



# *The Realities About Heaven*

***Welcome to Long Beach Alliance Church***

***Sunday, June 6, 2021***

## ***Crafty Women***

**Saturday, June 19  
10AM-4PM**

**Contact Donna Neel for questions: 562.335.9088**

## **VBS Volunteers Needed**

- Help with decorating
- Lead a small group of kids from each station
- Other (specify):



If you would like to help with anything on this list, please contact  
Wendy Brinkley 562.708.9261

*please join us...*

## ***Prayer Time***

**Sundays, 9:45AM-10:15AM  
Room 102**

## **LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$12,803.78	\$12,586.66	98.3%
Month-to-Date:	\$64,018.90	\$46,198.36	72.2%
Year-to-Date:	\$499,347.42	\$491,307.57	98.4%
Disbursed YTD:	\$512,686.86	GF Balance: \$19,315.32	

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<sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband... <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. ~**Revelation 21:2, 27**

<sup>1</sup> "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." ~**John 14:1-6**

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## Introduction

The word heaven/s (1 Kings 8:30; Psalm 103:19) is a translation of the Hebrew word (Shamayim) and Greek word (Ouranos). They convey the idea of God's dwelling place and His throne that He has established.

Heaven is a place of peace, love, community, where God is surrounded by a heavenly court and other heavenly beings. It is a realm where everything operates according to God's will.

## I. What is Heaven like?

- A. All things are new (Revelation 21:1, 2)
- B. There is perfect peace (Isaiah 65:25)
- C. No tears or pain (Revelation 21:1-4)
- D. Houses and vineyards are there (Isaiah 65:21)
- E. Fruitful gardens (Isaiah 35:1)
- F. Heaven is where God dwells (Matthew 5:7; 16; John 14: 1-3)

## **II. Is Heaven Real?**

Heaven is a real place where people of God will live one day. Heaven is where God and the angels live (John 14:1-3). Heaven is also called third heaven or paradise (2 Corinthians 12: 1-4).

- A. Heaven has solid real estate or city  
(John 14: 2-3; Matthew 26:29; Hebrews 11:16)
- B. There are many intelligent beings in heaven  
(Genesis 2:1)
- C. Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20-21)
- D. Our bodies will be transformed/changed in order to enter into heaven (Philippians 3:21)
- E. God sits on His throne (2 Chronicles 18:18; Job 38:7; Ecclesiastes. 5:2; Matthew 23:9)
- F. Perfect unselfish love governs all the relationships in heaven (Psalm 103:19-21; 1 John 4:8; John 14:15)
- G. We will have physical bodies in heaven  
(1 Corinthians 15:40-49; 13:12; Philippians 3: 20-21)
- H. Jesus was taken into heaven (Acts 1:9-11; John 3:13)
- I. Heaven and earth will pass away suddenly  
(Mark 13:31-37)
- J. The New Earth as Heaven (Revelation 21:1-4; Isaiah 65:17-25, John 14:2-3)
  - i. Former things will not be remembered  
(Isaiah 65:17)
  - ii. There will be no crying or weeping v.19
  - iii. No more infant death v. 20
  - iv. 100 years will still be youthful age v. 20
  - v. Beautiful vineyard will be there in heaven v. 21; Isaiah 65:21
  - vi. The wolf and the lamb will graze together v. 25

**III. Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life will enter into Heaven (Revelation 21:27; Luke 10:17, 20; Hebrews 11:23)**

- A. "Even the demons are subject to us in your name" Luke 10:17
- B. "Do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven" v.20
- C. How can your name be written in the Book of Life?
- D. Whenever a person turns from sin and believes in Jesus for salvation, that person's name is forever recorded in heaven v.20

**IV. Spiritually believers are already in heaven**

- A. He has "made us alive together with Christ...raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:5-6)
- B. Believers have been "sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance" (Ephesians 1: 13-14)

**V. Heaven is where our treasure is (Matthew 6: 20-21)**

- A. Our security is not found in money or property
- B. Our relationship with Christ is what lasts for long
- C. Our heavenly treasures are our good deeds, obedience, holiness, and actions of love, kindness, and forgiveness

**VI. Our inheritance and rewards are in heaven (Matthew 5:12; 1 Peter 1:4)**

- A. We will be rewarded in heaven for what we have done after our salvation (Matthew 5:12; 6:1)

- B. We have an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away (1 Peter 1:4)

## **VII. Our saved loved ones and friends are there in heaven (2 Cor. 5:8)**

- A. Believers go straight to heaven when we die (2 Corinthians 5:8)
- B. Those believers who died in Christ will return with Christ on the last day (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
- C. Those believers who are alive at the coming back of Christ will be caught up in the air v. 17
- D. There will be grand reunion in our heavenly home (Matthew 17:1-4)

## **VIII. The Way to Heaven**

- A. Through salvation in Christ (John 14:6)
- B. Sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:2)
- C. What is sin? The breaking of God's law (1 John 3:4)
- D. Who has sinned? Romans 3:23
- E. What are the consequences of sin? (James 1:15)
- F. How can I be saved from death? (Romans 6:23)
- G. God offers us salvation through Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:21)
- H. What did Jesus do to save me/us? (Isaiah 53:5-7 cf. Philippians 2:5; John 3:16-17; Romans 5:10; John 17:3; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:9-10)
- I. Repent and confess your sins (Acts 2:37-38; 1 John 1:9)
- J. Receive Jesus' life (Galatians 2:20)
- K. If anyone is in Christ Jesus, he is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- L. Rejoice, for you are now a child of God! (John 1:12; 1 John 5:13)
- M. But those who reject Christ will go to hell (Matthew 8:12; 10: 28; 13:40-42; Mark 9:43-44)

## **IX. Conclusion**

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If you have questions, please contact [meghan@lbac.org](mailto:meghan@lbac.org)



# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

## Sunday, June 6

8:00AM Red Cross Blood Drive  
9:45AM Prayer Time in Rm 102  
10:30AM INDOOR & **Livestream**  
Worship & Celebration!

## MISSIONS

[Link to LBAC Missions!](#)

## GROWTH GROUPS

[Link to LBAC Growth Groups!](#)

Mid-week Adult Bible Studies (back in Fall)

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

Sunday Mornings:

Gospel Project @ 10:30AM

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!](#)

[Link to LBAC Youth Instagram Page](#)

Every Tuesday & Thursday Night @ 7:00PM

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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

Women's Ministry Event Information

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

Lydia House Meals Ministry

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month

Women Connecting with Missions

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month @ 7:00PM (on hold)

Crafty Women

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month @ 10:00AM

## MEN'S MINISTRIES

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

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

## Monday, June 7

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

## Wednesday, June 9

7:00PM Book of Revelation Study (offsite)

## Friday, June 11

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

## Sunday, June 13

9:45AM Prayer Time in Rm 102  
10:30AM Gospel Project: Children's Ministry  
10:30AM INDOOR & **Livestream**  
Worship & Celebration!

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