

# Advance Gainesville 2019

March 16-21, 2019

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## **Ministry Philosophy:**

*Why* we do this event is as important as *what* we do during this event. We believe that student ministry has to do four things in order to be successful:

1. Develop significant adult relationships;
2. Grow spiritual habits;
3. Help build families; and
4. Provide challenging spiritual experiences.

Advance is designed to be a challenging spiritual experience where students have fun while working hard doing Kingdom work in Gainesville, Florida. We have over 60 spiritual adult leaders committed to investing in your students throughout the week. You can pray for your students in the following ways during the trip:

- For new and deepened friendships with peers;
- To hear from God in a powerful way;
- To return more confident in God's design for their life;
- To be more committed to having gospel conversations;
- For limited distractions (this is why our cell phone policy is so important!); and
- That our staff and adult leadership team would be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading.

## **Itinerary:**

- Saturday, March 16
  - Arrive at Family Church Downtown by 6:30 AM.
    - Arriving on time is crucial!
    - Students should be dressed for canvassing.
  - We will have lunch while traveling (students will need money for this meal).
  - We will arrive in Gainesville at about 1:00 PM.
- Sunday, March 17
  - We will attend church with our partner church, Westside Baptist Church.
  - We will canvas the neighborhoods of Gainesville.
- Monday, March 18-Wednesday, March 20
  - We will have morning and evening worship services.
  - We will canvas the community.
- Thursday, March 21
  - We will travel to Busch Gardens in Tampa and spend the day there.
  - Students will need money for lunch and dinner at Busch Gardens (if needed, bagged lunch and dinner can be provided—please let your respective pastor know if this is a need ahead of the trip).
  - We will arrive at Family Church Downtown at 10:00 PM

### **Lodging, Travel, and Meals:**

- We will be staying at: Westside Baptist Church  
10000 West Newberry Road  
Gainesville, Florida 32606
- Guys and girls will be lodging in different buildings on the same property, separated by a large parking lot.
- Shower facilities will be available in both the girls and guys lodging areas.
- We will be traveling by professional bus service and will use some passenger vans locally.
- Students need money for lunch on the road on Saturday, March 16 and for lunch and dinner at Busch Gardens on Thursday, March 21 (approximately \$25-30).
- Additional spending money is not necessary, but if students desire to bring it, we recommend bringing less than \$50.

### **Leadership:**

- Students will be supervised by an adult at all times.
- We have 65 adults going on the trip.
- There will be over 2 dozen staff members and ministry leaders on the trip, with representation from every campus.
- We will have a dedicated nurse, plus three additional nurses and two paramedics on the trip.

### **Ministry Projects:**

- We will be canvassing to get the word out about Westside Baptist Church's Easter services.
- Students will be accompanied by a spiritually mature adult at all times and will have access to transportation throughout the day.

### **Dress Code:**

- This dress code is to be followed at all times when in common areas (including worship and travel).
  - Guys:
    - Shorts must be mid-thigh length and cannot be athletic shorts.
    - Shirts are required.
    - Shirts must overlap pants.
    - Shirts must have sleeves.
    - Undergarments must never be seen.
    - Footwear is required.
    - No joggers or work out attire for traveling, worship services, or canvassing.
  - Girls:
    - Shorts must be mid-thigh and cannot be athletic shorts.
    - Shirts must overlap pants.
    - Shirts must have sleeves.
    - Undergarments must never be seen.
    - Footwear is required.
    - No yoga pants, leggings, joggers, or work out attire for traveling, worship services, or canvassing.
- If students are found in violation of the dress code they must change immediately as directed.
- Additional dress code requirements will be given on the trip depending on the activity engaged in.
- We reserve the right to address attire which violates the spirit of the dress code.

**What to Bring:**

- Luggage:
  - One medium size suitcase
  - One backpack
- Clothing (**Note: Please check the weather when packing!**)
  - 4-5 pairs of long pants (jeans, khakis, etc. with no holes, rips or tears)
  - 4-5 pairs of shorts (must meet dress code requirements, with no holes, rips, tears)
  - 5-6 t-shirts
  - Underwear and socks
  - Tennis shoes or other sturdy shoes for canvassing (closed-toed)
  - Jacket (for cold weather and rain)
  - Clothes for close-quarters sleeping
- Bedding:
  - Air mattress or compact cot (single/twin size only—bring a pump, if possible)
  - Sleeping bag or sheets and blankets
  - Pillow
- Supplies:
  - Refillable water bottle (durable)
  - Rain poncho or compact umbrella
  - Watch
- Essentials:
  - Lunch/dinner money for meals out (Approx. \$25-30)
  - Toiletries
    - Soap
    - Toothbrush
    - Tooth paste
    - Deodorant
    - Shampoo
    - Etc. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Towel
  - Sunscreen
  - Bible
  - Pen
  - Advance book
- Other:
  - Pillow and blanket for sleeping on the bus
  - Snacks (if desired)
  - Spending money (if desired)
  - Prescription medications (if applicable)\*
  - Disposable camera or inexpensive digital camera

\* Students will be responsible for their own medications unless we are otherwise directed by their parents.

**What Not to Bring:**

- Weapons or anything that can be considered a weapon
- Cell phones
- Electronic devices of any kind (iPods, DSs, etc.)
- Magazines and books (except those specifically for spiritual edification)
- Skateboards, roller skates, bicycles, etc.
- Drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or vapes
- Valuables (jewelry, expensive watches, etc.)
- Wearable technology

**Contact:**

- For Updates:
  - Social media hashtag: #AdvanceGainesville
  - Family Church Office: (561) 650-7400
- For Emergencies:
  - Kevin Saxton: (561) 301-8539
  - Derek Simpson: (423) 790-8674
  - Tyler Core: (561) 365-4974
  - Tammy Richardson: (561) 644-8899
  - Brian Stebbins: (919) 721-7350
  - Garrett Haywood: (321) 262-3180
  - Cliff Saenz: (561) 293-6176
- All adult leaders with all groups will have cell phones for emergency contact.