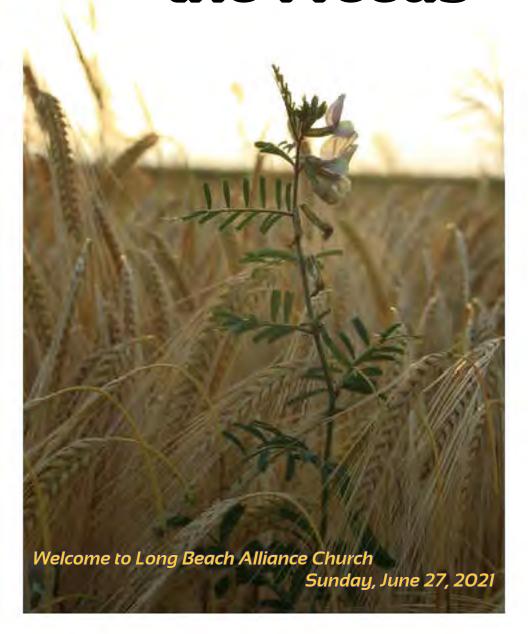
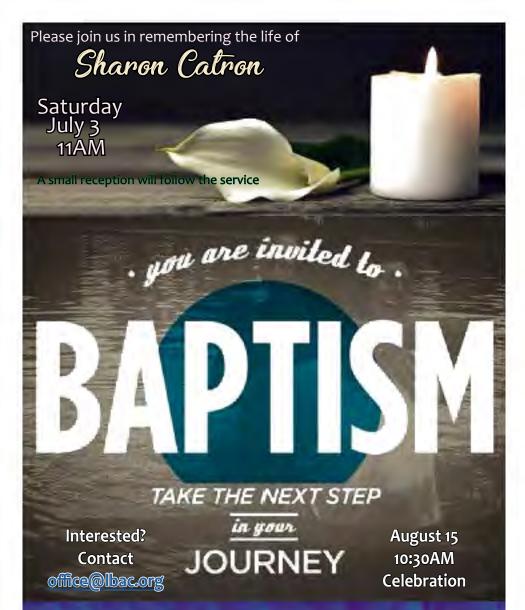
The Wheat & the Weeds





LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	Budget	Received	Budget %
Weekly:	\$12,803.78	\$11,950.67	93.3%
Month-to-Date:	\$3 8,4 11.34	\$32,038.01	83.4%
Year-to-Date:	\$537,758.76	\$522,595.15	97.2%

Disbursed YTD: \$553,136.32 GF Balance: \$10,153.44

The Wheat & The Weeds

Jesus' Guide to Life in Conflicting, Confusing, and Crucial Times

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43; John 3:17; 1 Timothy 1:15; Luke 19:10

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I. Endure with perspective

Context of opposition: Matthew 12:24, 34, 39, 41–42; 13:53–58; 13:24–30 What was the disciples' understanding of the Messiah's Kingdom? Daniel 2:44; 7:27; Isaiah 2:1–4; Isaiah II:4–10; Zechariah 14

- A. Understanding that the current phase of the Kingdom is a process, 13:24
- B. Understanding that the current phase of the Kingdom has small beginnings, 13:24
- C. Understanding that the current phase of the Kingdom has a "hidden" aspect, Matthew 13:30; see also Bonus Outline #I; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Hebrews II:6, 8-16
- D. Understanding the devil's role in the current phase of the Kingdom, Matthew 13:25, 38-39; John 8:44; Ephesians 2:1-2; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4
- E. Understanding that the current phase of the Kingdom includes the apparent triumph of wickedness, Matthew 13:25-30
- II. Endure with expectation, Matthew 13:28-30; see also 13:18-23, 31-33, 47-50; Hebrews 10:37; Revelation II:15
- III. Endure with patience, Matthew 13:28-30, 18-23; Luke 8:15; John 17:11 yet 17:14; 1 Peter 2:12; Hebrews 12:1; 10:35-36; John 15:8; 2 Peter 3:8

Why this period of delay? Why do we have to wait?

- L. To make the character of the wheat clear
- 2. To make the character of the weeds clear
- 3. To give you the opportunity to believe in Jesus and change from weed to wheat!
- To give you the opportunity to reach what looks like weeds now, so that they will become wheat

IV. Endure with urgency, Matthew 13:40-42

- Urgency about your own future, Matthew I3:30, 41-42, 47-50; I3:37; John I4:6;
 Acts 4:12; Romans 5:8; 6:4-7; Psalm I03:12; Ezekiel 36:26; Galatians 4:6;
 John 6:28-29; 2 Corinthians I3:5; 2 Peter I:10-12; Hebrews 2:3
- B. Urgency about the future of others, Jude 22-23; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:9 James 5:20

BONUS OUTLINE #1: The Hidden Aspect of the Current Age: The Kingdom Parables of Matthew 13

- I. The Seed in Four Soils, Matthew 13:1-23
- 2. The Wheat and the Weeds Growing Together, Then Separated, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
- The Mustard Seed's Steady and Incredible Growth, Matthew 13:31-32
- 4. The Leaven Spreading Through the Loaf, Matthew 13:33
- The Treasure of Extreme Value Hidden in the Field, Matthew 13:44
- The Pearl of Extreme Value, Matthew 13:45-46
- 7. The Dragnet and the Separation of Good Fish from Bad, Matthew 13:47-50
- 8. The Head of the House Who Uses New Things and Old, 13:52

BONUS OUTLINE #2: True or False? Matthew's Interest in Good and Bad Elements Mixed Together in the Current Phase of the Kingdom

- I. False prophets, Matthew 7:15-20
- 2. False church workers, Matthew 7:21-23
- False plants with false growth, Matthew 13:1-23
- False wheat, Matthew 13:24-30, 37-43
- False fish, Matthew 13:47-50
- 6. False guests, Matthew 22:II-I4
- 7. False servants. Matthew 25:24-30

BONUS OUTLINE #3: Types of Fruit in the New Testament

"By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples." John 15:8

- The fruit of good works, Matthew 3:8; 7:16-20; Luke 3:8-14; Romans 6:22
- 2. The fruit of Christian character, Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 5:9; James 3:18
- 3. The fruit of righteousness in response to discipline, Hebrews 12:11
- 4. The fruit of souls won, John 4:36
- 5. The fruit of peacemaking, James 3:18
- 6. The fruit of praise, Hebrews 13:15
- 7. The fruit of giving money, Romans 15:26-28; Philippians 4:17 (4:10-18)
- 8. Fruit in general, unspecified, Matthew 7:16-20; Mark 4:3-20; John 15:1-8, 16

BONUS OUTLINE #4: Seven Easy Ways to Be a Witness: Tell Your Own Story

- I. Talk about how Jesus has brought you out of guilt, despair or distress
- 2. Talk about how Jesus has transformed your character
- 3. Talk about how Jesus has answered your prayers
- 4. Talk about how Jesus has brought you through difficult times
- 5. Talk about how Jesus has given you victory over temptation
- 6. Talk about how Jesus has given you hope for the future
- 7. Talk about how Jesus has given you victory over death or a serious illness

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Notes Page (A PAGE FOR NOTES (OR FOR DOODLES) ABOUT THE SERMON!)

WE NEED YOUR HELP



- · Set up/Tear down ez-ups
- · Set up/Tear down tables in the Courtyard
- · Help Set up for Gospel Project
- Make coffee & Set up coffee station
- · Clean up coffee station
- · Make sure the facility is secure & locked

Please contact jeremiah@lbac.org, or office@lbac.org, to help

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Volunteers

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QUESTIONS???

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LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Sunday, June 27

9:45AM Prayer Time in Rm 102

10:30AM Gospel Project: Children's Ministry

10:30AM INDOOR & Livestream

Worship & Celebration!

Monday, June 28

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

Tuesday, June 29

7:00PM Youth Group: The Deep

Wednesday, June 30

7:00PM Book of Revelation Study (offsite)

Thursday, July 1

10:00AM Youth Beach Days @ Huntington 6:00PM Summer Youth Group (SYK)

Friday, July 2

8:00PM NA In-Person Mtg

Sunday, July 4

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

Lydia House Meals Ministry 3rd Thursday each month

Women Connecting with Missions 3rd Tuesday each month @ 7:00PM (on hold)

Crafty Women 3rd Saturday each month @ 10:00AM

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Link to LBAC Men's Ministry!

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