



# *The Struggle Is Real*

**Welcome to Long Beach Alliance Church**

**Sunday, January 23, 2022**



Welcome to the world

Abby Lynn  
Shaver

Born:

December 7, 2021

Weight:

7 lbs 13 oz

Proud Parents:

Jefferson & Mandy  
Shaver

thank  
you

for your tithes and offerings

Giving Statement

Visit the Courtyard Table after the service to pick up your  
**2021 Giving Statements**

Sunday, February 6 • 8AM-2PM

Warm their hearts  
this winter.

give blood.



American  
Red Cross

## LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$13,089.97	\$8,912.67	68.1%
Month-to-Date:	\$39,269.91	\$14,084.34	35.9%
Year-to-Date:	\$261,799.40	\$250,628.69	95.7%
Disbursed YTD:	\$243,585.20	GF Balance: \$62,192.81	

Offerings can be placed in the locked box in the Sanctuary Lobby or given to any usher

# A Game of Thrones

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Pastor Chris Lankford

**Psalm 110:1; Daniel 2:31-45, 7:1-18; Mark 13:26-27, 14:61-62; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4;**

**1 John 2:18, 22; 2 John 1:7; Revelation 1:12-20, 7:9-12**

## 1) "Story Telling Gives Way To Movie-Watching" (David Helm)

### The #1 Rule of Reading Apocalyptic Literature

### The Big Three • Warnings & Opportunities While Reading Apocalyptic Literature

#1

Warnings

#2

#3

#1

Opportunities

#2

#3

But before beginning with the text, I must pave the way with a general introductory remark. This is necessary and useful for a better understanding not only of this prophet but also of most of the others. For it has been most confusing in the past to hear the prophets speak of the Jewish kingdom and then to break off so abruptly and intersperse remarks about Christ. Everybody who is not familiar with their method regards that as an odd way of doing things, and he supposes that they observe no order but ramble along from one subject to another. This seems incomprehensible to all; people cannot get used to it. It is indeed very irritating to read a book that observes no order, in which statements are so disconnected that they do not fit together and therefore lack proper coherence. All of that may reasonably be expected of correct and proper speech. Thus the Holy Spirit was accused of an inability to express Himself properly, of talking like a drunkard or a fool, of mixing everything together and of delivering Himself of wild and odd words and statements. But it is we who were at fault; we did not understand the speech, and we were not acquainted with the method of the prophets. For it cannot be otherwise: the Holy Spirit is wise, and He also makes His prophets wise. Now, a wise man must necessarily be able to speak well; this can never fail. But to him who does not hear well or is not sufficiently conversant with a language, to him a speech may seem faulty because he hears or understands hardly half of the words. That has been our experience to date with Scripture. That is why we, too, groped in the dark so, aped others, and often missed the mark and arrived at another meaning. As the saying goes: He who cannot hear well, invents well. (Luther, Page 350 (German), translated into English in LW 19, Page 152).

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**2) Four Beasts/Four Kingdoms And One Bad Little Horn**

**#1—**

**#2—**

**#3—**

**#4—**

**Discovery Question?** *Some people believe Daniel 7 was written only for the time of Daniel. Others believe it was written for the time between Daniel and Christ. Still others believe it was written to describe the end of days. What do you think? How do you believe Daniel 7 should be read and understood?*

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**3) A Fifth Kingdom, Ancient of Days, and the Son of Man**

**Discovery Question?** *Should the “saints of the Most High” in Daniel 7:18 be identified as angels in Heaven, or are they the faithful Christians throughout history who have died?*

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# THANK YOU!



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MIDDLE EAST

# BECAUSE OF YOU,

## NEW BELIEVERS ARE GETTING BAPTIZED!

Hakeem believed in Jesus but still carried trauma from an abusive father and had struggled with substance abuse.

While studying Acts with an Alliance worker you sent to this Middle Eastern nation, Hakeem was convicted by the faith and immediate baptism of the Ethiopian eunuch. He asked to be baptized as his next step in following Jesus and trusting Him to heal and restore him.

Hakeem was so excited when the day of the baptism finally came. Word about this private baptism also reached another believing fellowship.

As a kiddie pool was being filled for Hakeem's baptism, more people trickled in—from a teenage boy who couldn't stop smiling to an elderly woman with traditional Bedouin tattoos all over her face. Because of Hakeem's personal act of faith, ***seven new believers boldly declared their faith in Jesus that day!***

Because of you, spiritual fruit like this will continue to grow for years and decades to come. Your gift is a long-term investment in the advancement of God's Kingdom in this nation. Thank you!



**0.27%**

EVANGELICALS  
IN COUNTRY\*



**13**

UNREACHED PEOPLE  
GROUPS TOTALING  
9.4 MILLION+ PEOPLE\*



**2005**

YEAR ALLIANCE IWS  
ARRIVED IN COUNTRY

For more information on Alliance Missions, visit  
**[cmalliance.org/alliance-missions](http://cmalliance.org/alliance-missions)**

\*Joshua Project, 2020.



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# ALL OF JESUS FOR ALL THE WORLD



**ALL NATIONS:**

No one is to be denied the opportunity to enter His Kingdom.

# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Weekly Schedule

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts

## Sunday, January 23

- 8:45AM Prayer Time in Rm 106
- 9:30AM Gospel Project: Children's Ministry
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service

## Monday, January 24

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

## Tuesday, January 25

- 10:00AM All Staff Team Meeting
- 6:00PM PIVOT Young Adults (offsite)
- 7:00PM Betrayal & Beyond Meeting
- 7:00PM Elder Board Meeting
- 7:00PM High School Youth Group
- 7:00PM Men's Bible Study (offsite)

## Wednesday, January 26

- 6:30PM AWANA
- 7:00PM Revelation Bible Study (offsite)

## Thursday, January 27

- 7:00PM Junior High Youth Group

## Friday, January 28

- 8:00PM NA In-Person Mtg

## Saturday, January 29

- 8:00AM Men's Zoom Bible Study

## Sunday, January 30

- 8:45AM Prayer Time in Rm 106
- 9:30AM Gospel Project: Children's Ministry
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service

## MISSIONS

[Link to LBAC Missions!](#)

## GROWTH GROUPS

[Link to LBAC Growth Groups!](#)

Mid-week Adult Bible Studies (on hold)

## 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

## 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)



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