



Preparing in Promise

Welcome to Long Beach Alliance Church

Sunday, December 13, 2020

Christmas Eve SERVICE

Thursday
December 24
6:30PM

* masks & social distancing required

YOUR YEAR-END

GIVING

MAKES A DIFFERENCE

**Remember, all giving needs to be into the church office
(or postmarked if by snail mail) by December 31
to be included on your 2020 giving summary!**

LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$12,803.78	\$8,638.89	67.5%
Month-to-Date:	\$12,803.78	\$8,638.89	67.5%
Year-to-Date:	\$179,252.92	\$162,509.98	90.7%
Disbursed YTD:	\$168,668.00	GF Balance: \$34,536.59*	

*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.

Worship Songs ~ Sunday, December 13, 2020

Angels We Have Heard on High

V-1

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plain
And the mountains in reply,
echo back their joyous strains

[Refrain]

Gloria in Excelsis Deo
Gloria in Excelsis Deo

V-2

Shepherds why this jubilee,
why your joyous strains prolong
Say what may the tidings be,
which inspire your heavenly song

V-3

Come to Bethlehem and see,
him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord the New Born King

V-4

See within the manger laid,
Jesus Lord of heaven and earth
Mary, Joseph lend your aid,
with us sing our Savior's birth

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

V-1

God rest ye merry gentlemen
let nothing you dismay
Remember, Christ, our Savior
was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's Power,
when we were gone astray

(God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen cont.)

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy

O tidings of comfort and joy

V-2

From God our heavenly Father,
the blessed angel came

And unto certain shepherds,
brought tidings of the same

How that in Bethlehem was born,
the Son of God by name

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy

O tidings of comfort and joy

(Repeat V-1)

Brightest and Best

V-1

Hail blessed morn, see the Great Mediator
Down from the regions of glory descend
Shepherds go worship the babe in the manger
Lo for a God the bright angels attend

Chorus

Brightest and best of sons of the morning
Dawn on our darkness lend us Thine aid
Star in the east the horizon adorning
Guide where our infant Redeemer was laid

V-2

Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining
Low lies His bed with the beasts of the stall
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining
Wise men and shepherds before Him do fall

Chorus

Brightest and best of sons of the morning
Dawn on our darkness lend us Thine aid
Star in the east the horizon adorning
Guide where our infant Redeemer was laid

Advent Confession 3

God, our Savior,
We confess the brokenness of our world.
It's filled with unrest, uncertainty, violence, and greed.
We are sorry for the times our selfishness and pride have hurt You,
Your creation, and other people.

We also confess the times our comfort has made us
oblivious to the suffering of others.
At times when things seem to be going well
we have even forgotten that we need You as our Savior.

Forgive us, and help us rely on You for healing in our lives
and in the world around us.
We pray in Jesus' name and the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Even So Come

V-1

All of creation, all of the earth
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon
Call back the sinners, wake up the saints
Let every nation shout of your praise
Jesus is coming soon

Chorus

Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a church ready for you
Every heart longing for our King, we sing
Even so come, Lord Jesus come
Even so come, Lord Jesus come

V-2

There will be justice, all will be new
Your name forever, faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon

(Even So Come cont.)

Chorus

Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a church ready for you
Every heart longing for our King, we sing
Even so come, Lord Jesus come
Even so come, Lord Jesus come

Bridge

So we wait, we wait for You
God we wait, You're coming soon
So we wait, we wait for You
God we wait, You're coming soon

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

Joy Shall Come

From Isaiah 35

Joy shall come even to the wilderness
And the parched land shall then know great gladness
As the rose, as the rose, shall the deserts blossom
Desert like a garden blossom.

For living springs shall give cool water
In the desert streams shall flow
For living springs shall give cool water
In the desert streams shall flow

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The Promise of Greater Joy

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1) An Explosion of Joy

([Luke 2:8-14](#); [Isaiah 9:2-3](#); [Zephaniah 3:14 & 17](#))

2) Joy Eclipses Affliction

([1 Peter 1:3-7](#); [James 1:2-4](#))

3) It's All About Our Focus

([Hebrews 12:1-3](#); [Philippians 2:1-11, 12-18](#))

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!)

Luke 2:8-14

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those
with whom he is pleased!"

Isaiah 9:2-3

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.
³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

Zephaniah 3:14 & 17

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
¹⁷ The LORD your God is in your midst,

a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

1 Peter 1:3-7

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith – more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

James 1:2-4

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Hebrews 12:1-3

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Philippians 2:1-11

¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:12-18

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. ¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷ Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸ Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

AIMEE'S PANTRY: A HOMELESS NEEDS DRIVE

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.

Inspired by, and now in memory of, her daughter, Aimee, 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
TODAY or at the office
through December 17 (call office first)**

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

Questions? Contact Suzanne at 562.253.2190

LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Sunday, December 13

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

Monday, December 14

- 7:00PM Pure Desire Outdoor & Zoom Mtg
- 7:00PM SIA Outdoor & Zoom Mtg

Tuesday, December 15

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

Thursday, December 17

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

Friday, December 18

- 8:00PM NA Outdoor & Zoom Mtg.

Sunday, December 20

- 10:30AM Parking Lot & Livestream
Worship & Celebration!

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 (on hold)

AWANA

[Link to LBAC AWANA](#)

Wednesday Nights September-May (on hold)

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 (on hold)

[Crafty Women](#)

2nd Saturday each month @ 10:00AM (on hold)

MEN'S MINISTRIES

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

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