

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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Joy El's mission
statement is:

Providing opportunities
for people to
experience
life-change through
personal encounters
with God.



*Igniting a generation
that seeks Him.*

Psalm 24:6

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Barnabas Program

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



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 1Thessalonians 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. Students 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 life and wisdom with the next generation.



4.12 students and their mentors enjoying time in prayer for each other.

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, developing a prayer life, 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.

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What is 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 student face-to-face at least once per month (we'll provide guidelines).
- *Receive Barnabas Mentor training, either at Joy El or through a training workbook provided for you.
- *Have an email account you check regularly.
- *Submit a monthly report to the Barnabas Coordinator. Refer to "Nuts and Bolts of Mentoring" on the **Joy El** resource page at www.joyelgeneration.org.
- *Please submit your application and reference today!



Enjoy fun activities together, like Fall Pizza Night!