

A note from the Barnabas Coordinator:

My passion for this comes from first-hand experience with a mentor God used to change my life. If Debby Maschhoff had not taken time for me when I was in college, I would not be the person I am today.

Please contact me if you have questions about the program. I'm excited to help, because I believe that serving in this role could change your life, as well as your student's life!

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**Barnabas Coordinator
Stephanie Ziebarth
(right) with two
Barnabas mentors**



Joy El Ministries exists to glorify God through evangelizing, encouraging and equipping individuals for active ministry through Released Time, Leadership Training and Camping Programs.



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Joy El Ministries' Barnabas Program

*Here is your chance
to impact a life
- and a generation -
for Christ!*



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Mentors helping teens grow
in their faith

Consider investing your life in something that lasts!

The Bible teaches that God's Word and people's souls last. Mentoring a student through the Barnabas program is a way of investing your life into those two eternal things. Consider 1 Thessalonians 2:8: "We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us."

Paul was saying that because he loved the Thessalonians, he invested in them not just God's message, but his life also. Teens today need that kind of input just as much as the early church did. Through the Barnabas program you can motivate a teen toward growth, love and good deeds (see Hebrews 10:24,25). You will share your blessings and wisdom with the next generation.

Mentors and students often serve together, such as Scott and Gary leading worship for an event.



What is the Barnabas program?

Each student enrolled in Joy El's 4.12 Leadership Training Program commits to the pursuit of knowing and sharing Christ in several ways. Part of their commitment involves Bible reading, Scripture memorization, attending training sessions, serving others, etc. We also ask each student to recruit a local mentor from within his/her church.

We realize that we can provide a wonderful program for students who want to grow, but each student could benefit so much more from having a spiritual and personal coach walking alongside him/her in this journey of faith.

As a mentor, you will get to know your student individually. You will recognize strengths and weaknesses. You will hear how s/he is growing and what God is teaching him/her. You will be the one who can take general program requirements and help a student see the relevance to his/her life.

Our desire is for these relationships to transcend the Joy El connection and impact your churches, encouraging others as they see the Titus 2:4-8 mandate to teach the younger generation demonstrated in real life.

We will support you through training, letters, resources, and more.

What will be expected of me?

- *Have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that sets an example for others.
- *Show genuine concern and pray regularly for your student.
- *Meet with your teen face-to-face at least once per month (we'll provide guidelines).
- *Attend Barnabas events and training whenever possible.
- *Have an email account you check regularly.
- *Submit a monthly report to the Barnabas Coordinator. (Read about this in the basic guidelines for mentoring information sheet.)
- *Please submit your application and reference today!



Prayer develops your friendship and unleashes God's power in your mentoring relationship.

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