



# Advance 2016

## Middle School Discipleship



### About Advance:

Advance is a rigorous discipleship program for students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade who desire to grow in their relationship with God. It is not an endeavor to be entered lightly, but its benefits far outweigh its costs. The program consists of 6 weeks of discipleship training, mission trip training, and accountability. It culminates in a week-long mission trip over Spring Break. Students who desire to participate in Advance must be aware of the following information.

### Parent Meeting:

- Sunday, January 18, 2016
- This is a mandatory meeting

### Training Dates:

- Sunday, February 7, 2016
- Sunday, February 14, 2016
- Sunday, February 21, 2016
- Sunday, February 28, 2016
- Sunday, March 6, 2016
- Sunday, March 13, 2016
- Note: Times will vary on these dates based upon service projects and additional training

### Trip Dates:

- Saturday, March 19 through Thursday, March 24, 2016
- This will be Saturday morning through Thursday evening

### Program Costs:

- Total cost: \$395 (a \$20 late fee will be assessed for those registered after January 17, 2016, if space permits)
- Price includes all materials, training, meals, and mission trip
- Nonrefundable, nontransferable deposit of \$100 due by January 17, 2016
- Payment of \$150 due by February 14, 2016 with the remaining balance due by Sunday, March 13, 2016
- Payments should be made using an ivory Advance envelope, submitted through the online registration platform, or delivered directly to the Student Ministry Office
- Anyone needing special financial consideration should contact the Student Ministry Office

**Baseline Program Requirements:**

- During the course of Advance, all students must:
  - Attend at least 5 out of 6 training dates
  - Attend at least 5 out of 6 Sunday morning worship and Bible Study opportunities
  - Attend at least 5 out of 6 Alive opportunities OR serve in a pre-approved area of service for 1.5 hours per week at least 5 of the 6 weeks
  - Take notes of all Sunday morning, Alive, and Advance training opportunities
  - Have a daily quiet time and record their time in their Advance handbook
  - Memorize all assigned Scripture
  - Participate in a weekly family devotion
  - Have at least one gospel conversation per week
  - Bring at least 1 friend to church or any church activity (the friend must not be a regular attender of our ministries)
  - Complete all challenges from the Advance book
  - Follow all instructions from adult and high school leaders and have an attitude of love and respect for them
- If students miss more than the allowed absence of once per category, then the time must be made up
  - Students may make up the time by serving in a pre-approved area of service at the rate of 1.5 hours for every hour missed (i.e. missing Advance, which is 2 hours, will result in serving for 3 hours during the week)
  - Students must also get notes from a peer for the time that they missed
  - All absences must be reported to the student’s accountability leader as well as to one of the adult leaders or pastors
- Students who do not fulfill the requirements of the program will not be permitted to attend the mission trip and will forfeit the nonrefundable, nontransferable deposit

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***Please detach, sign, and return the bottom portion by January 17, 2016***



I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand and commit to fulfill the requirements of the Advance discipleship program. I also understand that failure to complete the requirements will result in my inability to participate in the Spring Break mission trip; I agree to abide peacefully with that consequence.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_