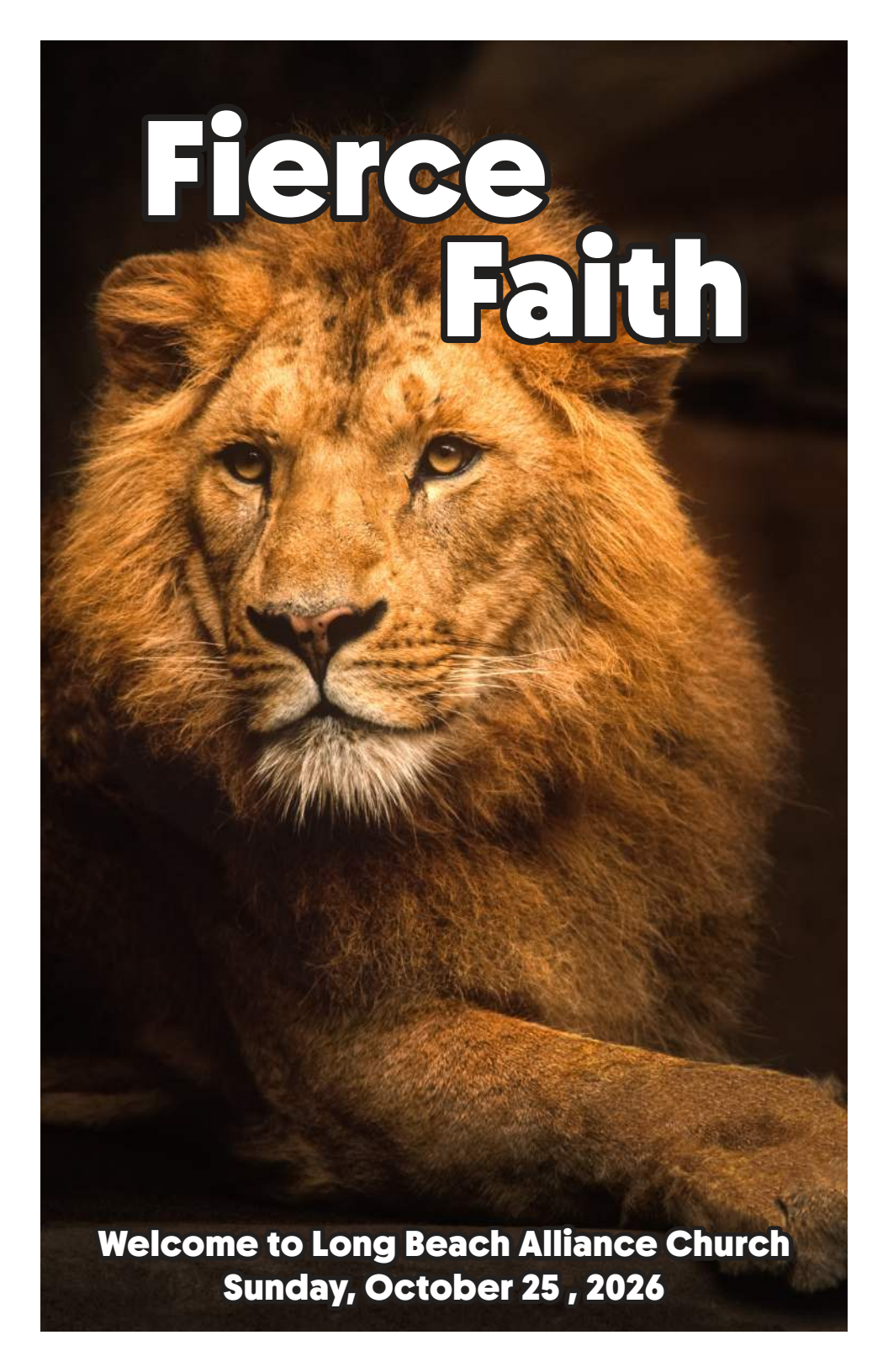




Fierce Faith

**Welcome to Long Beach Alliance Church
Sunday, October 25 , 2026**



Children's Christmas Musical

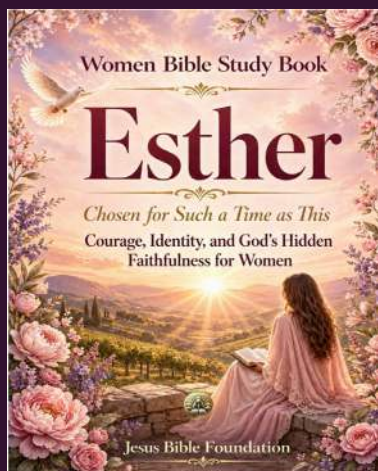
It's time to start practicing!
Children's Christmas Musical
Sign-ups start today in the courtyard!

Practices begin
Sunday, November 8
11:15AM-12:15PM

Kids 4 years old through 8th grade are welcome to join.

Performance is on Sunday, December 13!

Questions? Contact...
Traci Garber 562.412.1923
Marikka Ostermann 562.972.8718



Esther:
Chosen for Such a
Time as This
by Jesus Bible Foundation

Join us for our new
Thursday Morning Women's
Bible Study series beginning
November 5 at 9:30 AM!

Questions? Contact
Marilyn Miller 562.922.2024

The Superior Words of Jesus

Long Beach Alliance Church • October 25, 2026 • Pastor Chris Lankford

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For everything was created by him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and by him all things hold together.

~Colossians 1:15-17

1) The Superiority Of Jesus The Son

- A) There are several interesting things to note in the introduction section to Hebrews (Hebrews 1:1-4). First, it is notable that the composition of Hebrews is not written as a letter (no greeting, no author, no intended city or specific audience). Rather, the "Book of Hebrews" (as we refer to it in our Bibles) is much more similar to a carefully composed sermon, a word of encouragement and warning to remain faithful (note Hebrews 13:22).**
- B) Secondly, the sermon's introduction makes clear that God speaks. God had spoken in the past (Hebrews 1:1) through a variety of prophetic people (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, the Judges, Samuel, Saul, David, Solomon, the kings of Judah and Israel, numerous prophets, and more). But more importantly, God had spoken "in these last days" (Hebrews 1:2) through His Son, Jesus Christ. This voice of God (as we will see) is not just a voice in the past, but is also presently speaking because the last days are also our present day. God's voice is always speaking. Are we hearers of His Words?**
- C) Thirdly, the "credentials" of the Son are superior to anyone else (Hebrews 1:2b-4) because Jesus is both God and man, the One and Only God-man (John 1:1-5, 14, 16-18). He is the Creator of all things and is the perfect**

physical image of the eternal spiritual God the Father (Colossians 1:15-17). If you have seen/know Jesus, you have seen/know God (John 14:9).

- D) Fourthly, the perfect obedience of Jesus in His life, death, and resurrection (Ephesians 1:7-10) resulted in the provision of salvation (purification from sin and relationship by grace with God the Father, Ephesians 2:4-9) and the exaltation of Jesus Christ to a superior place (Kingship) and with a superior name (The Son, Hebrews 1:3-4), even greater than the angels of Heaven!**

2) Superior To God's Angelic Messengers

- A) The author then reinforces his point of Jesus the Son begin superior to the host of heavenly angels by quoting or referencing numerous examples of the superiority of the Messiah to angels from the Old Testament (Hebrews 1:5-13). But this begs the question, why is establishing Jesus as superior to angels so important to the author?**
- B) Popular biblical tradition held that the Law of Moses was delivered or mediated through angels (the name "angel" literally means "messenger, envoy, or one who is sent to bring information about God"). The tradition finds its biblical source from a rather obscure reference (Deuteronomy 33:2), but was widely understood as being factual (Acts 7:53; Galatians 3:19) and was strongly reinforced through intertestamental Jewish writings (see Jubilees 1:26-2:1) and in the writings of Flavius Josephus, a Roman/Jewish historian (Antiquities 15.136).**
- C) Understanding this tradition is crucial to understanding the beginnings of Hebrews. As is common among many people who come to know Jesus, drifting away from God and sliding back into old and comfortable lifestyles is commonplace (see Hebrews 2:1). If angels brought the message of God's Law to Moses, and Jesus is superior to the angels in every possible way, how important is the message of Jesus? If God has spoken, spoke by His Son, and is still speaking today in Jesus -- are we listening?**



Men's Tuesday Breakfast at Denny's!

OCTOBER 27, AT 8AM
Sign Up in the Courtyard

Questions? Contact Bill Michel 714.962.4158

LBAC September, 2026 Giving Report

	Budget	Received	Budget %
Month - End:	\$47,132.85	\$42,923.58	91.1%
Year-to-Date:	\$762,090.72	\$47,132.85	6.2%
Disbursed YTD:	\$51,355.20	GF Balance: \$18,500.40	

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, October 25

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

Monday, October 26

4:30PM **Betrayal & Beyond Women @ LBAC***

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

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

7:00PM **Small Group @ The Schaub's**

Tuesday, October 27

8:00AM **Men's Tuesday Breakfast @ Denny's**

6:30PM **Women's Bible Study***

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

Wednesday, October 28

6:00PM **AWANA - Orange Night**

6:30PM **Love Like You Mean It @ The Lankford's***

Thursday, October 29

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

6:00PM **Worship Team Practice**

7:00PM **Elder Board Meeting**

Friday, October 30

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

7:00PM **Women's Retreat- Day 1**

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

Sunday, November 1

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

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

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