"As a mom of six, I can assure you that my kids have learned just as much—if not more—from youth pastors, mentors, and leaders at Joy El as they have from me. I may have told them the same things, but there's something impactful about hearing it from someone other than a parent. Raising strong Christ centered children is a team effort."

-Christina, Barnabas Mentor Coordinator



Contact: Christina Shank christina@joyel.org 717.369.4539 "I couldn't have asked for a better mentor. He's always been able to keep me accountable and I've always been able to keep him accountable. We have a relationship that we can be open with each other, even whenever we struggle."

-4.12 GRADUATE

Joy El's Mission:

PROVIDING

OPPORTUNITIES FOR

PEOPLE TO EXPERIENCE

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HERE IS YOUR CHANCE
TO IMPACT A LIFE
- AND A GENERATION FOR CHRIST!

BARNABAS PROGRAM

for mentors



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. 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.



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.

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, regular updates, resources, and more.

What is expected of me?

- Have a personal relationship with
 Jesus Christ that sets an example for
- Show genuine concern and pray regularly for your mentee.
- Meet with your mentee 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 mentor coordinator.
- Please submit your application and reference today!
- You will be invited to other trainings and events. These are optional, but valuable.
- Start on the required background checks.

