

Finding Joy In A Nutty World



Welcome to Long Beach Alliance Church • Sunday, August 23, 2026



Our AWANA ministry is designed for children from preschool through 12th grade. We are dedicated to discipling and teaching kids about Jesus through the study and memorization of God's Word and having a great time while we do it! We strive to make each club night an exciting, meaningful experience for clubbers through the use of games, theme nights, scripture memory work, Bible lessons, and other activities!

Beginning September 2, 2026

**All clubs meet Wednesdays 6-8PM
(Cubbies/Preschoolers end at 7:45PM)
at Long Beach Alliance Church.**

**SIGN UP TODAY
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

lbac.org/awana

**Contact Meghan at 562.708.9261 or
meghan@lbac.org with any questions.**

LOOKING FOR SMALL GROUP

Leaders and Host Homes



Are you interested in

- **joining** a small group?
- **leading** a small group?
- **hosting** a small group?

COME TO THE CONNECTION TABLE
or

CONTACT JASON GARBER 562-412-1924

Pursuing The Prize

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Don't you know that the runners in a stadium all race, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way to win the prize. Now everyone who competes exercises self-control in everything. They do it to receive a perishable crown, but we an imperishable crown.

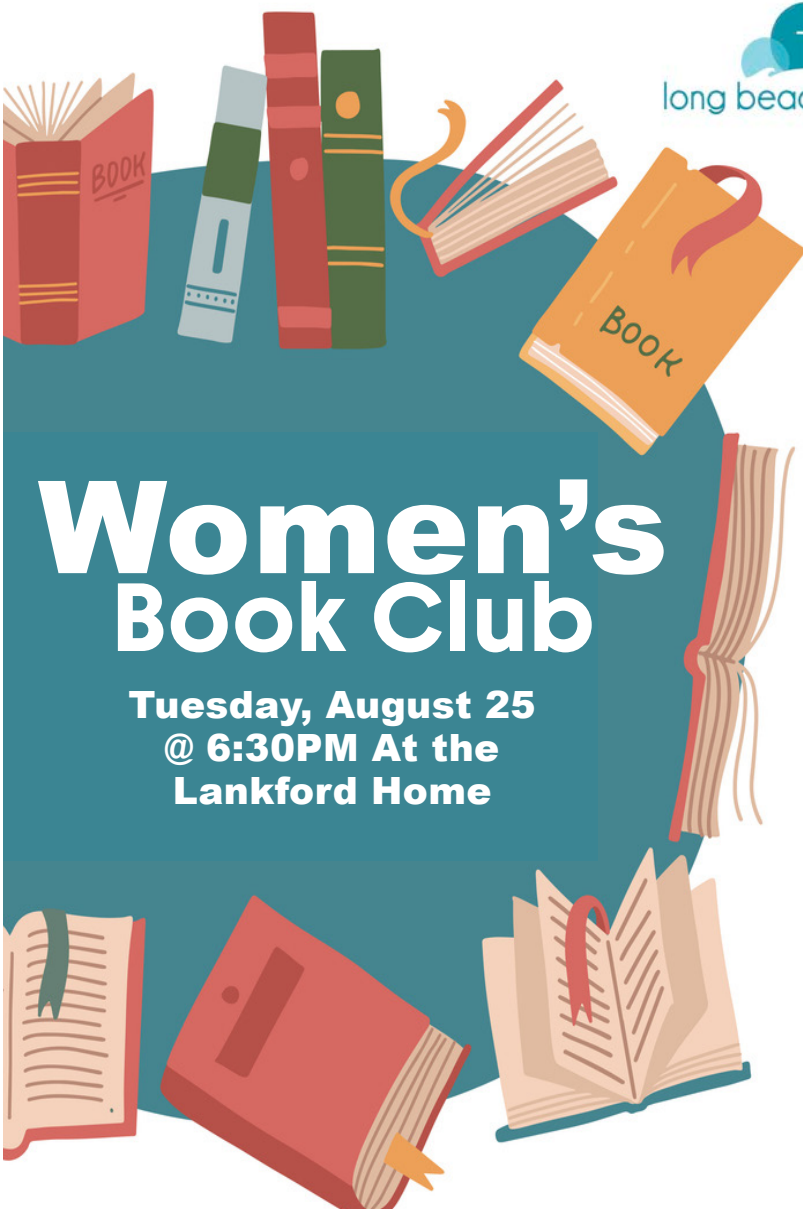
~1 Corinthians 9:24-35

1) Inexhaustible Passion For Identity In Christ

- A) Paul's encouragement to the church in Philippi to define their lives in full identity in the sacrifice, suffering, and service of Christ's example (Philippians 3:10-11) rages with such heat for Paul, he feels the need to take a step back from the fire for a moment to remind us that he has not yet achieved all Christ has for him (Philippians 3:12).
- B) But no matter how much Paul tries, he can't do it! He is FIRED UP about getting increasingly closer to Jesus, and passionately provides two of the greatest 'cheat codes' in Scripture for following Jesus (Philippians 3:13-15)!
- C) Paul knows that people have varying depths in knowing Jesus, but He desires for them to grow into a 'deeper life' of holy living. He calls his friends to imitate him and others with a passionate pursuit of Jesus, contrasting identity in Christ against identity-destroying pursuits of our world (Philippians 3:16-19; 1 Corinthians 11:1).

2) Keeping Our Eyes On The Prize Of Jesus

- A) Again and again, Paul returns us to an important focus – our ultimate citizenship is in Heaven, it is the place where our greatest hopes reside, it is where our bodies will be transformed like Christ, and it is where the cherished family of God will live forever (Philippians 3:20-21).
- B) Keeping our eyes on the prize of Christ Jesus, living in full identity with Him, produces the strength to 'stand firm' in the Lord today (Philippians 4:1; Hebrews 12:1-3)!



Women's Book Club

**Tuesday, August 25
@ 6:30PM At the
Lankford Home**

**Join us as we discuss the book
Rhythms of Renewal, by Rebekah Lyons.**

3424 Hackett Ave, Long Beach, CA 90808

**Questions? Contact
Melinda Lankford 562.685.4131
Deya Slade 562.761.5464**

NEW UNIT FOR OUR WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY!

Starting August 27, our 9:30AM Women's Bible Study group will begin reading **Ezra: Rebuilding What Was Broken By Jesus Bible Foundation** at the home of Marilyn Miller.

CONTACT MARILYN MILLER 562.922.2024

MEN'S TUESDAY BREAKFAST!

4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 8:00AM AT DENNY'S
AUGUST 25

CONTACT DAVE MILLER 562.773.9100

FAMILY CAMP! OCTOBER 2-4

SAVE THE DATE!

EMMA WOOD STATE BEACH
SIGN UPS COMING SOON!



LBAC July, 2026 • Giving Report

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Month - End:	\$67,240.57	\$67,704.93	100.7%
Year-to-Date:	\$684,339.68	\$674,858.21	98.6%
Disbursed YTD:	\$650,946.40	GF Balance: \$45,549.17	

How Can I Give @ 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

LBAC's Family Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 23

9:30AM **Worship Service & Kids Gospel Project**

Monday, August 24

6:30PM **Life Group @ The Bartlebaugh's***

7:00PM **Betrayal & Beyond Women @ Eberhart's***

7:00PM **Pure Desire Men's Meeting***

Tuesday, August 25

6:30 PM **Women's Book Club @ The Lankford's**

7:00PM **Men's Bible Study @ Miller's***

7:00PM **Middle & High School Youth Group***

7:00PM **Elder Board Meeting**

Thursday, August 27

9:30AM **Women's Bible Study @ Miller's***

6:00PM **Worship Team Practice**

Friday, August 28

8:00AM **Men's In-Person & Zoom Bible Study***

8:00PM **NA In-Person Meeting***

Sunday, August 30

9:30AM **Worship Service & Kids Gospel Project**

*** See Website or Contact Church Office For Info!**



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