# **LBAC** • Church Family Calendar & Events

# Sunday, August 7

KIDS EN ROUTE TO HUME LAKE 10:00AM Worship Celebration 11:30AM SALT meeting 12:00PM Deacon Meeting

# Monday, August 8

6:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

# Tuesday, August 9

7:00PM Youth Group 7:00PM Governing Board Meeting

# **Wednesday, August 10**

7:00PM Women's Bible Study

# Friday, August 12

8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

# Saturday, August 13

9:00AM Deaconess Meeting 10:00AM Crafty Women

# Sunday, August 14

10:00AM Worship Celebration

#### Mission

#### http://www.lbac.org/ministries/missions

Join us for Perspectives & Serving the World!

#### GROWTH GROUPS

http://www.lbac.org/ministries/growth-groups

Mid-week Bible Studies for all Adults Meeting From September – June

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

http://www.lbac.org/ministries/childrens-ministries

Summer Sunday Mornings @ 10:00AM All-Kids VBS, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Hume Lake!

http://www.lbac.org/ministries/childrens-ministries/awana

Meeting From September – June Wednesday Nights For Kids Through High School

#### YOUTH MINISTRIES

http://www.lbac.org/ministries/student-ministries

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts

**All-Youth Equipping Hour** ~ September–June **All-Youth Mid-Week** ~ Tuesday's @ 7:00PM

#### Women's Ministries

http://www.lbac.org/ministries/womens-ministries

#### Woman To Woman Mentoring

Contact: sherylynnelbac@gmail.com

Lydia House Meals Ministry Contact: robbi@apabrandu.com

#### Women Connecting with Missions

 $3^{rd}$  Tuesday of each month @ 7:00PM

#### Crafty Women

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month @ 10:00AM

#### Men's Ministries

http://www.lbac.org/ministries/mens-ministries

Contact: mensministry@lbac.org

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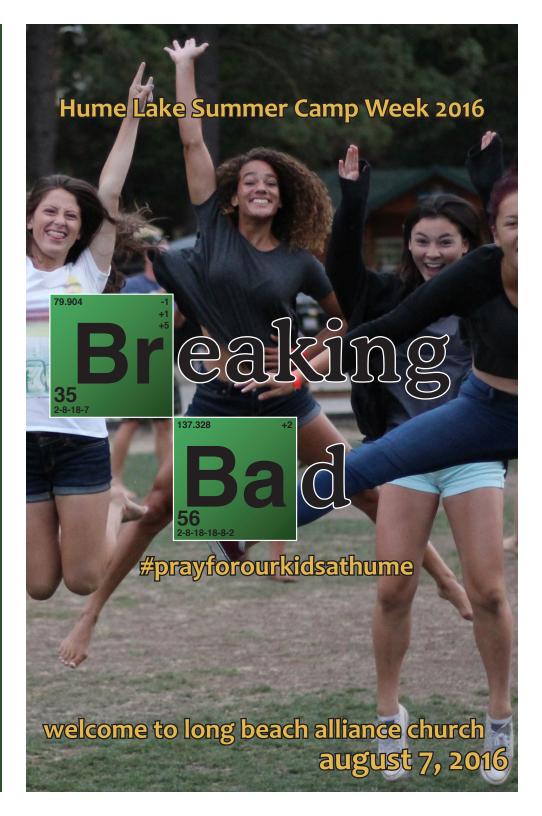
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As we prepare our hearts for communion today, please read and meditate on Psalm 32:1-7 (below).

Communion is a time to repent from sin, return to dependence on Christ, and remember Him in our lives.

As you read, consider repentance, dependence, and remembrance. Return to the goodness of a loving and forgiving God who is calling His children to sweet relationship and ongoing intentional dependencel

(Psalm 32:1-7) Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said,

# "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

God is faithful and does forgive & restore His children. He loves us, and knows relationship with Him is the very best thing for us. Let's celebrate together, responding as a cleansed and unified church!

(Psalm 32:11) Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

this is my body which is for you do this in remembrance of me. this cup is the new covenant in my blood.

do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.



# PERSPECTIVES CLASS



Experience God's heart for all people!

Encounter the excitement of the World Christian Movement!

Sunday Evenings ● 6:00PM-9:00PM ● AUGUST 21-DECEMBER 11

FIRST NIGHT (AUGUST 21) OPEN FOR EVERYONE! COME AND SEE! FULL CHILDREN'S PROGRAM • Sign-Up w/kelly@lbac.org

# LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

| Budget         | Required                 | Received     | % of B | udget |
|----------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------|-------|
| Weekly:        | \$11,766.37              | \$9,999.53   |        | 85.0% |
| Month-to-Date: | \$58,831.85              | \$53,748.12  |        | 91.4% |
| Year-to-Date:  | \$576,552.13             | \$559,687.43 |        | 97.1% |
| Disbursed YTD: | GOF Balance: \$40,154.80 |              |        |       |



For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord:



I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

(Jeremiah 31:33)

# 1) Caught In The Act

- A) One of the most vivid and brutal moments in the Bible is captured in the story about Jesus and the woman caught in the act of adultery (John 7:53-8:6).
- B) We can feel the shock and shame of the woman's sin and the abusive exploitation of the religious leaders.
- C) This is the moment we instinctually avoid more than any other; public exposure of our sin. In these moments, we rightfully know we deserve judgment.
- D) We come upon this fear of being caught, and an obsession with hiding, quite naturally. Our first father and mother had an instinct for it (Genesis 2:25-3:13).

# 2) The Results Of Sin

- A) Sin always results from an internal lack of trust in what God says is true (3:2). Sin promises fulfillment and freedom, but results in emptiness (Jeremiah 2:5, 31).
- B) It is significant to note: God has created us for good relationships (Genesis 3:8); and it's the first thing sin destroys. Sin promises fulfillment, but leaves us with emptiness, desperately thirsty, but never satisfied.



ALL BAD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END



- C) Sin isolates us from God, resulting in guilt and shame leading to hiding (3:8). Rather than living unashamed lives in the light (2:25), we choose disconnection and darkness and call it the good life (John 3:19).
- D) Sin alienates us from God because we rightfully fear condemnation (Genesis 3:9-11). We hide ourselves, lying to God, ourselves, and others in order to protect ourselves from rejection and hide from judgment.
- E) Sin enslaves us to more sin. We willingly betray those around us (Genesis 3:12-13). Sin-guilt blames others, refuses personal responsibility, addicting us to sin's powerful attraction (Romans 3:10-18).

# 3) Sinners Saved By Grace

- A) Is it any wonder we are called to pay close attention and not drift away from the Gospel! We must not neglect such a great salvation (Hebrews 2:1-4)! Gospel truth says:
  - Where we are empty and have thirst, God promises peace and the ongoing filling of our thirst by His Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16, John 7:38).
  - When we are exposed and ashamed, God clothes us in His own righteousness (2 Corinthians 5:21).
  - Are we alienated and hiding in fear? God adopts us into His family as heirs of His Kingdom (Romans 8:15-17).
  - Addicted to sin? Blaming others without responsibility?
     God gives grace through repentance and confession,
     true freedom from sin-guilt forever (Romans 10:8-11).
- B) If you have been "saved by grace" (Ephesians 2:8-9), are you still flirting and playing around with sin? Is the Gospel really the mark on your life today?
- C) While Christ's sacrifice has solved the sin problem, many of us continue to sin, fearing others more than God. Embrace grace again this morning, taking sin seriously, and once again returning to obeying Christ (1 Peter 1:14-19)!



