



LEADSUMMIT 2025

“Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord.”
- 1 Corinthians 15:58

In February, 64 pastors and ministry leaders gathered at Mountain Springs Lodge in Plain, WA for **LeadSummit**. Our ministry puts this conference together each year to encourage and equip church leaders.



Men joined us from Washington, Alaska, California, Arizona, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Indiana, Maryland, and Florida this year. Thank you Chris Bocklage, Ron Parker, Devin Wood, Chad Graves, and Mark Clements for pouring your hearts out and providing excellent teaching this year. If you would like to join us in the future, mark your calendars for February 16-19, 2026.

BARNABAS RETREAT 2026

On February 23-26, 2026 we will host a retreat for pastors and their wives at **Mountain Springs Lodge** in Plain, WA. Mountain Springs has been hosting our LeadSummit retreat for 13 years and will provide a great environment for pastors and their wives to be refreshed and encouraged. Our ministry is raising **\$8000** to send six church planting couples to the retreat — if you would like to help sponsor a church planting couple next year, you can give by sending an offering to our sending church, or by clicking on the QR code on the next page of our newsletter.



CHURCH PLANTER VISITS

I've enjoyed several church planter visits in recent weeks. In February, I spent time with **Pastors Devin Wood and Adam Hubbard** at The Outpost Church in Yelm WA, and enjoyed worshiping with them in their fantastic new location at Yelm High School. They are doing an excellent work to reach the unchurched in the Pacific NW. Continue to pray for them!



I also enjoyed spending time with **Will and Ashley Diggs** in Midtown Little Rock. It was so good to be a part of their Connect Group on a Sunday evening and meet some of the people they are leading and discipling. Continue to pray for the Diggs family and for the church God is building in Midtown.

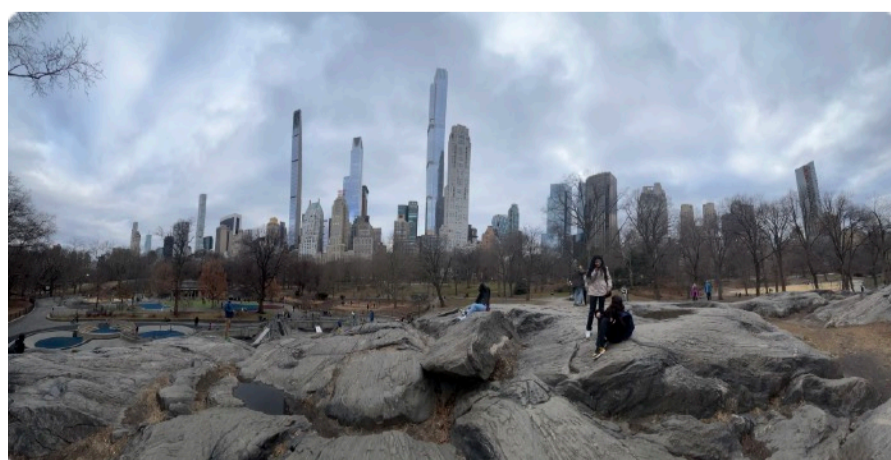
I just returned from visiting **Brandon and Diana Rutherford** and their boys in New York City. They have a few weeks left on their church planting survey trip in NYC before returning home to Florida on April 6th and beginning their deputation journey. Spending time with them and walking the streets, I was overwhelmed with the reality of the great need for the gospel in this city. To my knowledge, this is the first opportunity we have had as an association to get behind a church planter called to New York City. Let's not miss the moment — let's get behind them and be a part of what God is doing in the Big Apple!



THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you **Longview MBC** and Pastor Aaron Johnson for being the official tire sponsor of the Barnabas Ministry Airstream! LMBC put tires on our Airstream this month as we are gearing up for a busy road trip season this summer. We are thrilled to have **Rocky Branch MBC** and Pastor Ricky Knight (Dad!) in Naples, TX joining our monthly support team. Thank you Rocky Branch for your generosity and partnership in helping to strengthen and encourage church planting families! Pastor Scott Bates and **Center Fork BC** in Hot Springs, AR invited me to come and give a ministry update recently, and sent a generous donation for the Barnabas Ministry. Thank you Center Fork for all you are doing to plant churches and support planters.

And thank you Pastor Tom McCright and **First MBC of Porterville, CA** for giving so generously to send several pastors to LeadSummit for the first time. Every time we read our monthly giving report, we are reminded of the generosity of so many churches and families that believe in what God has called us to do, and have a huge heart for church planting families. We could not do this without your prayerful partnership!





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