



BARNABAS

ADVOCACY MINISTRY

March 2024 Update

NEW CHURCH IN LITTLE ROCK

It is hard to believe we are two thirds of the way through March in 2024. The third ministry year for the Barnabas ministry is off to a great start. February was a very busy month with visits to Arkansas, West Virginia, Maryland, and Washington. Russell spent several days meeting with **Will Diggs** and his family in **midtown Little Rock**. The Diggs family is in the early stages of planting a new church in the heart of the city and is busy connecting with churches on deputation throughout the rest of 2024. We are so excited to partner with the Diggs family and their sending church, Center Fork BC in Hot Springs AR.



GOOD TIMES IN WV AND MD

From Arkansas, Russell flew to Washington DC to spend time with our sending churches the next two Sundays. He spent time giving a "state of the ministry" update to both churches and we took time to pray for each church planting family we are blessed to partner with. We say it often, but we are so thankful for First Baptist Inwood and First Baptist Green Valley for standing behind us and

making this ministry possible. During the week between these visits, Russell spent three days in **Elkins WV** connecting with **Roy Schneider** and visiting with several men from **The Refinery Church**. They have added more space to their rented location and were doing some demolition and remodeling work when Russell was there. Many of you know that The Refinery Church is in the process of purchasing 26 acres of property in Elkins for their future church home. They are scheduled to close on the property at the end of April and still need **\$35,000** to pay the property in full. Would you consider sending an offering to help this young church close on this property? God is moving in Elkins! On March 4th, **17 people were baptized** during their morning service!



BACK TO THE PACIFIC NW

In late February, Russell spent a week in Washington State visiting the church planting team at **The Outpost Church in Yelm WA** and attending LeadSummit in Leavenworth the following week. He was so glad to have his pastor, Zack Stringer, along for the trip. We enjoyed worshipping at the Outpost and seeing first hand all that God is doing there. Their children's space is overflowing — on that Sunday, they had **65 children ages 12 and under!** We also got to see their ministry bus, which was recently completed. The bus serves as additional children's space on Sundays and as a special event bus throughout the year. Would you continue to pray for **Devin and Danielle Wood** and their leadership team at the Outpost? God is moving in Washington State!

During the following week, we hosted 48 pastors, church planters, and ministry leaders in Leavenworth WA for our 13th annual LeadSummit. We had a wonderful week renewing friendships, encouraging one another, and enjoying great teaching and preaching. If you would like more information about possibly joining us at LeadSummit in 2025, contact Russell with the information provided below.



THANK YOU!

Thank you for continuing to partner with us to strengthen and encourage church planting families in the United States. There is much to be excited about, and much work to be done in 2024!