



# *The Struggle Is Real*

**Welcome to Long Beach Alliance Church**

**Sunday, March 20, 2022**

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE  
LOST & FOUND TABLE  
IN THE COURTYARD FOR  
ANYTHING YOU MAY BE MISSING.  
ITEMS LEFT AFTER MARCH 31  
WILL BE DONATED.



Save the Date!  
**Saturday, April 2 9AM-1PM**

# All Church **WORK DAY**

CALLING ALL HELPING HANDS!

Sign up  
in the Courtyard  
**TODAY!**

Lunch will be provided on Work Day

Contact Jeremiah 760.224.4178 for questions

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

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$13,089.97	\$12,314.67	94.1%
Month-to-Date:	\$26,179.94	\$24,086.34	92.0%
Year-to-Date:	\$366,519.16	\$352,378.32	96.1%
<b>Disbursed YTD:</b>	<b>\$362,126.38</b>	<b>GF Balance:</b>	<b>\$45,401.26</b>

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

# *The Light Never Fails*

Long Beach Alliance Church • March 20, 2022 • Pastor Chris Lankford

**Daniel 9:24-27, 10:1-21; John 12:27-36; Colossians 1:9-29, 2:8-15**

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**1) Fear Not, Have Peace, Be Strong, Have Courage,  
...You Are Greatly Loved**

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**2) Be Children of Light**

# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Weekly Schedule

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts

## Sunday, March 20

- 8:45AM Prayer Time in Rm 106
- 9:30AM Gospel Project: Children's Ministry
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service
- 11:30AM Gospel Project Leaders Meeting

## Monday, March 21

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

## Tuesday, March 22

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

## Wednesday, March 23

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

## Thursday, March 24

- 7:00PM Junior High Youth Group

## Friday, March 25

- 8:00PM NA In-Person Mtg

## Saturday, March 26

- 8:00AM Men's Zoom Bible Study

## Sunday, March 27

- 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)



THE ALLIANCE

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# BAPTISMS

*on Palm Sunday*

**April 10**

**Are you interested in being baptized?**

**Not sure what baptism is all about?**

**Don't know why baptism is important?**

*Contact [office@lbac.org](mailto:office@lbac.org)  
or fill out a Connect Card  
and let us know your interest.*

# EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS NEEDED

We are seeking donations of candy and small toys  
(that fit inside Easter eggs) for our annual Easter egg hunt.  
Please deposit items in the box in the lobby or drop off at the  
church office during office hours (T-Th 10AM - 5PM).

Our goal is to fill 5000 eggs!

All items due by April 3

Questions? Meghan Brearley 562.708.9261



# CHURCH PLANTING SUNDAY

MARCH 20, 2022

Here in the Alliance, we share a bold vision: *All of Jesus for All the World*. We know first-hand that He is the one and only hope for this life and all eternity.

One of the best ways to see our vision fulfilled here in the United States is through church multiplication. When we plant churches,

- Suffering and overlooked people are embraced into a loving family
- Communities are transformed and renewed
- A gospel presence is established for generations to come

But church planting is **HARD WORK**. It's not a lone ranger task set aside for a chosen few. We all have a part to play—either by praying for open doors in our own community, giving financially to help start a church plant, or jumping in and joining a church planting team.

**March 20 is Church Planting Sunday.** It's our opportunity to say to our church planting pastors, ***"Don't Plant Alone! We're for you and we're with you!"***

Ask your pastor how you can be involved in a plant—whether through your own congregation or another Alliance church nearby.



## PLANTING AND HARVESTING TOGETHER

The metaphor of “planting” comes from the long and arduous process of cultivation for a fruitful harvest—which requires tilling the soil, planting the seeds, irrigating the ground, protecting the crops from predators, and time.

*“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”*

This is especially true of our Alliance church planters. That’s why **we are committed to walking with them by praying, giving, or rolling up our sleeves as co-laborers in the garden.**

## THE ALLIANCE OFFERS CHURCH PLANTERS:



**ASSESSMENT**



**TRAINING**



**COACHING**



**SUPPORT**

# DON'T PLANT ALONE.

**WE'RE HERE FOR YOU.**

Visit **[www.cmalliance.org/multiply](http://www.cmalliance.org/multiply)** to learn more about the difference your involvement can make.



CHURCH **MULTIPLICATION**





# THANK YOU!



THEALLIANCE



CAMBODIA

# BECAUSE OF YOU,

## A HARVEST HAS COME FROM PAST-SOWN SEEDS

This story begins in 1923. David Ellison was the second Protestant missionary to go to Cambodia, where he served for 40 years, gave his life in 1963, and is buried. He never saw a harvest, but he faithfully brought the gospel to Cambodia.

Forty years after Ellison's death, attendees to the Cambodian national church general council visited his grave. The church president proclaimed, "We've come to this grave site to thank Jesus for sending missionaries to our land . . . and to follow this man's example to give our lives to bring the gospel to peoples who have not heard." That year, the Cambodian Alliance church sent their first missionary to Mondulkiri to translate the New Testament and plant churches among the Bunong people. As a result, the church grew. The missionaries left Mondulkiri because the church had been established.

But God continues to grow the church there today. In fact, during the COVID season, 10 churches were planted in northern Cambodia, and 7 new churches were planted in the Mondulkiri province!

Why is this story important? First, it shows the perseverance of those who go to new, hard places even when they don't get to see a lot of fruit. And second, it shows the Alliance family's commitment for the long haul to see Jesus' name taken into a land of unreached peoples. Even with all that's going on in the world today, you continue to send other "David Ellisons" because you believe God is faithful to build His Church. He is at work—even while we wait for His time for His harvest.

02/2022



**43.2%**  
UNREACHED



**82.2%**  
BUDDHIST



**2.05%**  
EVANGELICAL