

Discovering



Our Source Connection

Welcome to Long Beach Alliance Church

Sunday, May 11, 2025

HAPPY
Mother's
DAY

Crafty Women

Sign up @
Courtyard Table

Saturday, May 17

Special Craft 10:00AM-12PM

Regular Crafty Women 12PM-4PM

LBAC GYM

?s: Contact Stacy Flanigan 562.260.7670
or Donna Neel 562.335.9088

LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

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

	Budget	Received	Budget %
April 2025:	\$58,798.52	\$59,282.90	100.8%
Year-to-Date:	\$514,487.05	\$485,120.73	94.3%
Disbursed YTD:	\$483,695.62	GF Balance:	\$29,509.59

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>

ALLIANCE YOUTH

ONLINE SILENT AUCTION

**DESSERT OF
THE MONTH**

GONDOLA GETAWAY

**WATERFRONT
BEACH RESORT**

THEATER TICKETS

**LB AQUARIUM
TICKETS**

**RESTAURANT
GIFT CARDS**



**ANGELS BASEBALL
TICKETS**

MAGIC CASTLE

**MANY HANDMADE
ITEMS**

**HAIR AND SKIN
CARE PACKAGES**

**IN-N-OUT GIFT
BASKET**

AND MUCH MORE...

MAY 11-25, 2025

**HELP OUR KIDS GET TO CAMP BY
PARTICIPATING IN OUR
SILENT AUCTION AT**

[GALABID.COM/LBAC2025](https://galabid.com/LBAC2025)

**AUCTION CLOSING AT 9PM ON MAY 25
QUESTIONS??? MEGHAN 562.708.9261**

Lavish Love

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For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

~Mark 10:45

1) The Tremendous Diversity Of 'The Twelve'

- a) Jesus was surrounded by a large crowd of "disciples" throughout His public ministry (Luke 6:17). From this larger group of disciples (Luke 6:13), He chose twelve, and also gave them the name "apostles" (designated representatives sent with the message of their master, much like a government ambassador).
- b) It is important to note that every believer/follower of Jesus Christ is a disciple. But The Twelve were not only Christ's disciples, but also a select group of representatives chosen for training to become Christ's apostles ('Sent Ones').
- c) Retreating to a mountaintop, Jesus spent an entire night in prayer to God (Luke 6:12), and after coming down the mountain He selected The Twelve:

Group #1	Simon Peter, (Always 1 st)	Andrew, Peter's brother
	James, Son of Zebedee	John, James' brother
Group #2	Philip (5 th)	Bartholomew/Nathanael?
	Thomas, the Twin (Didymus)	Matthew Levi, Tax Collector
Group #3	James, Son of Alphaeus (9 th)	Simon, the Zealot
	Judas 'Thaddeus,' Son of James	Judas Iscariot, the Betrayer

- d) The Twelve were an incredibly diverse group of men from varied backgrounds from fisherman to a tax collector to a revolutionary zealot. They hailed from different regions around Galilee, and at least one of The Twelve was probably from further South in Judea. They are called The Twelve until Acts 6:2, and from that point forward are only referred to as "apostles," fulfilling their calling in the early church. Judas Iscariot, filled with remorse over betraying Jesus, will commit suicide (Acts 1:18-19). Early church tradition reported that all the disciples were martyred except John, who died of old age at/near Ephesus.

2) The End Of Training Draws Near

- a) Triggered by Judas' departure from the Upper Room at the Last Supper (John 13:26-30), Jesus turns His attention to His remaining 11 disciples, revealing that the time has now come for Him to glorify God, and for God to also glorify Himself in Christ Jesus (John 13:31-32). Jesus vividly illuminates that God the Father is glorified (His magnificence is revealed) in the flawless obedience of Jesus the Christ which is now to be further magnified in the crucifixion.
- b) Lamenting the knowledge that He is soon to depart from the time, training, friendship, and deep love He has for His disciples, Jesus tenderly and cautiously tells them that He is going somewhere where they cannot come (John 13:33). He has told this to His enemies before (see John 7:33-34, 8:21), but He has never said this to His disciples whom He has trained intensely for the previous three years.
- c) Filled with love for His disciples, Jesus calls on them to love one another with the same overwhelming love He has displayed to them throughout their time of training. This was especially displayed (earlier that night) in Christ's humble servanthood in stooping down to wash their dirty feet (John 13:3-17).

3) The (Kinda) New Commandment To Love

- a) The "newness" of Christ's command to His disciples (John 13:34-35) was not in the idea of loving others, since this is well established in the Old Testament in two timeless commands which fulfill all of the Law of God (Matthew 22:35-40); loving God (Deuteronomy 6:5) and loving others (Leviticus 19:18).
- b) Rather, this is a 'new commandment' for two key reasons. First, the measure of the command is clearly displayed in Christ's training of His Twelve. The measure of love is no longer a lofty philosophical question (what is love?); love is displayed in humble servanthood. It's now "as I have loved you, so love one another." Secondly, the command has a promise. If our hearts and actions are truly motivated by Christ's example of serving one another in love, it reveals Jesus to the world through His ongoing legacy of disciples.
- c) But the disciples are verklempt that Jesus' is departing soon. It seems they hardly hear Christ's "new commandment." Peter, speaking for the heart of Jesus' remaining 11 disciples, promises His fidelity and loyalty. But Jesus knows it is not true, sadly predicting his impending denials (John 13:36-38).

VBS DONATIONS NEEDED



FROM COSTCO:

- (2) 10 OUNCE PAPER COLD CUPS
- (1) PACKAGE OF SMALL PAPER PLATES
- (6) BOXES SQUEEZABLE APPLESAUCE
- (4) BOXES RICE KRISPIE TREATS
- (3) 90-COUNT FRUIT SNACKS
- (2) KEGS PRETZELS
- (4) BOXES OF OREOS
- (4) BOXES OF CHEEZ-ITS
- (1) BAG OF TORTILLA CHIPS
- (1) CONTAINER OF M & M'S
- (1) 60 COUNT STRING CHEESE
- (2) COUNTRY TIME LEMONADE
- (2) CASE OF WATER BOTTLES
- (2) PACKAGES OF NAPKINS
- (2) 64-COUNT SOFT & CHEWY GRANOLA BARS
- (2) BOXES OF FRITO LAY CLASSIC MIX
- INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED CHIPS

THANK YOU FOR HELPING MAKE VBS SUCCESSFUL.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH ANYTHING ON THIS LIST,
PLEASE LET MEGHAN KNOW AND DROP OFF
IN THE KITCHEN BY JUNE 15
QUESTIONS???CONTACT MEGHAN BREARLEY
562.708.9261 OR MEGHAN@LBAC.ORG



VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

JUNE 23-27, 2025

**REGISTRATION OPEN FOR
KIDS 3 YRS THRU 8TH GRADE AND VOLUNTEERS
SPACE IS LIMITED - REGISTER TODAY!**

**GO TO LBAC.ORG AND CLICK ON THE VBS 2025
REGISTRATION LINK ON THE HOME PAGE
QUESTIONS??? MEGHAN BREARLEY 562.108.0261**

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**SAVE THE DATE - VBS LEADERS MEETING
SATURDAY, JUNE 1 / 9AM**

LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, May 11



Happy Mother's Day

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

Monday, May 12

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

Tuesday, May 13

- 7:00PM Men's Bible Study @ the Millers
- 7:00PM Middle/High School Youth Group

Wednesday, May 14

- 6:30PM AWANA

Thursday, May 15

- 9:30AM Women's Bible Study @ the Millers
- 5:00PM Lydia House Women's Outreach
- 7:00PM Betrayal and Beyond @ the Eberhart's

Friday, May 16

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

Saturday, May 17

- 10:00AM Crafty Women- Special Craft

Sunday, May 18

- 9:30AM Gospel Project: Children's Ministry
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service
- 11:15AM VBS Teacher Meeting

MISSIONS

Information Coming Soon!

LIFE GROUPS

Contact: 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

Lydia House Meals Ministry
3rd Thursday of each month

Women Connecting with Missions

Contact Kathie Metz: kathiemetz@msn.com

Crafty Women

3rd Saturday of each month @ 10:00AM

MEN'S MINISTRIES

LBAC Men's Ministry!

Contact: mensministry@lbac.org



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