

LABC Family and Friends,

Thank you. Thank you so much for your continued commitment to our shared ministries at Lake Avenue Baptist Church. There are no other words to express how much we appreciate how you have continued to make LABC a priority in your giving this past year. Your giving has allowed us to honor our shared commitments to our ministry priorities in the midst of this horrible pandemic. Thank you.

As we prepare to look ahead at the year to come, we are in the middle of a somewhat different stewardship month. Normally you would be at our community worship service and hearing from members of our church about why LABC is important to them. We are not in our building, and we are not hearing from our members. Instead, we are roughly 8 months into online worship, and we are seeing videos each week about the various areas of our ministry. However, with this change we are privileged to see an incredible number of pictures. Each picture is of people. These people are the priority of our ministry. They are pictures of our ministry: our children, our mission, our staff, our community. This is what ministry is all about. This is what LABC is all about.

Enclosed in this envelope you will find a card. This is a commitment card. This is a card where we are asking you to make a commitment to the shared ministry that we are part of at LABC. Just like each year we are asking you to make a financial commitment to our ministry for the year to come. This year we are encouraging you to consider how your gift impacts the various ministries of our church. The children, the missions, the education, the community, the people, the place. We invite you to pray about how your offering will play a role in helping us move through this difficult time of the pandemic. We know that this can be a challenging time for some financially. If you are able to increase your pledge from last year, please do. We would love to have 100% commitments from each person or family in our community. Please help us work towards that goal.

Thank you. Thank you so much for being part of this community. We are excited about what God is calling us to be in this year to come. We look forward to being with each of you on this journey of faith

This year we invite you to complete the enclosed card and return it by mail or by dropping it off to the church by November 22, 2020 (Thanksgiving Sunday) and joining us online on Sunday November 22, 2020 to watch the Thanksgiving Sunday Service which will include a special Stewardship element to celebrate our commitment to God and to one another and this church.