

JESUS IS...



WELCOME TO LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH
FEBRUARY 12, 2017

welcome to
long beach alliance church

we are a community of Jesus followers who
love God, love others, & serve the world

New Foundations Classes Begin February 26!

Join us at 11:00AM for the next 7 weeks as we dive in...

How We Love

Facilitator: Matt Swaney • Located: Sanctuary

This class is for those who would like to use the tools from the book "How We Love" to become a secure connector. There will be a review for those who are being introduced to the topic. You did not need to have attended the conference for this class to be great for you!

Mission of God

Facilitators: Scott Trickett,
Kelly Douglas, & Chris Wen
Located: Room 202

In this class we will be continuing to look at what it means to tell God's story. We will be learning about God's heart for the lost and the drastic steps he has taken and continues to take to solve the lostness of humanity.

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1. Go to cmalliance.org/give
2. Under "Give to International Workers and Special Projects," type: ENV-Kelly Douglas
3. Add an amount for a one-time gift in the box or sign up for monthly giving by clicking "Make this a recurring gift"
4. Fill in all of your contact & billing info, click "Submit!"

Childcare & Kids Fun-n-Funky Hour!

Nursery thru Pre-K Sign-Up: matt@lbac.org

Kids Hour Led By: Chris Lankford

11:00AM-12:00PM (Fun, Snacks, Fun, Crafts, and More Funner!)

Youth Ministries! Below the Surface

Facilitator: Jesse Duckett

Located: Youth Room

Junior high & High school students! Come hang out with us as we look at a few passages from Scripture and learn the basic skills that will allow you to go deeper as you learn to better read God's Word. With these tools, it becomes easier than you think! You'll even be able to teach this to your friends & family!

Daily Christian Living

Facilitator: John Carriveau

Located: Room 102

Discovering the foundational aspects of Christianity and incorporating these central Gospel aspects of Christian Living into practice in our lives!

LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

Budget	Required	Received	Budget %
Weekly:	\$12,236.37	\$8,483.12	69.3%
Month-to-Date:	\$12,236.37	\$8,483.12	69.3%
Year-to-Date:	\$256,750.18	\$267,839.43	91.2%
Disbursed YTD: \$249,080.80 GOF Balance: \$11,710.09			

coming soon...

Membership Seminar

march 26 2pm - 7pm

WE'RE FORKIN' IT OUT FOR A GREAT CAUSE!



**BENEFIT NIGHT
ADMISSION TICKET**

GROUP: *Long Beach Alliance Church*

DATE/TIME: *February 19, 11 to close*

**FUDDRUCKERS
LOCATION:** *Lakewood Center Mall
5229 Clark Ave, Lakewood 90712*

Present this ticket when you order and we get a
percentage of net sales to our benefit.

Not valid with any discount, promotion or coupon

LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, February 12

9:00AM Morning Coffee
9:30AM Worship & Celebration
11:00AM Foundations Classes
12:15PM Deacon Meeting

Monday, February 13

6:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

Tuesday, February 14

7:00PM High School Youth Group

Wednesday, February 15

6:30PM AWANA

Thursday, February 16

5:00PM Lydia House Women's Outreach
7:00PM Junior High Youth Group

Friday, February 17

6:30AM Men's Bible Study
8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, February 18

9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

Sunday, February 19

9:00AM Morning Coffee
9:30AM Worship & Celebration
11:00AM Fuddruckers Fundraiser
5229 Clark Ave., Lakewood
6:00PM Youth Leader Meeting

MISSIONS

<http://www.lbac.org/missions>

GROWTH GROUPS

<http://www.lbac.org/gg>

Mid-week Bible Studies for all Adults

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/children>

Sunday Mornings

Gospel Project @ 9:30AM

Fun-N-Funky Hour @ 11:00AM

AWANA

<http://www.lbac.org/awana>

Wednesdays through May 6:30PM-8:30PM

YOUTH MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/youth>

JH & HS Foundations ~ Sundays @ 11:00AM

HS Core Groups ~ Tuesdays @ 7:00PM

JH Core Groups ~ Thursdays @ 7:00PM

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/women>

Woman To Woman Mentoring

Contact: sherylynnelbac@gmail.com

Lydia House Meals Ministry

Contact: robbi@apabrando.com

Women Connecting with Missions

3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00PM

Crafty Women

2nd Saturday of each month @ 10:00AM

MEN'S MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/men>

Contact: mensministry@lbac.org

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts



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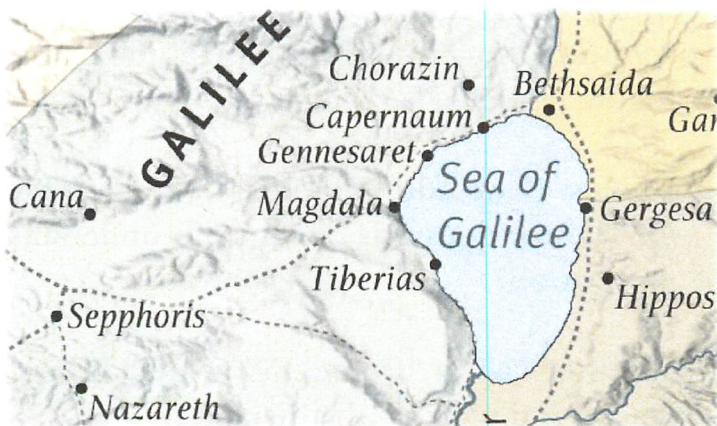
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Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking. And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you."
Ezekiel 1:28-2:1

1) Skunked

- A) Jesus' popularity from Capernaum resulted in large crowds following Him around the Galilee region (Luke 5:1). Soon after departing Capernaum for the purpose of spreading the Gospel of the Kingdom of God (4:43), Jesus comes upon a couple of empty fishing boats belonging to Simon. Jesus requests to teach from Simon's boat, requiring Simon to assist Jesus by holding the boat steady, while Jesus sat and taught the crowd (5:2-3).
- B) The Sea of Galilee is identified by various names in the Bible, usually to emphasize a region (e.g. Kinnereth or Chinnereth, Numbers 34:11, Joshua 11:2; or Lake of Gennesaret, Luke 5:1), or a large and popular city-place (e.g. Sea of Tiberias, John 6:1). As Jesus departs Capernaum, he heads South, to an area near the small fishing location of Gennesaret.

- C) There were two primary methods of fishing in the Sea of Galilee. The first involved an easy to throw circular net, used in the shallow shoreline



areas, where an individual fisherman could throw his net like a cowboy's lasso to catch encircle and net smaller fish (Matthew 4:18).

- D) The second method of fishing involved spreading a huge net, often between two boats (100-200 feet wide), with weights on one side of the net (for depth) and floats on the other side of the net (for buoyancy). The net was dragged behind the boat(s), catching fish in deep water. The nets were then drawn in by hand, and were very heavy (even without fish)! This required powerful and rugged men with great physical endurance (5:2-5).
- E) As is still true today, fish migrate and feed at night, so fisherman dragged deeper waters in evening hours (Luke 5:5). In ancient Galilee, linen nets were used (multi-layered trammel netting), and would reflect light in the daytime. Thus, daytime fishing was for novices, or worse yet, fools...
- F) Every morning, after a long night of work, fisherman had to wash their nets (Luke 5:2, mud and gravel caused damage), do needed repairs (Matthew 4:21, nets commonly snagged, tore, and needed tightening), and dry the nets for the next evening of fishing (Ezekiel 26:14, 47:10; drying & folding cleaned nets prevented decay/rotting).
- G) Simon graciously allows Jesus to use his boat as a small floating pulpit for teaching (Luke 5:3); Simon might have felt he “owed” Jesus this much for healing his mother-in-law (cf. 4:38-39). But when Jesus tells Simon to go out and drop his (cleaned, mended, and now drying) nets to catch some fish, you can hear the angst in Simon’s reply, ‘we are fishermen, and we got skunked! But hey, if you (“master teacher”) say so..’ (5:5).

2) Jesus the Fish Whisperer

- A) So out they went, and following the exact same method he knew so well, Simon began drawing in his nets (5:6). To his shock and elation, the nets were filled with unexpected fish! So many fish! Too many fish! The nets!
- B) In his powerful and straining hands, Simon could feel the pop and snap of the nets, but not wanting to alert the entire fishing industry of the western shoreline, he frantically signals for his other boat to come and help. There are so many fish, both boats begin to dangerously take on water (5:7)!

3) Ruined & Redefined by Jesus

- A) In that very moment, Simon Peter (note his more familiar name “Petros,” meaning “Rock,” is introduced) collapses into the bottom of the boat, falling on his knees with the fish, ruined in his sin (cf. Isaiah 6:1-5). Simon has seen Jesus’ authority and power in the synagogue (4:31-37), in Simon’s household (4:38-41), and now over nature and even Simon’s own vocation (5:8-10)! Simon is left with nothing, and fearfully begs Jesus to relent.
- B) This is true repentance, an agonized response of being ruined by Jesus. This is grace, that Jesus does not leave Simon in his sin, but replaces his old life of catching fish with a redefined life of “catching men alive,” just as Peter himself has been captured and redefined by Jesus (5:10-11)!

Growth Group Guide

Week #6 • Luke 5:1-11



Ice Breaker

- Would you rather go fresh-water fishing, deep-sea fishing, or no fishing? Why?

In-Depth

Read Luke 5:1-11

- Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon.
1. Verse 8: Was Simon Peter's reaction to the large catch of fish surprising?
 2. Read Mark 1:16-20
 - A. If we just read this passage without the rest of scripture, how would we explain the disciples' decision to follow Jesus?
 - B. Now if we add John 1:35-42, Luke 4:38-39, and Luke 5:1-11, how does this change our understanding of their motivation?
 - C. Jesus' call to "Come, follow me" (Mark 1:17) demanded what of the disciples?



3. Verse 10: Jesus tells his new disciples they will henceforth be evangelists, catching men instead of fish.

A. If you were to evangelize someone, what would be the most important components of the gospel message to communicate?

B. There are dozens of methods for evangelizing. List at least 3 that you think are less effective and 3 you think are more effective, and explain why.

Less effective:

More effective:

Making It Relevant

1. "Come, follow me" is a 2-part call: come out of the world, and follow Jesus. In what ways have you answered each part of this call from Jesus?
2. Fill in this sentence: "I need to be a more _____ (e.g. courageous, enthusiastic, effective, prepared, willing) fisher for souls of the unsaved."
How will you do so?