fear is crippling  
You are true, You are true  
Even in my wandering  
You are joy, You are joy  
You're the reason that I sing  
You are life, You are life  
In You death has lost its sting

### **Chorus**

Oh, I'm running to Your arms.  
I'm running to your arms  
The riches of Your love  
Will always be enough  
Nothing compares to Your  
embrace  
Light of the world forever reign

### **V-3**

You are more, You are more  
Than my words will ever say  
You are Lord, You are Lord  
All creation will proclaim  
You are here, You are here

## **Forever Reign (cont.)**

In Your presence I'm made whole  
You are God, You are God  
Of all else I'm letting go

### **Chorus**

Oh, I'm running to Your arms.  
I'm running to your arms  
The riches of Your love  
Will always be enough  
Nothing compares to Your embrace  
Light of the world forever reign

### **Bridge**

My heart will sing, no other name,  
Jesus, Jesus (4x)

### **Back to Chorus**

## **Confession October 18, 2020**

Father, we come before You  
confessing our sins:  
Our thoughts are not like Your thoughts

With our selfish desires and evil passions,

### **Confession (cont.)**

Unkind words and unjust acts.

Keep us Lord, from pride and arrogance,  
And from scornful judgment of others.

Keep us Lord, from worshipping  
The blessings that you have given us.

Keep us Lord, from trusting in anything  
Except your grace.

Lord, you know our struggles and temptations.  
Show us mercy, forgive and strengthen us for Your service.  
Amen

## **Fierce**

### **V-1**

Before I call, before I ever cry  
You answer me,  
From where the thunder hides  
I can't outrun, this heart I'm tethered to  
With every step,  
I collide with You

### **Chorus**

Like a tidal wave, crashing over me  
Rushing into meet me here  
Your love is fierce  
Like a hurricane, that I can't escape  
Tearing through the atmosphere  
Your love is fierce

### **V-2**

You cannot fail,  
The only thing I've found  
Is through it all You never let me down  
You don't hold back, relentless in pursuit  
At every turn  
I come face to face with You

### **Chorus**

Like a tidal wave, crashing over me  
Rushing into meet me here  
Your love is fierce  
Like a hurricane, that I can't escape  
Tearing through the atmosphere  
Your love is fierce

### **Bridge**

You chase me down, You seek me out  
How could I be lost  
When You have called me found  
(3x) **Back to Chorus**



## **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.

## **Christ is Mine Forevermore**

**Johnny Robinson / Rich Thompson**

### **V-1**

Mine are days that God has  
numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings  
But mine is hope in my  
Redeemer  
Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every  
failing  
I am His forevermore

### **V-2**

Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good  
But mine is peace that  
Flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of  
need  
I know my pain will not be  
wasted  
Christ completes His work in me

## **(Christ is Mine cont.)**

### **V-3**

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for His name  
But mine is armor for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore  
And mine are keys to Zion City  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its  
treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore

## **Bridge**

Come rejoice now O my soul  
For His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore **(3x)**

## **Tag**

And mine are keys to Zion City  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its  
treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore  
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# Days of Elijah

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## *1) The History of "God's House"*

*(Joshua 6:26; 1 Kings 12:28-29; 1 Kings 16:34; 2 Kings 2:23-25)*

## *2) The Evil & Unacceptable Mocking of a Bald Man*

*(2 Kings 2:23-25)*

## *3) Miracles Foreshadow the Future*

*(2 Kings 2:23-25; Leviticus 26:21-22; 2 Chronicles 36:16)*

## 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!)

### Joshua 6:26

<sup>26</sup> Joshua laid an oath on them at that time, saying, “Cursed before the LORD be the man who rises up and rebuilds this city, Jericho.

“At the cost of his firstborn shall he  
lay its foundation,  
and at the cost of his youngest son  
shall he set up its gates.”

### 1 Kings 12:28-29

<sup>28</sup> So the king took counsel and made two calves of gold. And he said to the people, “You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough. Behold your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.” <sup>29</sup> And he set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan.

### 1 Kings 16:34

<sup>34</sup> In his days Hiel of Bethel built Jericho. He laid its foundation at the cost of Abiram his firstborn, and set up its gates at the cost of his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which he spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.

### 2 Kings 2:23-25

<sup>23</sup> He went up from there to Bethel, and while he was going up on the way, some small boys came out of the city and jeered at him, saying, “Go up, you baldhead! Go up, you baldhead!” <sup>24</sup> And he turned around, and when he saw them, he cursed them in the name of the LORD. And two she-bears came out of the woods and tore forty-two of the boys. <sup>25</sup> From there he went on to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

## **Leviticus 26:21-22**

<sup>21</sup> “Then if you walk contrary to me and will not listen to me, I will continue striking you, sevenfold for your sins. <sup>22</sup> And I will let loose the wild beasts against you, which shall bereave you of your children and destroy your livestock and make you few in number, so that your roads shall be deserted.

## **2 Chronicles 36:16**

<sup>16</sup> But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD rose against his people, until there was no remedy.



# GROWTH GROUP GUIDE

## DAYS OF ELIJAH: IF GOD IS FOR US...

WEEK #6 • 2 KINGS 2:23-25

### ICE BREAKER

Is there something you think is probably true that many others would consider a conspiracy theory?  
In 60 seconds or less, why do you think it might be true?

### IN-DEPTH

- Read 2 Kings 2:23-25
- Discuss *what you learned from this week's sermon*

#### 1. Okaaay...what do we do with this one?

- A. What's going on here? Why are these young men after Elisha?
- B. Why does Elisha react as he does?
- C. Why does God react as He does?
- D. Read Numbers 12:1-16. Why does God react as he does?

## 2. If God Is For Us...

- A. Read [Proverbs 10:18](#), [16:28](#); [1 Timothy 5:13](#); [James 1:26](#). What motivates some to tear down and undermine others?
  
- B. Read [1 Peter 2:23](#); [Luke 6:27-29](#); [Romans 12:19](#). What should our response be to those who seek to do us harm?
  
- C. “If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31). What does this verse mean to you?
  
- D. There are many verses describing God as our defender, protector, shield, refuge, stronghold, etc. List a few that come to mind, and describe how they encourage you:

## MAKING IT RELEVANT

1. We seem to be in an age where tearing others down is sport. What factors contribute to this problem?
  
2. In what ways do Christians contribute to the problem? How can we instead be a positive influence?
  
3. Describe a time in your life when God was your defender.
  
4. What should we do if God seems to not be there when we need him?



DO YOU KNOW ANY JUNIOR HIGH  
OR HIGH SCHOOLERS?  
INVITE THEM TO THIS EVENT!  
QUESTIONS? [JESSE@LBAC.ORG](mailto:JESSE@LBAC.ORG)

# GREAT PUMPKIN HUNT

**FRIDAY  
OCT 30  
6-9PM**

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CONTEST**

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## LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$12,803.78	\$14,057.15	109.8%
Month-to-Date:	\$25,607.56	\$21,231.88	82.9%
Year-to-Date:	\$76,822.68	\$70,174.48	91.3%
<b>Disbursed YTD: \$60,107.00</b>		<b>GF Balance: \$50,762.09*</b>	

\*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

Weekly Schedule

## Sunday, October 18

- 9:30AM Parking Lot & Livestream  
Worship & Celebration!
- 11:30AM Gospel Project: Children's  
Ministry
- 11:30AM Proverbs Foundation Class
- 12:00PM Deaconess In-Person/Zoom Mtg
- 1:00PM Live Faithfully Foundation Class
- 4:00PM Why Are You A Christian  
Foundation Class

## Monday, October 19

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

## Tuesday, October 20

- 10:00AM Staff Team Meeting
- 7:00PM Youth Group In-Person (HS)

## Thursday, October 22

- 10/22-25 Hume Men's Retreat
- 7:00PM Youth Group In-Person (JH)

## Friday, October 23

- 8:00PM NA Courtyard & Zoom Mtg.

## Sunday, October 25

- 9:30AM Parking Lot & Livestream  
Worship & Celebration!  
**No Gospel Project- Sabbath**  
**No Foundations Classes-Sabbath**

## 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!](#)

Contact: [mensministry@lbac.org](mailto:mensministry@lbac.org)

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts



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