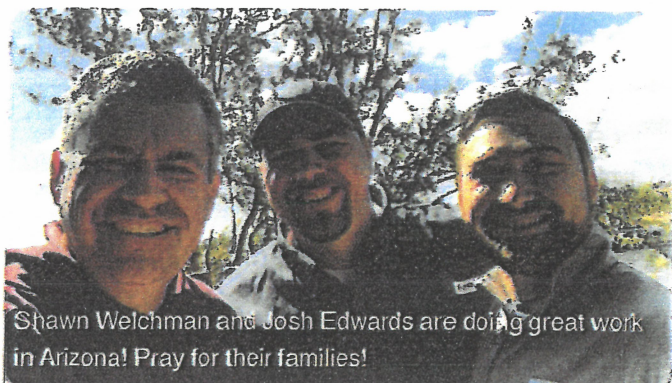


# BARNABAS ADVOCACY MINISTRY — April 2022 Update



## Advocating for Church Planters

Last November the Barna Group asked this question to pastors around the country: **have you given real, serious consideration to leaving full time ministry within the last year?** 38% said yes. Our church planting advocacy ministry is launching with the simple mission of encouraging stateside church planters and their families, providing resources and coaching, and ensuring that no church planting family feels isolated and alone.

Our ministry will consist of three focus areas: **Seasonal residencies** — four to six week visits with church planters on their field, **Coaching** — helping the church planter pursue his God-given assignment, and **Connection**, providing opportunities to church planting families to connect and build life long relationships to ensure that no church planting family feels alone and soled.

**Thanks for taking time to read our first monthly update!** Belinda and I have been busy traveling and sharing our ministry with friends around the country. In March, we shared the ministry at **Rocky Branch MBC** in Rocky Branch TX, **First Baptist Church of Green Valley MD**, and we spent a wonderful week with our sending church family at **FBC Inwood WV**. This month, Belinda and I enjoyed a visit with our friends at **Story Church in Bentonville, AR** and had a great Sunday sharing our new ministry at **Westside MBC in New Boston TX**. This spring, our focus is to raise enough financial support to ensure our ministry has the resources needed to encourage and strengthen church planters and their families

## Summer Plans

- ♦ Our first seasonal residency will take place in June with Kevin and Kelli Pruitt and their family at **Journey Baptist Church in Bloomington IN**. Journey BC is enjoying a great season of growth and discipleship and had a big day on Easter with 110 attending. CityReach is coming to Bloomington on June 25-30th and Journey is hosting another missions team in early June.
- ♦ In July, we are heading to Flagstaff Arizona to spend the month with Shawn and Taylor Welchman at Flagstaff Family BC. Shawn and Taylor are engaged in church planting in one of the toughest mission fields in the nation. They will be hosting two missions teams in June and July. We are praying for our visit to be a great encouragement to the Welchmans.
- ♦ In late August and September we are heading for Washington State to work with Devin and Danielle Wood at The Outpost Church in Yelm WA. We are also planning to spend time with and encourage several other church planting families in the Surround the Sound network sponsored by Sunbreak Baptist Church.







## Church Planter Spotlight

Devin and Danielle Wood and their kids are planting The Outpost Church in Yelm WA. Devin is an Interstate Missionary sponsored by Sunbreak Baptist Church in Olympia, WA. Devin is a United States Air Force veteran and was stationed at Joint Base Lewis McChord in Washington before planting The Outpost in 2019. On Easter, they

celebrated an all time high attendance of 210! God is moving through church planting in Washington State and we want to share these wins so you can be praying for the Wood family and the other church planting teams in Washington sponsored by Sunbreak. Belinda and I are excited to spend several weeks in Washington this fall with the goal of encouraging and strengthening the Woods and other church planting families in the area.

Here's a note from Devin..."Words cannot express the gratitude I have for Russell Knight and the ministry of help he has provided for me and the benefit he has added to our new church. Leading a brand new church through COVID was quite the hurdle for me as a first time pastor. Russell has been faithful to walk alongside me coaching me through many of the personal, leadership, spiritual health, and ministry challenges we have faced so far. His friendship, advocacy, and leadership insights have made a critical impact in the health of our church and my own personal ability to lead well. If you are considering supporting Russell in this endeavor, please know my family, my church, and I personally thank you for allowing this ministry to continue in greater capacity through your support."

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# Barnabas Advocacy Ministry

## *Financial Report – March – April 2022*

1.) Beginning Balance Salary Fund (3/6/2022)	\$4,000
2.) Beginning Balance Travel Fund (3/6/2022)	\$6,000
3.) First Baptist Church Inwood	\$10,000

Support Received for March 1 – April 30, 2022

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3/6	<b>First Baptist Church</b>	<b>Inwood, WV</b>	\$1,000.00
3/9	Brian & Kristina Stevens		\$100.00
3/15	<b>Nevill's Chapel MBC</b>	<b>Mt. Pleasant, TX</b>	\$100.00
3/17	<b>South Union Baptist Church</b>	<b>Daingerfield, TX</b>	\$100.00
3/23	Rocky Branch MBC	Naples, TX	\$700.00
3/29	<b>Stonebridge Baptist Church</b>	<b>Morgantown, WV</b>	\$400.00
3/30	<b>Concord MBC</b>	<b>Omaha, TX</b>	\$100.00
4/1	<b>First Baptist Church</b>	<b>Inwood, WV</b>	\$1,000.00
4/4	<b>Eastfield Baptist Church</b>	<b>Mesquite, TX</b>	\$300.00
4/4	<b>Stonebridge Baptist Church</b>	<b>Morgantown, WV</b>	\$400.00
4/10	Russell & Belinda Knight		\$1,600.00
4/15	<b>South Union Baptist Church</b>	<b>Daingerfield, TX</b>	\$100.00
4/15	Tim & Karen Colclasure		\$2,500.00
4/20	<b>Concord MBC</b>	<b>Omaha, TX</b>	\$100.00
4/24	<b>Nevill's Chapel MBC</b>	<b>Mt. Pleasant, TX</b>	\$100.00
4/26	<b>Sublett Road Baptist Church</b>	<b>Arlington, TX</b>	\$50.00
<b>Total =</b>			<b>\$8,650.00</b>

### Offerings Received on the Road (Travel)

FBC Green Valley	Monrovia, MD	\$300.00
Anonymous		\$200.00
Westside MBC	New Boston, TX	\$557.00
MTM		\$443.60
<b>Total =</b>		<b>\$1,500.60</b>

(Churches in **bold** print have indicated they will be monthly supporters!)

Travel Expenses 3/1 – 4/10	\$1,990.01
Salary Expense for March & April	\$8,000.00
<b>Ending Balance Salary Fund</b>	<b>\$650.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance Travel Fund</b>	<b>\$5,509.99</b>