

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

It's simple, really— just look around. It seems as though every aspect of our society has been in a steady state of decline for quite some time now. Our government is a mess, our schools aren't safe, and everybody's out of money. It gets worse. As society has "advanced" throughout the years, we've left God behind. We've become too smart for our own good and too proud to admit where we went wrong. And so, the moral decline continues. Here's the worst part: nobody seems to care.

This is where we come into the picture. On March 17, we are going to make a bold statement to our church family. We are not content to ride the sinking ship of culture. We will not retreat to our comfort zone. We want revival.

The Advance Offering is a bold proclamation of our faith that Jesus is the answer to every problem. We believe that Jesus bled and died to give us the church. Through our church we worship, give, and then go tell others. This is the cause we wish to Advance. Are you in?

BUT WHY GIVE MONEY?

It's really not about the money— it's about your heart. The Advance Offering is about you developing a heart that loves and trusts God. A faith that is growing will also be a faith that is giving. Jesus said it best in Matthew 6:21, *"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."*

WHAT ARE WE GIVING TO?

Every week, most of our student ministries meet in brand new classrooms on the second floor of the West Wing. We have been truly blessed by the generous giving of others. The Advance Offering will help to pay off the construction cost of these classrooms and the West Wing.

LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER.

If you feel that God is prompting you to get involved in the Advance Offering, don't be afraid to share any prayer requests or answers to prayer throughout the offering. Your commitment to give is between you and God, but we can definitely give Him the praise along the way.

Here are some ways you can share your Advance Offering prayer requests and praises:

- If you're on Twitter or Instagram, use this hashtag to share your testimony: #advanceoffering
- If you're on Facebook, post your update on the Student Ministries Page: www.facebook.com/LBCstudents
- If you're on Google Plus, what are you thinking?
- You can also email your update to the following address: advance@lancasterbaptist.org

Each week your updates, prayer requests, and praises will be updated on the screens before Sunday School and Wednesday Bible study. Weekly offering updates can be found in your weekly bulletin beginning next Sunday.

IMPORTANT DATES

- January 6 – Commitment Cards Collected & Counted
- February 17 – Advance Fellowship Night
- March 17 – Final Offering & Check Presentation

Offering envelopes will be available in each Sunday classroom and at every Wednesday night Bible study.