



**HE  
IS  
RISEN**

**I AM  
THE  
RESURRECTION  
AND  
THE LIFE**

**JOHN 11:25**

**Welcome to Long Beach Alliance Church  
April 9, 2023**



The Church Office  
will be closed

April 10-14

If urgent, please contact the  
staff on their cell phones

### LBAC Connecting with Missions

Monday, March 13, 2023 8:20-10:30 AM  
Saturday, April 22, 10 AM  
In the LBAC Sanctuary Lobby  
Sanctuary Lobby

Come see Dianna Ulrich and hear what she's  
been doing for the Kingdom!  
(find out who will be doing the event)



Men and Women  
welcome!  
Sign up in the  
courtyard next week!

Also receive updates from our district missionaries through their letters.  
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Questions? Contact Kathie Metz 562.425.5937

# Dirtbags

## LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH FUNDRAISER

TO PURCHASE TICKETS, PLEASE VISIT:  
[WWW.LONGBEACHSTATE.COM/LBALLIANCE](http://WWW.LONGBEACHSTATE.COM/LBALLIANCE)

### LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$13,332.06	\$9,348.00	70.1%
Month-to-Date:	\$13,332.06	\$9,348.00	70.1%
Year-to-Date:	\$413,293.86	\$483,586.91	117.0%
Disbursed YTD:	\$413,516.84	GF Balance:	\$93,704.04

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

# CONFIDENT ASSURANCE

LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH • APRIL 9, 2023 • RESURRECTION SUNDAY • PASTOR CHRIS LANKFORD

## 1) Faith in the Fog

(Luke 23:50-51; Mark 15:43-45; John 19:39-42; Luke 23:55-56; Matthew 27:62-66; Mark 16:1-3; Matthew 28:2-4; Luke 24:2-8; Mark 16:7-8; Luke 24:10-11; John 20:3-16; Matthew 28:16-20)

## 2) Unvarnished Eyewitness Accounts

(John 20:24-29; 1 Corinthians 15:13-18; Romans 1:16-17;  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31)

## 3) Confidence In Resurrection Re-Birth

(Romans 8:29-30; John 14:6)

# DID JESUS RISE FROM THE DEAD?

## THE KNOWN FACTS

- JESUS' TOMB WAS FOUND EMPTY
- JESUS WAS TORTURED AND CRUCIFIED
- CHRISTIANITY SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE THROUGHOUT THE KNOWN WORLD.
- MANY DIFFERENT WITNESSES (OVER 500) ATTESTED TO SEEING JESUS AFTER HIS DEATH.
- ALL THE DISCIPLES WERE TORTURED FOR THEIR FAITH, AND 11 OF THE 12 ENDED UP DYING FOR IT.
- PREVIOUSLY SCARED DISCIPLES WERE ONLY DAYS LATER CLAIMING THE RESURRECTION WITH BOLDNESS.
- THE DISCIPLES PREACHED TO CROWDS OF THOUSANDS IN JERUSALEM, CLAIMING THAT JESUS HAD RISEN FROM THE DEAD.

## THE BEST THEORIES EXPLAINING THE FACTS

### 1 SWOON

JESUS DIDN'T ACTUALLY DIE, BUT FAINTED (SWOONED) ON THE CROSS AND LATER REVIVED.

### 2 HALLUCINATION

JESUS' FOLLOWERS ONLY IMAGINED THAT THEY SAW HIM.

### 3 SPIRITUAL RESURRECTION

JESUS ONLY ROSE FROM THE DEAD IN A SPIRITUAL SENSE.

### 4 THEFT

THE DISCIPLES STOLE THE BODY AND CLAIMED HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD.

### 5 WRONG TOMB

CONFUSED BY GRIEF, THE DISCIPLES WENT TO THE WRONG TOMB.

THE MOST PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION OF ALL THE FACTS IS THAT GOD RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD!

## OBJECTIONS

- Roman soldiers, expert executioners, oversaw the crucifixion and pronounced him dead.
- How could Jesus, after being tortured, crucified, speared, and buried, unwrap himself, move a stone, defeat soldiers, and walk seven miles?
- On multiple occasions and under various circumstances, different individuals and groups of people experienced appearances of Jesus alive from the dead.
- The original disciples believed that Jesus was raised from the dead despite every predisposition to the contrary.
- The gospels claim to be historical accounts, not symbolism or allegory.
- The gospels provide multiple, independent attestations of these appearances.
- The earliest Jewish allegation that the disciples had stolen Jesus' body (Matt. 28:11-15) shows that the body was in fact missing from the tomb.
- The disciples were devastated by the death of Jesus.
- To steal the body, the disciples would have needed an elaborate plan including bribed guards, sufficient motive, a place to dispose of the body, faked witnesses—all with each of them taking the secret to his grave.
- The story is simple and lacks signs of legendary embellishment.
- Multiple witnesses saw where Jesus was laid.
- If Jesus was only raised in a spiritual sense, what happened to his physical body?
- Jesus' glorified resurrected body still has physical features: He could eat and be touched.
- Paul claims Christianity is pointless without a bodily resurrection.
- There is no evidence that the body was stolen.
- Would the disciples allow themselves to be martyred for an elaborate hoax?
- Joseph of Arimathea's involvement and testimony must be rejected to accept this view.
- If the disciples accidentally went to the wrong tomb, all anyone would have to do is produce Jesus' body.
- Contemporary scholars have almost universally discounted all of these theories. None of these naturalistic theories succeeds in meeting the conditions as well as the resurrection theory.





# VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

## JUNE 26–30, 2023

Registration open for students and volunteers

Space is limited – register today!

Go to [LBAC.org](http://LBAC.org) and click on the VBS 2023  
registration link on the home page

Questions??? Meghan Brearley 562.708.9261

SAVE THE DATE – VBS Leaders Meeting  
Saturday, May 20 10AM

# SEXUAL INTEGRITY 101

PRESENTED BY SAM & DEBRA EBERHART



RECOGNIZING THE SEXUAL BATTLEFIELD IN WHICH WE CURRENTLY LIVE.

DEVELOPING A HEALING PATHWAY IN A SAFE, GRACE FILLED COMMUNITY.

UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF SEXUAL BEHAVIOR ON OUR BRAIN.

WHY "PRAYING MORE" AND "TRYING HARDER" FALLS SHORT OF LIFELONG HEALING .

**WHO** TEENS & ADULTS

**WHEN** ~~APRIL 26, MAY 72~~ ( 11:15AM-12:30PM)

**WHERE** LBAC GYM

**FOOD & CHILD CARE** PROVIDED

**COST** \$20.00/PERSON

**SAM** 925.285.1295 **DEBRA** 562.533.2390

# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Weekly Schedule

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts

## Sunday, April 9

- 8:15AM Easter Breakfast
- 9:30AM Gospel Project: Children's Ministry
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service

## Monday, April 10

- 7:00PM Life Group (Bartlebaugh's at 6:30PM)
- 7:00PM Betrayal & Beyond Zoom Meeting
- 7:00PM Pure Desire Ministry Meeting
- 7:00PM Survivors of Incest Anonymous Mtg

## Tuesday, April 11

- 7:00PM Betrayed Heart Zoom Meeting
- 7:00PM Governing Board Meeting
- 7:00PM Men's Bible Study (offsite)

## Wednesday, April 12

- 3:00PM English Cafe Ministry

## Thursday, April 13

- 9:30AM Women's Life Group @ Millers

## Friday, April 14

- 8:00PM NA In-Person Meeting

## Saturday, April 15

- 8:00AM Men's In-Person/Zoom Bible Study

## Sunday, April 16

- 9:15AM Prayer Time, Room 106
- 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!**

Contact: [mensministry@lbac.org](mailto:mensministry@lbac.org)

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