

# Discovering



# Our Source Connection

**Welcome to Long Beach Alliance Church**

**Sunday, June 1, 2025**



Meeting to follow  
after the service  
**TODAY!**

# MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sign up in the  
Courtyard today!

**Saturday, June 14 • 8:00AM • Gym**

**Food • Fellowship • Encouragement**

**Contact John Moses (562.755.0920) w/ Questions!**

## **LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report**

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

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
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>



# VBS DONATIONS NEEDED



## FROM COSTCO:

- (2) 10 OUNCE PAPER COLD CUPS
- (1) PACKAGE OF SMALL PAPER PLATES
- (6) BOXES SQUEEZABLE APPLESAUCE
- (3) BOXES RICE KRISPIE TREATS
- (2) KEGS PRETZELS
- (4) BOXES OF OREOS
- (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
- (1) 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**  
**562.108.9261 OR MEGHAN@LBAC.ORG**

# The Riches of God's Grace

Long Beach Alliance Church • June 1, 2025 • Dr. Vincent Nwankpa

## EPHESIANS 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love, He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ.

God loves us extravagantly (John 3:16). God's grace is overwhelming on us (Ephesians 1:3-9). Grace is the personal possession of every believer.

**The Greek word Charis mean grace, kindness, and life. It also means unearned or unmerited favor or divine love, bestowed freely by a higher power, regardless of a person's actions or worthiness.**

### I. Four Types of Grace

- A. Universal Common Grace, which God bestows on all creatures.
- B. General Grace, a grace which God bestows on mankind.
- C. Covenant Grace, which is common to God's elect and all those who live in the covenant sphere.
- D. Saving Grace, which God bestows unto salvation, unto the elect only.

## **II. The Characteristics of God's Grace**

- A. They are divinely given to us v. 3
- B. They are given to us freely v. 6
- C. God's grace is superabundant/lavishly given vs. 7-8
- D. God's grace is given to us during the time of salvation, but our maturity grows gradually
- E. Christ is the source of all our gifts vs. 4-7
- F. God's grace is eternal, it cannot be removed by people, the enemy, or death (1 John 5:13)

## **III. We're Brothers and Sisters to the Lord Jesus Christ**

- A. He placed us into His great plan (Romans 8:29-30)
- B. He redeemed us (Ephesian 1:7)
- C. He has forgiven us (1John 1:6-7)
- D. He has justified us (Roman 3:24)
- E. He has reconciled us to Himself (2 Corinthians 5:18)
- F. We are freed from the law (Galatians 2:16, 21)
- G. We are welcomed to live in union with God (John 15:1-5)
- H. We are children and heirs of God, along with Jesus  
(Romans 8:16-17; Colossians 1:15-17)
- I. We are made citizens of heaven (Philippians 3:20)
- J. We are granted instant access to God's throne (Hebrews 4:16)
- K. We are seated in heavenly places with Christ (Ephesians 1:6)
- L. We are made complete in Christ (Colossians 2:9-10)
- M. We are glorified in Him (Romans 8:30)

## **IV. How to Grow in the Grace of God**

Growing in God's grace involves actively cultivating a relationship with Him, surrendering to His will, and embracing His love and mercy. This process is maturing spiritually and becoming more like Christ through prayer, Scripture study, and a grateful, humble heart.





# 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](http://LBAC.ORG) AND CLICK ON THE VBS 2025  
REGISTRATION LINK ON THE HOME PAGE  
QUESTIONS??? MEGHAN BREARLEY 562.108.9261

OR [MEGHAN@LBAC.ORG](mailto:MEGHAN@LBAC.ORG)  
SAVE THE DATE - VBS LEADERS MEETING  
SATURDAY, JUNE 1 / 9AM

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**Dr. Vincent & Mrs. Chinyere Nwankpa**



# **ETERNAL WORD COMMUNICATION MINISTRIES**

**cordially invite you to**

## **ANNUAL THANKSGIVING & FUND RAISING EVENT**

**(To Support Children's Education)**

**DATE: June 7, 2025**

**TIME: 3PM – 6:30PM**

**LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH**

**3331 PALO VERDE AVENUE**

**LONG BEACH, CA 90808**

**COME AND BE BLESSED!**



**ZELLE: (562) 331-4732**

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# **VBS OFFERING ENVELOPES**

**THERE ARE GREEN ENVELOPES  
IN THE RACKS IN FRONT OF YOU  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO VBS.  
WE WANT THE CHILDREN TO  
HEAR THE GOSPEL FOR FREE!  
THEY ONLY PAY FOR THEIR SHIRTS.**



# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Weekly Schedule

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts

## Sunday, June 1

- 9:30AM Gospel Project: Children's Ministry
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service
- 11:15AM Select Nominating Committee Mtg.

## Monday, June 2

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

## Tuesday, June 3

- 7:00PM Men's Bible Study @ the Millers

## Wednesday, June 4

- 5:00PM VBS Decor Party

## Thursday, June 5

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

## Friday, June 6

- 8:00AM Men's In-Person/Zoom Bible Study
- 6:00PM Children's Ministry Volunteer Dinner
- 7:30PM Betrayal & Beyond Mtg @ Eberhart's
- 8:00PM NA Meeting

## Saturday, June 7

- 9:00AM VBS Volunteer Meeting
- 3:00PM EWCM Fundraiser Event

## Sunday, June 8

- 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!**

Contact: [mensministry@lbac.org](mailto:mensministry@lbac.org)

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