

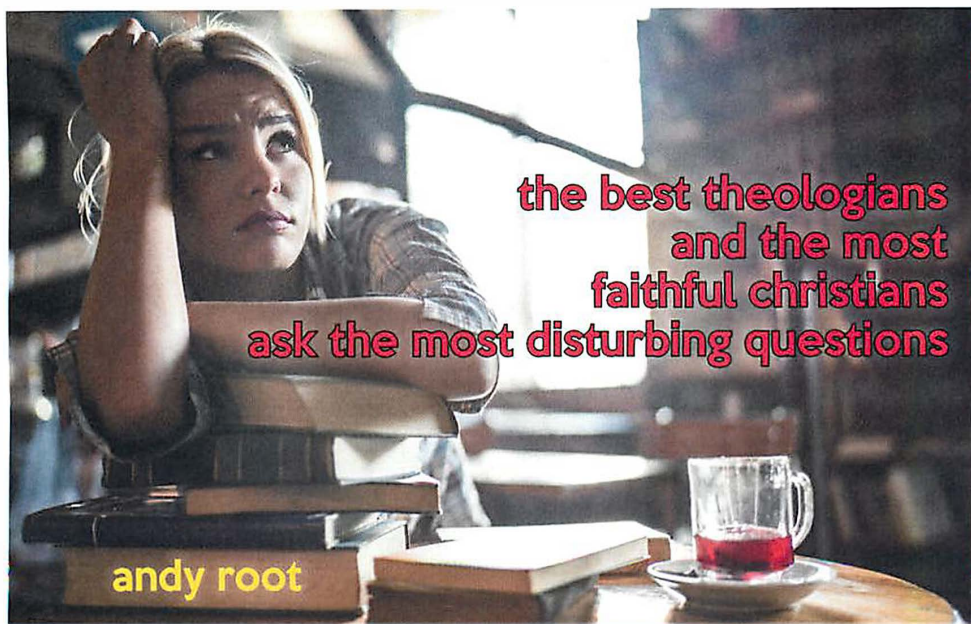


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welcome to long beach alliance church  
august 21, 2016



**the best theologians  
and the most  
faithful christians  
ask the most disturbing questions**

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**Q. Read Mark 8:27-30. Why was it important for Jesus to ask questions of His disciples?**

**Q. Why do you think Jesus told His disciples to "tell no one about Him" (see also Matthew 16:13-20)?**

## **The Next 50 Update**

**LBAC's Facility Renovation Fund**



Visit <http://www.lbac.org/our-church/giving>  
for information about giving online, and  
for more detailed giving information!



# PERSPECTIVES CLASS

## Get **THREADED** into the **STORY**

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

MEN'S  
RETREAT

**LBAC MEN**

**Hume Lake Men's Retreat**  
**October 20-23, 2016**



Contact Mike Comstock  
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Spots are filling up; don't miss out!  
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## **LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report**

Budget	Required	Received	% of Budget
Weekly:	\$11,766.37	\$9,311.53	79.1%
Month-to-Date:	\$23,532.74	\$22,637.18	96.2%
Year-to-Date:	\$600,084.87	\$582,452.13	97.1%
Disbursed YTD:		\$569,025.27	GOF Balance: \$13,426.86

# LBAC • Church Family Calendar & Events

## Sunday, August 21

- 10:00AM Worship Celebration  
11:45AM AWANA Leaders Meeting  
6:00PM First Night of Perspectives  
Missions Class for Adults  
Full Missions Program for Kids

## Monday, August 22

- 6:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

## Tuesday, August 23

- 7:00PM Elder Board Meeting

## Wednesday, August 24

- 7:00PM Women's Bible Study

## Friday, August 26

- 8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

## Sunday, August 28

- 10:00AM Worship Celebration  
12:30PM Building Committee Meeting  
6:00PM Perspectives

### MISSIONS

<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!

### AWANA

<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>

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: sheryllynne@lbac@gmail.com

Lydia House Meals Ministry

Contact: robbi@apabrandu.com

Women Connecting with Missions

3<sup>rd</sup> 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>

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**Breaking** “The Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”



**Bad** “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat? ”

(Genesis 3:9 & 11)

## 1) A God Who Questions

A) From the beginning, God has asked questions of mankind (Genesis 3:9 & 11). Since God knows all things (Hebrews 4:13), the questions He asks are not for His own sake.

B) God asked Adam & Eve questions because they needed to face the answers. God's questions almost always reveal two great truths:

C) First, when God asks questions, it reveals our need. We can be scared and ashamed by God's questions (Genesis 3:10, 12-13). But remember, when our lives bring God's questions into view and expose our need – it's good! Why?! Because God is our good Provider (1 Corinthians 10:13).

D) Second, when God asks questions, it reveals how we can grow in trusting Him; it expands our faith (James 1:2-8). When life is easy, a person often grows soft. But when we have to work hard, our endurance grows. When God's hard questions come your way, take heart, He is growing your faith (note Hebrews 11:1 & 6)!



## **2) Kingdom Faith Development**

- A) Many Christians I meet desire a better relationship with God. But, like the conversation between Jesus and a rich young man (Matthew 19:16-22), we walk away sorrowful and discouraged.
- B) You might be thinking, wait, where's the questions in that story? I believe everything Jesus ever says leaves us with questions. Just like the rich young man (or Adam & Eve), the substance of our lives is our answer to God's questions.
- C) Like the rich young man, we want to break away from things we know are bad (see what I did there, "breaking" and "bad"), but we settle for less. Sadly, often much less (Matthew 27:3-5).

## **3) Provision & Faith For Us**

- A) How does Jesus provide for you? How does He grow your faith? These questions result in blank stares and cause an intestinal urge for more Bible Study. But Jesus never meant for us to study as though He is a history lesson in a textbook (John 5:39-40).
- B) Can I offer you something different today? When you read, find the Jesus question(s). It's all about Him, and He is always asking questions. Sometimes they are easy (Mark 8:2), and at other times the questions are more veiled (Luke 22:48).
- C) Spend your week seeking good questions from Jesus. Let's see what happens for you and with others (Matthew 7:7-11).

**ALL BAD THINGS  
MUST COME TO AN END**