

Discovering



**Our Source
Connection**

Welcome to Long Beach Alliance Church

Sunday, August 8, 2025

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sign up in the
Courtyard today!

Saturday, August 9 • 8:00AM • Gym

Food • Fellowship • Encouragement

Contact John Moses (562.755.0920) w/ Questions!

Night of Worship & Prayer

Wednesdays • August 6, 13, 20, and 27
6:30PM-8:00PM
Sanctuary Lobby

Join us for an evening of prayer and worship together, seeking God's direction for those who have yet to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

Questions? Contact Pastor Scott (scott@lbac.org, 562.972.5306)

LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

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

	Budget	Received	Budget %
June 2025:	\$73,498.15	\$63,038.17	85.8%
Year-to-Date:	\$646,783.72	\$598,448.40	92.5%
Disbursed YTD:	\$603,201.03	GF Balance: \$23,331.85	

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>

Joy You Cannot Yet See

LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH • AUGUST 3, 2025 • PASTOR CHRIS LANKFORD

Sing to the Lord, you his faithful ones, and praise his holy name. For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor, a lifetime. Weeping may stay overnight, but there is joy in the morning.
~Psalms 30:4-5 (CSB)

1) A Cryptic Comment

- a) As if to illustrate what He had just said to His disciples about not being able to handle many of the things He wanted to share with them (John 16:12), Jesus makes veiled comments about His impending death and resurrection which made absolutely no sense before the events actually occurred (John 16:16).

2) Some Confused & Concerned Disciples

- a) Understandably, the disciples are confused by Jesus' comment (John 16:17-18). Similarly to how they had been responding previously (John 16:5ff), the disciples are mostly concerned that Jesus keeps talking about leaving them very, very soon. But they do not understand the timing or it's significance.
- b) Jesus sees and knows that the disciples are confused (there is nothing to indicate Jesus knew what His disciples were thinking by supernatural revelation from God, but rather He probably knew by simply observing them). So, Jesus volunteers (kind of) the answer to their question (John 16:19).

3) I Promise, Joy Is Coming From God!

- a) Jesus shares a parallel explanation to His previous cryptic statement (also equally as confusing to His disciples), but emphasizes that the events about to come would result in their joy (John 16:20). Then, illustrating His illustration which was supposed to explain His first comment, Jesus speaks about the joy of a newborn overwhelming the pain of childbirth (John 16:21).
- b) Then, being a bit more clear regarding what the disciples could expect, Jesus tells them why they will have joy (John 16:22), and that when these events occur it will provide unprecedented availability and access to directly speaking to God the Father in joyous identity with Christ (John 16:23-24).



Long Beach
Rescue Mission

Hope can't wait • Hope is here

is proud to present their annual...

BACKPACK DRIVE!

WE INVITE YOU TO PARTNER WITH US AS WE PREPARE STUDENTS IN NEED FOR SUCCESS IN THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE FAMILIES OF OUR COMMUNITY!

*FROM JULY 1ST UNTIL AUGUST 15TH THE
LONG BEACH RESCUE MISSION WILL BE
COLLECTING DONATIONS.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!*

NEEDS LIST

- BACKPACK
- NOTEBOOK
- BINDER
- PENS
- COLORED PENCILS
- HIGHLIGHTERS
- RULERS
- GLUE STICKS
- ERASERS
- WATER BOTTLES



For more information contact Jesse - jessel@lbrm.org

*Drop supplies off in the big basket by
the door of the office.*

*Last day to drop off supplies is
Wednesday, August 13*

LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Weekly Schedule

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts

Sunday, August 3

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

Monday, August 4

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

Tuesday, August 5

- 3:00PM Staff Team Meeting
- 6:00PM Middle/High School House Church
- 7:00PM Governing Board Meeting
- 7:00PM Men's Bible Study @ the Millers

Tuesday, August 6

- 6:30PM Night of Worship & Prayer

Thursday, August 7

- 9:30AM Women's Bible Study @ the Millers
- 3:00PM Youth Beach Day
- 7:00PM Betrayal and Beyond @ the Eberhart's

Friday, August 8

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

Saturday, August 9

- 8:00AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:00AM Deaconess Meeting

Sunday, August 10

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

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!

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