

The Culture Of Christmas

A photograph of a deer lying in a wooden manger filled with straw. The deer is looking towards the camera. In the background, there is a stone wall with a window that shows a bright light, possibly the sun or moon, shining through. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the light from the window illuminating the deer and the manger.

**Welcome to Long Beach Alliance
Sunday, December 21, 2025**

Christmas Eve

Candlelighting Service
December 24, 6PM-7PM



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LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

Beginning Fiscal Year Balance (Sep 01, 2025) \$21,444.13

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
November 2025:	\$60,259.15	\$75,569.38	125.4%
Year-to-Date:	\$180,511.11	\$182,104.30	100.9%
Disbursed YTD:	\$189,880.73	GF Balance: \$13,667.70	

How do I give to LBAC?

- 1. www.lbac.org/give for 1 time or recurring electronic transfers**
- 2. Zelle from your bank website to luke@lbac.org**
- 3. Schedule a bill pay from your bank website to address below**
- 4. Drop check or cash in gray box in lobby**
- 5. Mail to : LBAC, Attn Treasurer, 3331 Palo Verde Ave, Long Beach, CA 90808**

Christmas Peace

Long Beach Alliance Church • December 21, 2025 • Advent Week #4 • Pastor Chris Lankford

I THEREFORE, A PRISONER FOR THE LORD, URGE YOU TO WALK IN A MANNER WORTHY OF THE CALLING TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED, WITH ALL HUMILITY AND GENTLENESS, WITH PATIENCE, BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE, EAGER TO MAINTAIN THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE.

~EPHESIANS 4:1-3

1) Conflicts Will Happen Among Family

- a) Conflict will exist wherever at least two people who are living in a broken world are in relationship with one another. Conflict and disagreement will even exist (gasp!) in Christ-following families, and conflict will even occur (double-gasp) in the Church (Philippians 4:1-9).

2) Repairing Conflict Needs Special Care

- a) Sometimes conflicts between two or more people require counsel and assistance from other trusted people in order to experience freedom.

3) Continually Living With The Mind Of Christ

- a) The peace of God is a distinctive mark of a Christ-follower. The focus of our hearts is not on abstract moral imperatives (note how Philippians 4:8-9 could be misapplied), but is rather the result of living our lives together (in unity) in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7).

4) The Ultimate Peace of Christmas

- a) The reason God came to live with mankind was to bring peace between people and God. Jesus came to provide a way from being "children under wrath" (Ephesians 2:1-3) to becoming "children of God" (1 John 3:1-2). By believing and trusting in Jesus, we can have "peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1-9).
- b) It is learning how to live each moment by moment of our lives "in Christ" that progressively leads us to the fruitfulness of being peacemakers, the great promised result of the coming of Jesus the Christ (Isaiah 9:2-7).

LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Sunday, December 21

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

LIFE GROUPS

Contact: office@lbac.org
Mid-week Adult Bible Studies

Monday, December 22

- 7:00PM Betrayal & Beyond Mtg @ Eberhart's
- 7:00PM Life Group @Schaubs
- 7:00PM Pure Desire Ministry Meeting
- 7:00PM Survivors of Incest Anonymous

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

Wednesday, December 24

- 6:00PM Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service

Thursday, December 25 – Merry Christmas

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

LBAC Women's Ministry!

Women's Ministry Event Information
Contact: office@lbac.org

Lydia House Meals Ministry
3rd Thursday of each month

Friday, December 26

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

Women Connecting with Missions
Contact Kathie Metz: kathiemetz@msn.com

Crafty Women
3rd Saturday of each month @ 10:00AM

Sunday, December 28

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

MEN'S MINISTRIES

LBAC Men's Ministry!

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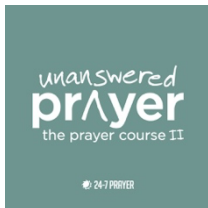
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Hello God, it's me... are you there?

Is that a question you have asked or heard someone ask? Outside of the church, unanswered prayer is used as evidence that God doesn't exist. Inside, we may face a dilemma. God is powerful and loving and yet our prayers often seem to be met with total silence.



God On Mute: Engaging the Silence of Unanswered Prayer

By Pete Greig

Let's explore together the experience of God's silence in the midst of suffering. We will walk through the pain of Maundy Thursday, the agony of Good Friday, and the silence of Holy Saturday to arrive at an empty tomb on Easter Sunday.

HOW

Discussion groups with other women. There are 14 chapters in the book. We will process 2 chapters each week over 7 weeks.

WHEN/WHERE

Saturday Mornings- at LBAC, 9-11 am 1/10. 1/17. 1/24. 1/31. 2/7. 2/14. 2/21
Signups will begin in December

RESOURCE NEEDED

God on Mute is available as an audio book, for kindle or a hard copy can be purchased at Walmart or through Amazon.

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