



# ***His Church On Fire!***

**Welcome to Long Beach Alliance Church  
February 12, 2023**

**Saturday, February 18 • 6:30PM**

*Bring a snack food or appetizer*

@ THE MILLERS

4702 SNOWDEN AVE LAKEWOOD

CONTACT MARILYN FOR ?S: 562.922.2024

# ADULT Game Night

*Hand & Foot*

*Books & Straights*

*5 Crowns*

*Mexican Train*

## *Crafty Women*

*Saturday  
February 18  
10AM-4PM  
Rm 102*

Contact Donna Neel for any questions 562.335.9088

## *Can you help?*

### *Room & Board Needed*

A 61 year old Ukrainian woman is in need of temporary housing. She is a believer in the Russian Orthodox church who is attending Cypress College and hopes to get employment and move into her own place.

Contact Pam Rice  
for questions or to offer  
562.760.8372

*This is a great opportunity to bless someone!*

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

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$13,332.06	\$8,521.00	63.9%
Month-to-Date:	\$13,332.06	\$8,521.00	63.9%
Year-to-Date:	\$306,637.38	\$394,411.42	128.6%
Disbursed YTD:	\$288,623.54	GF Balance:	\$129,421.85

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

# Organic, Divine, & Legal

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Romans 3:20-31; 1 Corinthians 6:7-11

1. Exposing the Dirty Dependence of Christians in Corinth

2. Ten Impure Devotions Revealing Unrighteousness

3. The Breadth of the Atoning Work of Jesus Christ



# LBAC WOMEN'S RETREAT 2023



**MARCH 10&11**  
**FRIDAY 7-9PM**  
**SATURDAY 10AM-3PM**

**\$35**

**SIGN UP IN  
COURTYARD**

- free childcare
- snacks & lunch
- laughter & girl time

# MOVING FORWARD

*ISAIAH 43:18-19*

*Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.*



LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH  
3331 Palo Verde Avenue

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# CALL TO PRAYER

FEBRUARY 2023



## BROKEN PIECES

After feeding the 5,000, Jesus tells His disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted” (John 6:12). One translation refers to the leftovers as “broken pieces.” In some ways, our team could define our ministry in West Africa as being sent to gather up the broken pieces.

Whether providing scholarships for Deaf children, encouraging practical skills training for girls at risk, working with young men at a detention center, or loving on displaced children, we are intentional in looking for and gathering up those whom society has discarded.

At our sewing school is a young man with special needs who cannot speak. He has been overlooked and made fun of his whole life. But when his family brought him to us, we knew he was someone whom Jesus deeply valued—even if no one else seemed to. From the start, this teen has found kindness and acceptance at our school. He happily attends daily and loves being helpful with simple tasks.

A student at one of our Christian high schools became pregnant just before senior year. Too ashamed to continue

her studies, she planned to drop out. But thanks to those who partner with us, we were able to come alongside her, providing food and clothing for her and her baby. She has continued school and anticipates graduating this summer.

In a nearby village is a young paraplegic girl unable to get around except by crawling. How wonderful it was to give her dignity by providing her with a wheelchair.

Those of us who follow Jesus are called to gather up the broken pieces . . . to look for those who are forgotten, who may not have all the advantages we do, or who are experiencing brokenness.

Could it be that you know of someone among your acquaintances or in your neighborhood who has been overlooked or is going through a difficult season? The word “gather” implies effort. It takes effort and maybe some intentional looking to find people whom others might not value or help. As you go about your days, prayerfully consider how you can be one who gathers up the broken so no life is wasted.

by Esther, an Alliance international worker serving with aXcess in West Africa

## TAKING HOLD OF THE KINGDOM

In the past year, we have seen the Kingdom advancing in Uruguay. Beyond our routine ministries, we've held College of Prayer modules, started a prayer formation group, helped host a vision team from the USA, and sent weekly audio teachings on inner healing to about 40 people across Latin America.

We have seen people learn to hear God's voice, receive Jesus, embrace their callings, and more. We keep hearing stories from Uruguayans whom we are discipling in prayer—both in person and virtually—about how they are increasingly able to connect with God.

"Knowing that I am loved by God frees me," said someone who has battled depression. "It frees me from the fear of failure or messing up. It frees me from anxiety about tomorrow. It frees me from the chains of people's opinions, including my own. Knowing that I am loved by God makes me brave because the one who knows he is loved can give, serve, forgive, and honor—heroic acts in a world governed by self-centeredness."

Thanks to all who are holding the ropes for us in prayer. God's Kingdom is forcefully advancing, and we've taken hold. Join us in asking Him for more!

| by Jimbo and Timbrel Hull, Alliance international workers serving with aXcess in Uruguay

## THE FRUIT OF PERSEVERING PRAYER

Andi's parents are in their nineties, and we've been praying for their salvation for many years. Her mother's dementia and father's back pain have made life difficult for them. Despite their physical limitations, they managed to take a trip last fall to stay with us for a month.

During that month, God brought Pastor Hu to our church, and he prayed for healing of Dad's bone. Dad simply believed, and he felt the warm current of the Holy Spirit enter his spinal cord; suddenly, he could stand up straight and walk without pain. Convinced that God loved him, he was willing to accept Jesus as Savior and was baptized on the spot. Seeing her husband healed, Andi's mother was also willing to trust in Christ.

After Andi's parents returned home, they learned that God had already prepared a place to shepherd them. There was a church in their community where they now worship every Sunday. This seems like a dream to Andi and me. Praise God that even in her parents' advanced age, our long-time prayer, which seemed impossible with man, was answered in an instant. "Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy" (Ps. 126:5).

| by Jason, an Alliance international worker serving with aXcess in Taiwan



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# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Weekly Schedule

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts

## Sunday, February 12

- 9:30AM Gospel Project: Children's Ministry
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service
- 11:00AM AWANA Director's Meeting

## Monday, February 13

- 6:30PM Life Group @ Bartlebaughs
- 7:00PM Betrayal & Beyond Zoom Meeting
- 7:00PM Life Group @ Schaub's
- 7:00PM Life Group @ Slades
- 7:00PM Pure Desire and SIA Meetings @LBAC

## Tuesday, February 14

- 10:00AM Staff Team Meeting
- 7:00PM Betrayed Heart Zoom Meeting
- 7:00PM High School Youth Group
- 7:00PM Men's Bible Study (offsite)

## Wednesday, February 15

- 6:30PM AWANA

## Thursday, February 16

- 9:30AM Women's Life Group @ Millers
- 5:00PM Lydia House Women's Outreach
- 7:00PM Middle School Youth Group

## Friday, February 17

- 8:00PM NA In-Person Meeting

## Saturday, February 18

- 8:00AM Elder Board Meeting
- 8:00AM Men's In-Person/Zoom Bible Study
- 10:00AM Crafty Women
- 6:30PM LBAC Adult Game Night @ the Millers

## Sunday, February 19

- 9:30AM Gospel Project: Children's Ministry
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service
- 11:15AM Sexual Integrity 101 Class

## MISSIONS

**Information Coming Soon!**

## LIFE GROUPS

Contact: [office@lbac.org](mailto:office@lbac.org)  
Mid-week Adult Bible Studies

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**Link to LBAC Children's Ministries!**

Sunday Mornings:  
Gospel Project @ 9:30AM

## 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  
Contact Kathie Metz: [kathiemetz@msn.com](mailto:kathiemetz@msn.com)

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

## MEN'S MINISTRIES

**Link to LBAC Men's Ministry!**

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