



March 2023 Update

LIFE WITH LIFEPOINT CHURCH

In January and February, I served as the interim pastor at Life Point Church in Washington PA. LPC was planted in 2006 by Aaron and Renee Johnson, who were also sent out by First Baptist Church of Inwood, WV. LPC is a vibrant church and is continuing to make disciples and carry out the ministries of the church during their transition. I had such a great experience working with their leadership, preaching, and spending time with their church family. Luke Carney will be serving as a long term interim pastor from this point forward, but LPC is still seeking candidates to be their next pastor. If you know of someone or have interest, please contact me.



LEADSUMMIT 2023

One of the primary mission objectives for the Barnabas Ministry is to provide connection opportunities for church planters. In February, 55 church planters, pastors, and ministry leaders gathered at Mountain Springs Lodge in Plain, WA for the purpose of encouraging one another, worshiping together, being challenged from God's Word, learning from one another, building new friendships, praying together, and having fun. Thank you Ryan Copico, Mark Tanious, Devin Wood, and Chase Reynolds for leading and teaching us in our main sessions. Thank you Ryan Palmer for leading us in

worship. What a special time it was. If you missed joining us this year, make plans to join us at Mountain Springs on Presidents Day week in February 2024.



FAMILY UPDATE

There is a lot of life happening with our family! Ryan and Cailey were engaged in January, and we have an October wedding in Arkansas on the calendar. We are so excited to have Cailey joining our family! Janna started a new job in January as an Outdoor Educator with a YMCA camp in Gig Harbor, WA. She is doing well and has started a Bible study for some of the camp employees, several of whom are not yet believers. On Christmas Eve, Belinda's great-aunt passed away and her grandmother is now the only living family member left in Arizona. Belinda has been in Arizona since Christmas caring for her grandmother, and Russ and Belinda have been mostly apart for the first two months of the year. We are moving to Chandler, AZ this month to live close to Grandma Jan and take care of her. Arizona will be our new home base and we will still be traveling and spending time with church planting families throughout the year. Thank you for continuing to pray for our family and our ministry! We are so grateful and humbled by the generosity of churches and families committed to partnering with us to help strengthen and encourage church planting families!

