

A chessboard with a hexagonal grid pattern. A golden king piece stands prominently on the right side, illuminated by a bright light source from the upper right. Several silver pawns are arranged in a line across the board, receding into the background. The overall scene is set against a dark, textured background.

LAUNCHING  
WITH OUR  
LEADER

WELCOME TO LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

# 2025 Men's Retreat

Big Bear Lake • March 6-9, 2025

To Sign-Up Or For More Information, Contact John Moses  
@ 562.755.0920 and/or johnmoses@msiatlas.com  
And Keep An Eye Out For The Men's Sign-Up Table In February!

Pick up in the Courtyard today

Donor Statement

Want statement emailed? Contact [tina@lbac.org](mailto:tina@lbac.org)

## LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

Beginning Balance September 1, 2024: \$28,084.48

	Budget	Received	Budget %
December 2024:	\$73,498.15	\$107,195.25	145.8%
Year-to-Date:	\$264,593.34	\$289,054.98	109.2%
Disbursed YTD:	\$217,751.95	GF Balance:	\$99,387.51

Financial Gifts can be placed in the locked box in the Sanctuary lobby or given to an usher.  
You can also use any of the options viewable online at <https://lbac.org/give>



# I WAS BLIND, NOW I SEE

Long Beach Alliance Church • January 19, 2025 • Pastor Chris Latkford

**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD raises up those who are oppressed. The LORD loves the righteous. The LORD protects resident aliens and helps the fatherless and the widow. but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. ~Psalm 146:8-9**

## I) A Man Born Blind Defends What He Has Seen

- a) The unusual miracle of Jesus making mud from His saliva to anoint a man born blind (see other "odd" miracles of this sort in Mark 7:32-35 & 8:23-25) and Jesus sending the man to wash in the Pool of Siloam (John 1:1-11) sets the scene for one of the more amusing episodes in all of John's Gospel account (John 9:10-25).
- b) This amazing miracle sets off a debate amongst the people as to whether or not they are accurately remembering the man near the Pool of Siloam (John 9:8-9), only concluded by the man's insistence that he is the man who was born blind (John 9:10).
- c) The group then wants to know the details, wanting to know how Jesus did it, and where Jesus is now located (John 9:10-12). But of course, since the man was blind when Jesus healed him, he has no idea where Jesus went.
- d) The group then takes the man to the Pharisees (John 9:13). You would think they are taking the man to them to see if they can authenticate and celebrate the miracle. But then the shocking reason for involving the Pharisees pops to the surface – this unprecedented miracle happened on the Sabbath (John 9:14-15; see Exodus 20:8-11 & Numbers 15:32-36)! The tense question hangs in the air: Has Jesus violated God's Law?
- e) The Pharisees interview the man born blind (John 9:15) about "how" Jesus healed him. The Pharisees are more concerned with Jesus' actions than the substance of the miracle (John 8:12, 9:5). The Pharisees judge that Jesus is a sinner, because He has broken the 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment, a judgment that is so ridiculous, it sets off an argument among both the Pharisees and among others (John 9:16-25). The question remains in the balance: Do you believe Jesus brings sight to those born blind?

# CAN YOU HELP???

LBAC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IS  
SEEKING ITEMS FOR OUR  
AWANA STORE AND AUCTION

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR OUR AMAZON  
WISH LIST...DONATE GIFT CARDS TO  
AMAZON OR TARGET...OR ANY TOYS FOR  
AGES 5 THRU 11 WOULD BE APPRECIATED!

QUESTIONS? MEGHAN BREARLEY  
562.708.9261 OR MEGHAN@LBAC.ORG





# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Weekly Schedule

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts

## Sunday, January 19

- 9:30AM Gospel Project: Children's Ministry
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service

## Monday, January 20

- 7:00PM Betrayal & Beyond Mtg @ Eberharts
- 7:00PM Pure Desire Ministry Meeting
- 7:00PM Survivors of Incest Anonymous

## Tuesday, January 21

- 10:00AM Staff Team Meeting
- 7:00PM Men's Bible Study @ the Millers
- 7:00PM Middle/High School Youth Group

## Wednesday, January 22

- 6:30PM AWANA

## Thursday, January 23

- 9:30AM Women's Bible Study @ the Millers
- 7:00PM Betrayal and Beyond @ the Eberhart's

## Friday, January 24

- 8:00AM Men's In-Person/Zoom Bible Study
- 7:30PM Betrayal & Beyond Mtg @ Eberhart's
- 8:00PM NA In-Person Meeting

## Sunday, January 26

- 9:30AM Gospel Project: Children's Ministry
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service

## MISSIONS

**Information Coming Soon!**

## LIFE GROUPS

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

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**[LBAC Children's Ministries!](#)**

Sunday Mornings:  
Gospel Project @ 9:30AM

## AWANA

**[LBAC AWANA](#)**

Wednesday Nights September-May

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

**[LBAC Youth Ministries!](#)**

**[LBAC Youth Instagram Page](#)**

Every Tuesday Night @ 7:00PM

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

**[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 of each month

Women Connecting with Missions

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

Crafty Women

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

## MEN'S MINISTRIES

**[LBAC Men's Ministry!](#)**

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