



HEAVENLY VISION

Welcome to Long Beach Alliance
Sunday, March 22, 2026

Easter Egg Hunt

DONATIONS NEEDED

We are seeking donations of plastic eggs, candy and small toys (that fit inside Easter eggs) for our annual Easter Egg hunt. Please deposit items in the box in the lobby or drop off at the church office during office hours (T-Th 10:00AM - 5:00PM)

Our goal is to fill 2000 eggs!

All items due by **NEXT WEEK • March 29**

Questions? Meghan Brearley 562.708.9261

JESUS IN THE PASSOVER DINNER

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 @ 6:30PM

ADULT TICKETS \$25

KIDS TICKETS \$10

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE COURTYARD!



LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH

Join us as we cheer on Long Beach State Dirtbags. It's the perfect way to have fun with your community and jumpstart our fundraising goal. A portion of every single ticket purchased through this link goes directly to supporting Long Beach Alliance Church.

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IMAGINING HEAVEN • PART #3

Long Beach Alliance Church • March 22, 2026 • Pastor Chris Lankford

Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

~Matthew 6:19-21 (NLT)



1) Let's Get A Little Weird

- a) We've all heard stories of people declared legally dead (failure of circulatory/respiratory and/or brain activity), who are later revived and report going through a tunnel or pathway and toward 'the light.'**
- b) Some of the biggest Hollywood movies and TV shows are based on sensational stories about "Near Death Experiences" (NDE's). While most are simply for entertainment, many are also rooted in real-life (or death) experiences.**
- c) Legitimate estimates have reported that nearly one in every twenty-five Americans (4% of the population!) have reported experiencing an NDE. How should Christ-followers respond to NDE stories we see on TV, hear about in podcasts, or read about in books?**

2) The Guardrails On The Road Of Experiences

- a) All Christ-followers should view their life experiences through the 'lens' of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:15-17). God's Word is provided for us to have a reliable and certain foundation for our experiences (2 Peter 1:20-21). God's Word will always "steer you right" to Jesus (John 17:17).**
- b) When it comes to the stories of Near Death Experiences, we should not be surprised! The Bible tells us with great certainty there is life after death (1 Corinthians 15:35-58).**

- c) However, like all life experiences, everything should be filtered through the lens of Scripture (Romans 15:4). Christ-followers can be fooled and distracted by spiritual-sounding conversations that do not profit anyone and can result in destruction (Titus 3:9-11).**
- d) If there are aspects of an NDE that direct people to the "theme" of the Scriptures (Jesus), there can be great value in a mystical experience. We know there is life after death (Hebrews 9:27), but what is most significant is whether or not you know Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17-21).**

3) Investing Well In Your Present Future

- a) The Scriptures are clear that what we do in this life makes a difference in eternity (Matthew 6:19-21). The greatest reward possible in this life and the next is to know God through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (John 17:3, Galatians 2:20).**
- b) The Bible also speaks of "rewards" in Heaven, crowns that are given to those who have shown distinguished service to God on earth (1 Corinthians 9:24-27).**
- c) There are many passages mentioning rewards in Heaven, highlighted by at least five different "crowns" (wreath, reward, meritorious work, authority):**
 - i) Crown of Life (James 1:12; Revelation 2:10)**
 - ii) Crown of Righteousness (2 Timothy 4:8)**
 - iii) Crown of Glory (1 Peter 5:4)**
 - iv) Crown of Joy (Philippians 4:1; 1 Thessalonians 2:19)**
 - v) Imperishable Crown (1 Corinthians 9:25).**
- d) Rather than see these as achievements to secure "more for me" in Heaven, these rewards are for our lives now and today, "on earth as it is in Heaven" (Matthew 6:10).**
- e) Following the lead of what we see the "leaders" of Heaven doing, our crowns will ultimately be for the worship of the "Lord God Almighty," to cast before the throne in worship and honor of God (Revelation 4:10-11).**

EASTER 2026

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE & BAPTISMS

MARCH 29 @ 9:30AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER

APRIL 2 @ 6:30PM

EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 4 @ 9:00AM AT WARDLOW PARK

EASTER BREAKFAST

APRIL 5 @ 8:00AM

EASTER SERVICE

APRIL 5 @ 9:30AM

BAPTISMS

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

If you have decided to follow Jesus in baptism, we would love to celebrate this step of faith with you!

Please contact us at the LBAC office if interested!
office@lbac.org or 562.420.1478



FUN & FELLOWSHIP • STAMP CUTTING

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 10:00AM-2:00PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 12:00PM-3:00PM

SIGN UP IN THE COURTYARD TODAY!

Questions? Contact KATHIE METZ 562.234.5937

WORK DAY! SIGN UP IN THE COURTYARD!

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 @ 8:00AM-12:00PM

Questions? Contact JEREMIAH HOLDEN 760.224.4178

LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Sunday, March 22

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

Monday, March 23 (Church Offices Closed)

- 6:30PM Life Group @ Bartlebaugh's
- 7:00PM Betrayal & Beyond Mtg. @ Eberhart's
- 7:00PM Pure Desire Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, March 24 (Church Offices OPEN)

- 7:00PM Men's Bible Study @ Miller's
- 7:00PM Middle/High School Youth Group
- 7:00PM Elder Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 25 (Church Offices OPEN)

- 6:00PM AWANA • Neon Night

Thursday, March 26 (Church Office OPEN)

- 9:30AM Women's Bible Study @ Miller's
- 6:00PM Youth Mall Espionage @ Cerritos Mall
- 6:00PM Worship Team Practice

Friday, March 27 (Church Offices Closed)

- 8:00AM Men's In-Person & Zoom Bible Study
- 10:00AM F&F • Stamp Cut/Sort @ Kathie Metz'
- 8:00PM NA In-Person Meeting

Saturday, March 28

- 8:00AM All-Church Work Day
- 10:00AM F&F • Stamp Cut/Sort @ Kathie Metz'

Sunday, March 29

- 9:30AM Gospel Project: Children's Ministry
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service
- 1:00PM LBAC Dirtbags Baseball Game @ Blair Field in Long Beach

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

Weekly Schedule

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts



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