



*Illuminating*  
**REALITY**

*Welcome To Long Beach Alliance Church!*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024**

**OFFICE CLOSED**  
**APRIL 30-MAY 1**

**STAFF IS ATTENDING**  
**DISTRICT CONFERENCE**



**A Memorial Service For:**

*Jeremy Littlefield*



**Saturday, May 4 @ 12:00PM**  
**Reception Following Service**  
**Long Beach Alliance Church**

**RSVP REQUIRED!**  
**Use QR Code To Respond!**



## **QUESTIONING EVANGELISM**

(Engaging People's Hearts the Way Jesus Did)

Discussion Leader: Elder Scott Slade

10 week discussion using Scripture and the book\*  
"Questioning Evangelism" by Randy Newman (book not required)

We are all on a mission to share the love of Christ with whomever the Lord sets in our paths, but how can we most effectively point people to the truth?

11:15 – 12:15, in the downstairs classroom (snacks provided!)

This week: Responding to the question "Why should we believe an ancient book written by dead Jewish men?"

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, May 11 • 8AM • Church Lobby**

**Food • Fellowship • Encouragement**

**Contact John Moses (562.755.0920) with any questions!**

# Curious Calling

*Long Beach Alliance Church • April 28, 2024 • Pastor Chris Lankford*

**NATHANAEL SAID TO HIM,  
"HOW DO YOU KNOW ME?"**

**◀JOHN 1:48▶**

## **1) The Unfolding Of Identity**

- a) **John moves the story forward (John 1:35, “the next day...”), even though this new section serves as a sort of ‘telescopic expansion’ of the preceding section (John 1:29–34).**
  
- b) **There is also forward progress in the contraction of John the Baptist’s preparatory ministry (Isaiah 40:3–5; John 1:23) toward an expansion of Jesus Christ’s ministry, highlighted in Jesus’ welcome of new disciples (John 1:37–51).**
  
- c) **When two of JTB’s disciples begin following Jesus, even calling Jesus “Rabbi” (John 1:38), Jesus’ response welcomes them to “come and you will see” where He lives and what being one of His disciples will be like (1:39–40).**
  
- d) **This leads to further unravelling of Jesus’ identity when Jesus is discovered as “the Messiah” (“Christ” or Promised One, John 1:41).**
  
- e) **Even more interesting is Jesus renaming Simon as Cephas/ Peter (the word for rock in Aramaic & Greek, John 1:42).**

- f) These stories serve as introductions, setting the stage for a gradual revelation of what each of these names mean. We know the name, but not what the name means quite yet.**
- g) “The next day” (John 1:43), Jesus again tells Philip to “follow me .” Then something extraordinary happens...**
- h) Philip goes and finds Nathanael, and invites him to come and see “the Christ” (John 1:45), but Nathanael cynically responds with a perjorative assessment of Nazareth (John 1:46), filled with prejudice and doubt.**
- i) But Philip’s response has no defensiveness, and is a carbon copy of Jesus’ invitation to “come & see” about this “Jesus from Nazareth” (John 1:46).**
- j) This leads to Jesus miraculously revealing a bit about Himself to Nathanael, to which Nathanael reveals a bit more about Jesus (John 1:48-51).**
- k) This section of John 1:35-51 is a master class in evangelism, revelation, and Christ’s calling for discipleship. It provides each of us with tremendous inspiration and hope for God’s calling in our own lives, and in reaching out to others!**



*We still need volunteers!*

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# 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*

*We still need volunteers!*

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

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



# Tea Under the Sea

PRESENTED BY LBAC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

May 11, 2024

11:00am-1:30pm  \$16/per person

TICKETS ON SALE APRIL 21 AND 28  
HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND UP

LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH  
3331 PALO VERDE AVE.  
LONG BEACH, CA 90808

If you'd like to host a table or  
have questions contact  
Meghan 562.708.9261



# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Weekly Schedule

## Sunday, April 28

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

## Monday, April 29

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

## Tuesday, April 30

- SPA District Conference- Office Closed
- 7:00PM Betrayal & Beyond Mtg @ Eberharts
- 7:00PM Men's Bible Study @ the Millers
- 7:00PM Middle/High School Youth Grou

## Wednesday, May 1

- SPA District Conference- Office Closed
- 6:30PM AWANA
- 6:30PM Betrayal & Beyond @ Eberharts/Zoom

## Thursday, May 2

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

## Friday, May 3

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

## Saturday, May 4

- 10:00AM Vision School
- 10:00AM Youth & Women Arts & Crafts Party
- 12:00PM Jeremy Littlefield's Memorial Service

## Sunday, May 5

- 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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Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts



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