

The Wheat & the Weeds

***Welcome to Long Beach Alliance Church
Sunday, June 27, 2021***

Please join us in remembering the life of

Sharon Catron

Saturday
July 3
11AM

A small reception will follow the service

... you are invited to ...

BAPTISM

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

in your

JOURNEY

Interested?

Contact

office@lbac.org

August 15

10:30AM

Celebration

LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$12,803.78	\$11,950.67	93.3%
Month-to-Date:	\$38,411.34	\$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

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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 11:4-10; 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 #1; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Hebrews 11:6, 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 11:15

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?

- 1. 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!
- 4. 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

- A. Urgency about your own future, Matthew 13:30, 41-42, 47-50; 13:37; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 5:8; 6:4-7; Psalm 103:12; Ezekiel 36:26; Galatians 4:6; John 6:28-29; 2 Corinthians 13:5; 2 Peter 1:10-12; 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

1. 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
3. The Mustard Seed's Steady and Incredible Growth, Matthew 13:31-32
4. The Leaven Spreading Through the Loaf, Matthew 13:33
5. The Treasure of Extreme Value Hidden in the Field, Matthew 13:44
6. 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

1. False prophets, Matthew 7:15-20
2. False church workers, Matthew 7:21-23
3. False plants with false growth, Matthew 13:1-23
4. False wheat, Matthew 13:24-30, 37-43
5. False fish, Matthew 13:47-50
6. False guests, Matthew 22:11-14
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

1. 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

1. 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



Sunday Help Needed

- 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@bac.org, or office@bac.org, to help

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**ITEMS CAN BE PICKED UP TODAY IN
ROOM 204 RIGHT AFTER CHURCH.**

VBS

July
12-16

CONCRETE & CRANES

Register Now

Kids

(preschool thru 5th grade)

\$25 - includes t-shirt

<https://lbac.org/connections/vbs-registration/>

Volunteers

<https://lbac.org/connections/vbs-volunteer-registration/>

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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