



Preparing in Promise

Welcome to Long Beach Alliance Church

Sunday, November 29, 2020

FOUNDATIONS CLASSES

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 » 4:00PM Sundays

ZOOM link [here](#) or connect to meeting ID:948 7133 0274 • Password: TheBible

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 » 9:30AM Sundays

ZOOM link [here](#) or 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, in Pastor Scott's backyard!

To sign up for this class send an email to: scott@lbac.org

GIVE CHRISTMAS TO A CHILD IN FOSTER CARE TOY DRIVE

SUPPORT THE TOY DRIVE BY BRINGING
IN BRAND NEW UNWRAPPED GIFTS FOR

BOYS and GIRLS

AGES 14-18 yrs. old

OR \$25 GIFT CARDS

All items MUST be turned in by

Sunday, November 29, 2020

Email office@lbac.org with questions

Ends TODAY!

FOSTERALL

Worship Songs ~ Sunday, November 29, 2020

Song of Hope

Verse 1

All things bright, and beautiful You are All things wise, and wonderful You are
In my darkest night,
You brighten up the skies
A song will rise

Chorus

I will sing a song of hope sing along
God of heaven come down,
Heaven come down
Just to know that You are near is enough God of heaven come down,
Heaven come down

Verse 2

All things new and I can start again Creator God, calling me Your friend
Sing praise my soul,
To the maker of the skies
A Song will rise...

Chorus 2

I will sing a song of hope sing along
God of heaven come down,
Heaven come down
Just to know that You are near is enough God of heaven come down,
Heaven come down
I will sing a song of hope sing along
God of heaven come down,
Heaven come down
Just to know You and be loved is enough God of heaven come down,
Heaven come down

Bridge

Hallelujah sing...
Hallelujah sing
Oh hallelujah sing (**To Chorus 2**)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Verse 1

O come, O come Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel

Verse 2

O come Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny From depths
of hell Thy people save, And give them victory o're the grave Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

Verse 3

O come Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
And drive away the shades of night,
And pierce the clouds and bring us light!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel V-4
O come Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heavenly home Make
safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel

***(Tag)**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel

He Shall Reign Forevermore

Verse 1

In the Bleak mid winter, all creation groans For the world in darkness frozen
like a stone Light is breaking, in a stable for a throne

Chorus

And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore And He shall reign forevermore,
forevermore Unto us a child is born
King of kings, Lord of lords
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore

Verse 2

If I were a wise man I would travel far
If I were a shepherd I would do my part,
But poor as I am, I will give to Him my heart

He Shall Reign Forevermore (Continued)

Chorus

And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore
 Unto us a child is born
 King of kings, Lord of lords
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore

Bridge

Here within a manger lies
The One who made the starry skies
 This baby born for sacrifice
 Christ, the Messiah
 Into our hopes and fears
The Savior of the world appears
 The promise of eternal years
 Christ the Messiah

Chorus

And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore
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 Forevermore, forevermore

Advent Prayer of Confession

Lord God,
We praise You for sending light into this world.
We confess that we live as though the light had never defeated darkness.
We confess that we ignore the Savior You sent
 to be among us and to live in us.
We've kept the birth of Your Son confined to the Christmas season
and do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts.
Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus.
Prepare us for His return.
Help us rejoice in the light,
so that Your grace can illuminate the darkened places of our hearts. Amen.

He Shall Reign (reprise)

Bridge

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Chorus

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Come Adore Him

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord
For He alone is worthy
For He alone is worthy
For He alone is worthy,
Christ the Lord
We'll give Him all the Glory
We'll give Him all the Glory
We'll give Him all the Glory,
Christ the Lord

Way Maker

Sinach / Leeland

Verse 1

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

Chorus

Way Maker, Miracle worker,
Promise Keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are (2x)

Verse 2

You are here, touching every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here turning lives around
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, mending every heart
I worship You, I worship You

Chorus

Way Maker, Miracle worker,
Promise Keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are (2x)

Bridge

Even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
*You never stop, You never stop working (2x)

(Last time)

*You never stop, Jesus You are...

Chorus

Way Maker, Miracle worker,
Promise Keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are (2x)
That is who You are, that is who You are (repeat 3 more times)

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The Promise of a Better Tomorrow

Advent Week #1 • Long Beach Alliance Church • November 29, 2020 • Pastor Chris Lankford

1) *Tired, Harassed, and Fatigued (2020!)*
(*Zechariah 7:9-14; 1 Kings 21:1-16; Jeremiah 23:1-2*)

2) *Things Will Get Better*
(*Malachi 3:1, 4:5-6; Joel 2:25-27*)

3) *God's Methods Are Always Best, Trust Him!*
(*Galatians 4:4-6; Joel 2:32*)

Verses Sheet

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

Zechariah 7:9-14

⁹ “Thus says the LORD of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, ¹⁰ do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart.”
¹¹ But they refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears that they might not hear. ¹² They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the LORD of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great anger came from the LORD of hosts. ¹³ “As I called, and they would not hear, so they called, and I would not hear,” says the LORD of hosts, ¹⁴ “and I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations that they had not known. Thus the land they left was desolate, so that no one went to and fro, and the pleasant land was made desolate.”

1 Kings 21:1-16

¹ 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.” ⁴ And Ahab went into his house vexed and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him, for he had said, “I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers.” And he lay down on his bed and turned away his face and would eat no food. ⁵ But Jezebel his wife came to him and said to him, “Why is your spirit so vexed that you eat no food?” ⁶

And he said to her, “Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, ‘Give me your vineyard for money, or else, if it please you, I will give you another vineyard for it.’ And he answered, ‘I will not give you my vineyard.’”⁷ And Jezebel his wife said to him, “Do you now govern Israel? Arise and eat bread and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.”⁸ So she wrote letters in Ahab’s name and sealed them with his seal, and she sent the letters to the elders and the leaders who lived with Naboth in his city.⁹ And she wrote in the letters, “Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth at the head of the people.”¹⁰ And set two worthless men opposite him, and let them bring a charge against him, saying, ‘You have cursed God and the king.’ Then take him out and stone him to death.”¹¹ And the men of his city, the elders and the leaders who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent word to them. As it was written in the letters that she had sent to them,¹² they proclaimed a fast and set Naboth at the head of the people.¹³ And the two worthless men came in and sat opposite him. And the worthless men brought a charge against Naboth in the presence of the people, saying, “Naboth cursed God and the king.” So they took him outside the city and stoned him to death with stones.¹⁴ Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, “Naboth has been stoned; he is dead.”¹⁵ As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, “Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money, for Naboth is not alive, but dead.”¹⁶ And as soon as Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab arose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

Jeremiah 23:1-2

¹ “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD.

Malachi 3:1, 4:5-6

¹ “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

⁵ “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

Joel 2:25-27

²⁵ I will restore to you the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent among you.

²⁶ “You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I am the LORD your God
and there is none else.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Galatians 4:4-6

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

Joel 2:32

³² And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

CAN YOU HELP THE HOMELESS?

With the dual struggle of winter & the increasing COVID-19 cases, the plight of the homeless on Long Beach streets is dire, as most are afraid to go to the shelters. The most recent count found a 7% increase in the homeless population over 2019.

Suzanne Harvey has been engaging the homeless to discover their needs. In response to what she's learned, she is hoping to put together some gift bags for the holidays.

Can you help with any of the following?

- **Blankets (new or used)**
- **Coats for adults (new or used)**
- **Sweatshirts and pants (new or used)**
- **Warm Hats**
- **Gloves**
- **Socks**
- **Travel Size Toiletries**
 - Toothpaste/toothbrush**
 - Deoderant**
 - Shampoo/Conditioner**
 - Soap**
 - Body Lotion**
 - Sunblock**
 - Lip Balm**
 - Wipes**
- **Coffee Bean or Starbucks \$5 gift cards**

**You can drop off the items at Church
Sundays, December 6 & 13 or
Tuesdays and Thursdays 10AM-5PM, through December 17**

**Can't make it to church?
Kelly Harvey will gladly pick up your items**

Questions? Contact Suzanne at 562.253.2190



Service Projects To Do with Your Family/Neighborhood

- Park Clean-up
- Neighborhood Clean-up
- Beach Clean-up
- Rake leaves off neighbors' yards
- Thank healthcare workers- Give them gift cards/meals/desserts/cards
- Thank Police Officers- Give them gift cards/meals/desserts/cards
- Thank Fire Fighters/1st Responders- Give gift cards/meals/desserts/cards
- Thank our soldiers and their families
- Adopt "grandfriends"- Give them letters, cards, goodies
- "Shop Squad"- Pick up groceries and medicine for elderly neighbors
- Bless senior citizens & homebound with notes, goodies, maintenance
- Collect supplies and make "I Care" kits for homeless & hand out
- Food Drives for shelters
- School Supply Drive for students
- Holiday meals for families in need
- Toy Drive for kids @ Christmas
- Volunteer @ the Salvation Army
- Donate Blood, Plasma, Platelets
- Sewing needs- Make masks & blankets for homeless



All Men and Women (High School Junior and above) are invited to the:

Christmas Connection

A Joint Mission of
LBAC Men's & Women's Ministries

Saturday, December 5, 2020

11:30AM @ LBAC

Have questions or want to sign up for a ticket?

Please call/text

Deya Slade @ 562-761-5464

John Moses @ 562-755-0920

Need childcare?

Call Deya Slade for a childcare voucher

DECEMBER'S BENEVOLENT OFFERING

will be designated for



WATTS POWERHOUSE
CHURCH



LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$12,803.78	\$13,470.66	105.2%
Month-to-Date:	\$51,215.12	\$48,769.82	95.2%
Year-to-Date:	\$153,645.36	\$145,698.14	94.8%
Disbursed YTD:	\$142,200.00	GF Balance: \$44,192.75*	

*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, November 29

- 9:30AM Gospel Project Kids' Class
- 10:30AM Parking Lot & **Livestream**
Worship & Celebration!
- 4:00PM Engaging the Adventure Class
Why Are You a Christian Class

Monday, November 30

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

Tuesday, December 1

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

Thursday, December 3

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

Friday, December 4

- 8:00PM NA In-Person & **Zoom** Mtg.

Saturday, December 5

- 11:30AM Christmas Connection Event

Sunday, December 6

- 9:30AM Gospel Project Kids' Class
- 10:30AM Parking Lot & **Livestream**
Worship & Celebration!
- 12:00PM Youth Student Leader Outdoor Mtg
- 4:00PM Engaging the Adventure Class
Why Are You a Christian Class

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

Lydia House Meals Ministry

Contact: mcoliver789@msn.com

[Women Connecting with Missions](#)

3rd Tuesday each month @ 7:00PM

[Crafty Women](#)

2nd Saturday each month @ 10:00AM

MEN'S MINISTRIES

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

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