



**He Has Risen Indeed!**

**Welcome To Long Beach Alliance Church  
Easter Sunday • March 31, 2024**

# Beach Clean Up

Saturday,  
April 13  
8AM

Meet at the parking lot  
across from  
5454 E Ocean, Long Beach

Materials will be provided

Contact John Moses  
(562.755.0920)  
for questions

## *Dirtbags*

# LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH FUNDRAISER

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**BARK IN THE PARK**  
DOG WATER  
BOWL GIVEAWAY

*Dirtbags* vs. **UCR**

**SUN | APR. 21 | 1:00PM**

BOHL DIAMOND  
AT BLAIR FIELD

**TICKETS  
ARE \$12 EACH!**

\$5 OF SALES GO BACK  
TO LONG BEACH ALLIANCE!





# VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

*June 24-28, 2024*

*Registration open for students and volunteers  
Space is limited - Register today!  
Go to [lbac.org](http://lbac.org) and click on the VBS 2024  
Registration link on the home page*

*Questions??? Meghan Brearley 562.708.9261  
or [meghan@lbac.org](mailto:meghan@lbac.org)*

*SAVE THE DATE - VBS Leaders Meeting  
Saturday, May 18 10AM*

## LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

Beginning Balance September 1, 2023: \$30,994.65

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
February 2024:	\$58,798.52	\$45,588.39	77.5%
Year-to-Date:	\$382,190.38	\$345,720.68	90.5%
Disbursed YTD:	\$356,879.57	GF Balance: \$19,835.76	

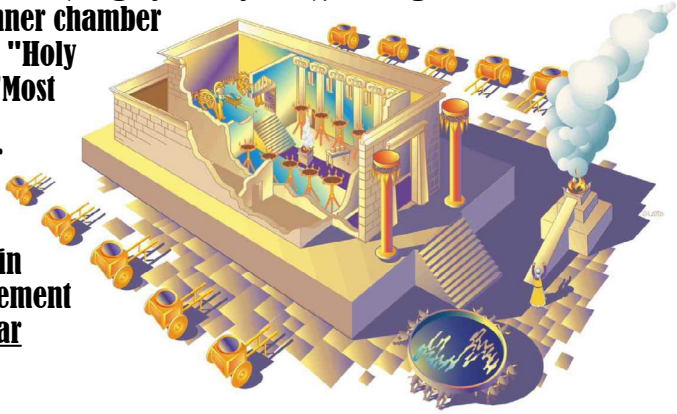
Financial Gifts can be placed in the locked box in the Sanctuary lobby or given to an usher.  
You can also use any of the options viewable online at <https://lbac.org/give>.

# He Is Risen Indeed!

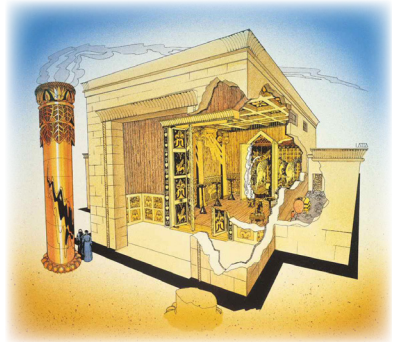
Long Beach Alliance Church \* Easter Sunday \* March 31, 2024 \* Pastor Chris Hankford

## 1) There's Life In The Blood

- A) From the Days of Moses and Israel wandering around in the desert to the time of Jesus Christ (roughly 1500 years!), the High Priests of Israel entered into the inner chamber of the Temple (the "Holy of Holies" or the "Most Holy Place"\*) to make payment for the sins of Israel (the payment was understood as a 'sin covering' or 'atonement for sin') once a year (Hebrews 9:6-7).**



- B) This "Day of Atonement" (Yom Kippur) followed the law of atonement from the old Testament (Leviticus 16). This special day provided forgiveness of sins for God's people (Leviticus 16:29-34).**



- C) Every Israelite boy and girl would have grown up in a world where sin cost something and required atonement. This atoning payment could only be made with blood because sin was payable by death, and life is (of course) in our blood (Leviticus 17:11). None of God's people ever thought the cost of sin was cheap. As a regular reminder of the cost, God's people would be up to their elbows in the blood of goats, bulls, and sheep making sacrifices in order to experience the blessing of a good and peaceful relationship of purity and holiness with God (Leviticus 20:26).**

\*The most sacred area of the Jerusalem Temple was the "holy of holies" (1<sup>st</sup> Kings 6:16 & 6:20-22) -- a section of the interior of the temple set apart from the rest of the sanctuary and approached through a thick multi-veiled curtain (smaller illustration above). Inside stood two huge cherubim angels, carved of olive wood and overlaid with gold, with their wings spread protectively over the Ark of the Covenant of God (1<sup>st</sup> Kings 6:23-28). Images of cherubim appeared throughout the Temple interior, carved on walls and doors & woven into hangings. {Artwork From The Holman Bible Dictionary}

## 2) High Priest 101 \* Day Of Atonement Duties

A) The High Priest was cautioned to only enter the Holy of Holies once a year for the purpose of making atonement for the forgiveness of sins (Leviticus 16:2ff). Forgiveness of sins was not a common occurrence for an Israelite, and came with great humility and self-denial ("affliction") for the Jews (Leviticus 16:29-31).



B) On this sacred day, the High Priest entered through a thick curtain wearing very plain garments (depicted to the left, Leviticus 16:4). This clothing was different from the beautiful and ornate high-priestly garments (Exodus 28, see above), and were even more plain than regular priestly garments. On this day, the High Priest "wore" the humility of the people before God (Exodus 39:27-29).

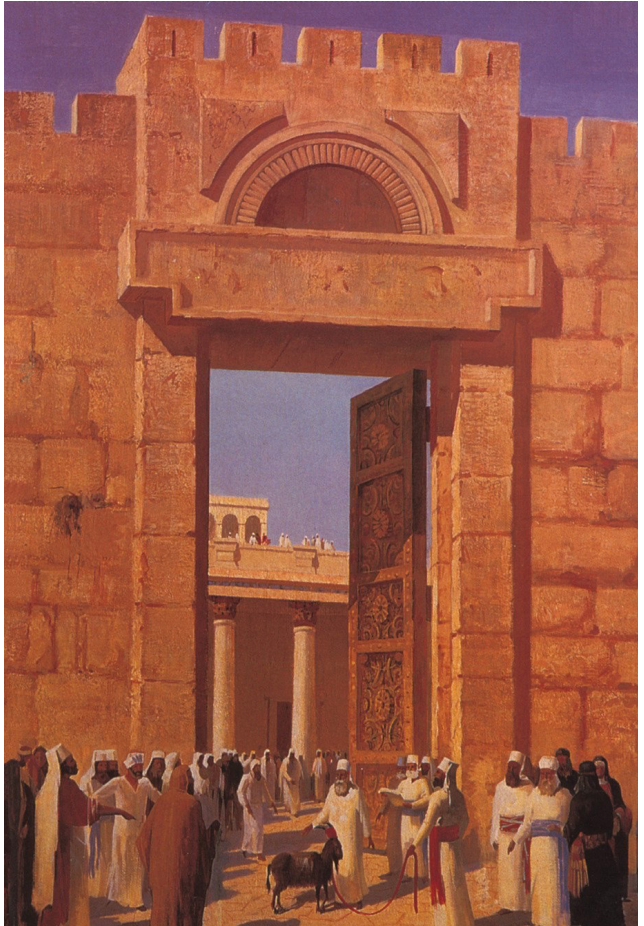
C) Normally, the High Priest dressed regally, "wearing" the honor of the highest of spiritual roles amongst the Jews. However, in the presence of God -- all self-honor is stripped away. The priest was a humble servant of God the King of Israel. Note that the saints in heaven are also portrayed wearing similar simple and plain clothing (Revelation 19:8).

D) The High Priest first made a sin offering for himself (Leviticus 16:11). This was a purification offering, so that the priest himself was pure in making an offering on behalf of the people (Leviticus 4:3-12).

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\* The word "atonement" is a deep-water and multi-layered word used through the Bible which serves as a capstone description of God's provision for mankind's salvation. Atonement includes several contributing actions (including substitution, reconciliation, propitiation, & expiation). Substitution means that Christ's life is substituted for the life of the repentant sinner (2 Corinthians 5:21). Christ pays the penalty for sin (which He did not deserve or earn) and the repentant sinner enjoys the benefits of salvation and is made a child of God (an "adoption" into God's family which mankind does not deserve or earn). Reconciliation is the restoration of the relationship between God and His creation (2 Corinthians 5:17-20) of peace (Romans 5:1). Propitiation understands the life and death of Christ in terms of a sacrifice which pays for sin (Romans 3:23-26) resulting in God's wrath being turned away from mankind, and allowing for reconciliation (Romans 5:8-11). Expiation is making amends for sin, is a bit more impersonal than Propitiation, but is also contained in the meaning of atonement (Colossians 2:13-14). The "Day of Atonement," through its various rituals and movements accomplished these many things. Further, Christ's crucifixion accomplishes a "completed" atonement (Hebrews 10:11-14) because Jesus Christ is a single-sacrifice-once-and-for-all. The atonement, when applied in our lives (like the concept/word itself) has great diversity and significance.

- E) The priest then brought a pan of hot coals from the altar with sweet incense into the Holy of Holies, which would create a dense cloud of sweet smelling smoke (16:12-13). This protected the High Priest, since gazing upon the "mercy seat" (the seat of atonement) would mean death (Leviticus 16:12-13).**
- F) The priest had to carry the coals and offering with him through a veil which was actually much more like a gigantic curtain or massive hanging rug -- 60 feet high, 30 feet wide, and several feet thick. The way the veil was constructed required the high priest to zig-zag through its several layers of rich blue and purple curtains in order to proceed through to the interior of the holy of holies.**
- G) The priest then sprinkled the blood of the sacrifice on the mercy seat (the atonement seat) in a very precise fashion (Leviticus 16:14). The high priest would repeat the same procedure with another sacrifice (16:15-16) for the people. The blood sacrifice provided purification for sin; life for life, blood for blood.**
- H) Finally, A goat (To the right is a depiction of the release of the "scapegoat," 16:8ff), received all the sins of the people, and was sent/escorted into the wilderness as payment for sin (16:20-22). Israel observed Yom Kippur each year for these purposes.**



### **3) Jesus Christ's Atoning Sacrifice For Sin**

- A) All of the vivid sacrifices from the Old Testament were foreshadowing of a future sacrifice by the Messiah, fulfilled by Jesus Christ (Hebrews 1:1-3, 2:17-18) Jesus provided an atonement for sin on behalf of anyone who trusts their life to him (John 1:12, 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 John 2:2).**
  
- B) Jesus was able to make this extraordinary payment for sin because He was fully man and fully God at the same time (Philippians 2:5-11). Jesus lived a human life in perfect purity through relationship with God the Father (John 1:1, 14), making Jesus the perfect mediator between God and mankind to bring reconciliation by His sacrifice (Hebrews 9:12-15).**
  
- C) But the great offer of salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9) is not cheap. Just as God designed, just as it has always been, life costs life, blood for blood. In order for Jesus to save us, he had to die for us, to make the payment for sin which we could not, once and for all Jesus was the perfect "one sacrifice for sins for all time" (Hebrews 7:25-28). He is the ultimate "scapegoat," carrying our sin away (1 John 3:5).**
  
- D) When Christ died, the veil in the Temple (representing separation of a holy God from sinful people) was torn in two from the top to the bottom (from heaven to earth, Luke 23:45; Matthew 27:51-53; Mark 15:38). The separation between God and man was abolished, and now we can approach God boldly because of a relationship with God the Father through God the Son, Jesus Christ (Hebrews 10:19-25) and sealed by God the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13-14 & 4:30).**
  
- E) Easter is the moment when God's plan finally "went public!" While the death of Jesus conquered sin and death (Romans 8:31-39), it is the resurrection of Jesus Christ that gives us confidence that what Jesus said, did, and died for -- is authentic & true -- and God accepted His payment for our redemption (Romans 1:1-4; 1 Peter 1:3-5, 20-21)!**
  
- F) Have you trusted your entire life to the completely sufficient and perfect provision of Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17-18, 21)? The Bible says God does not give salvation to the self-sufficient. Rather, salvation is for those who deny themselves and respond in humility to God's great mercy and love. He has actively revealed and shown this love to you -- how will you respond on this Easter morning (Ephesians 2:1-10)?**

1 Corinthians 15:22

*For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.*

Romans 8:1

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 1:6

*I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*



**IDENTITY  
IN CHRIST**

John 1:12

*But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God...*



Romans 6:5-6

*If we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.*

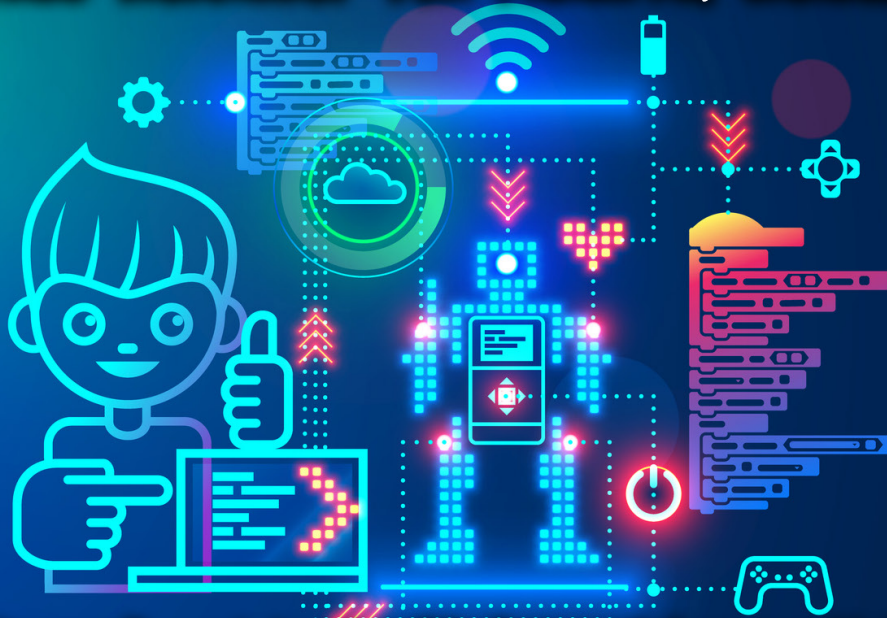


Romans 8:38-39

*I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

# HOW TO CREATE A TECH-READY HOME

FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, & YOUTH LEADERS



THURSDAY, APRIL 25

6:30-8:00PM

PRESENTED BY

**PROTECT**  
young eyes

You won't want to miss this free workshop, provided by Chris McKenna, founder/CEO of Protect Young Eyes ([protectyouneyes.com](http://protectyouneyes.com)). They help families, schools, and churches create safer digital environments and we are excited to host this workshop!

Long Beach Alliance Church - 3331 Palo Verde Ave. - Long Beach, CA 90808

Although it's not possible to create an internet-Safe home, it is possible to create one that is internet SAFER. PYE has observed what it takes to have kids learn to use technology well. And it's called the PYE Core Values. This presentation breaks down these 5 foundational values. Get ready for a ton of practical tips, solutions, and ideas you can implement right away.

# PROTECT young eyes

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(DUE TO SENSITIVE CONTENT CHILDREN ARE  
DISCOURAGED FROM ATTENDING  
THE PRESENTATION)

QUESTIONS? MEGHAN BREARLEY  
562.708.9261 OR MEGHAN@LBAC.ORG

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# FOR FREEDOM WORKSHOP

**APRIL 27, 2024 10AM - 2PM**

**LBAC Sanctuary (Lunch Provided)**

*Any questions? Contact Sam (925-285-1295) or  
Debra Eberhart (562-533-2390)*

**TICKETS  
\$20**

**RESERVE  
YOUR  
SEAT  
TODAY!**



**EQUIPPING THE CHURCH TO PROVIDE PATHWAYS FOR HEALING  
TO THOSE DEVASTATED BY THE EFFECTS OF UNWANTED SEXUAL  
BEHAVIORS AND BETRAYAL TRAUMA**

# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Weekly Schedule

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts

## Sunday, March 31

- † He is Risen!
- 9:30AM Gospel Project: Children's Ministry
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service

## Monday, April 1

- 7:00PM Pure Desire Ministry Meeting
- 7:00PM Survivors of Incest Anonymous

## Tuesday, April 2

- 10:00AM Staff Meeting
- 7:00PM Betrayal & Beyond Mtg @ Eberharts
- 7:00PM Men's Bible Study @ the Millers

## Wednesday, April 3

- 6:30PM Betrayal & Beyond @ Eberharts/Zoom

## Thursday, April 4

- 9:30AM Women's Bible Study @ the Millers
- 6:30PM Bible Study @ the Holland/Carriveaus
- 7:00PM Betrayal and Beyond @ the Eberhart's

## Friday, April 5

- 8:00AM Men's In-Person/Zoom Bible Study
- 8:00PM NA In-Person Meeting

## Saturday, April 6

- 10:00AM Vision School

## Sunday, April 7

- 9:30AM Gospel Project: Children's Ministry
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service
- 11:15AM Questioning Evangelism Class

## 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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