

PARISH PROFILE





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Come. Grow. Go.

Saint Barnabas Anglican Church exists to make disciples who make disciples of Jesus Christ by:

Coming together under the love of Jesus Christ

Growing into His character

Going out to do all that He teaches

Come. Grow. Go.



St. Barnabas is a community-friendly evangelical ACNA church in the Diocese of Fort Worth, located in the fast-growing northeastern area of Tarrant County. Worship is held each Sunday morning with Holy Eucharist. We have more than half a dozen Bible studies that meet through the week. As of 2025, average Sunday attendance is 116.

Our staff currently includes a part-time Administrator, a part-time Choir Director, and an Assistant Priest serving in an unsalaried role, alongside an open Rector position.

The people of St. Barnabas are known for being welcoming, prayerful, and deeply committed to sharing the love of Jesus both within our walls and out in the wider community. We are actively praying for a Rector who will join us in this mission—continuing the good work already begun and leading us in expanding our reach.







From the beginning

St. Barnabas began as a mission in March 2002 under the leadership of the Reverend Louis Tobola. The first Eucharist was celebrated on August 25 of that year at Lone Star Elementary School, where the congregation worshiped until the completion of the church building in 2008.

In June 2003, the congregation chose the name *St. Barnabas*. The name was providential, reflecting the generosity that enabled the Diocese to plant this church, and it served as a call to action: to imitate Barnabas' life of prayer, hospitality, and missionary zeal.

Prayer

Before the first organizational meeting, more than 300 people across the Diocese were already praying for St. Barnabas. Once the land was secured, a novena was prayed each month until the building was completed in 2008. That commitment to prayer remains steadfast. Every Sunday, members gather to lift-up the spiritual and physical needs of the church, while prayers for the congregation are also offered throughout the week.





Hospitality

St. Barnabas quickly became known as a welcoming community. In the early days, teams of greeters met people at each entrance, and fellowship thrived during coffee hours filled with food and conversation. That tradition continues, now expressed in what we endearingly call "Holy half-time" which is our extended version of The Peace when worshippers extend hugs, greetings, and handshakes beyond the rows and those sitting nearby.



Mission

From the beginning, mission was central to our identity. Our very first offering was collected and given to the people of Northern Malawi. That commitment continues today, as we have expanded and deepened our support for both local and international missions.







The next chapter

In October 2011, the Reverend Andrew Petta was called as our next Vicar. In 2015, the Reverend Greg McBrayer joined as an Assistant Priest. Under Father Andrew's leadership, and by God's provision, St. Barnabas became a parish on November 16, 2019. Casey Conine became our most recent Deacon in formation in 2023.





The years that followed added new dimensions to our life together: discipleship, community outreach, and financial stability. The vision of *Come, Grow, Go* further defined our call, shaping more specifically how we live as disciples who make disciples.

Community Outreach

Our mission efforts expanded from financial support to active hands and feet engagement. We hosted programs including Alpha, Vacation Bible School, Financial Peace, First Sunday Family Days, and Community Bible Study. Events like the Pet Blessing, Fall Festival, Bike Blessing, Badge Blessing, garage sales, and trivia nights opened our doors to neighbors. Out in the community, members served through Good News Clubs in local schools, partnerships with Apartment Life Ministry, Neighborhood Night Out, food drives for schools, and support for Stepping Stones Ministry. Though the COVID-19 pandemic and limited volunteer capacity presented challenges, outreach remains a central expression of who we are as a church.









Discipleship

Christian education deepened with the introduction of the Discovery Bible Study method, the Order of St. Luke, and most recently the Saint Paul's House of Formation cohort. Weekly studies, both in the church and in homes, continue to thrive with plans for further expansion. Children experience lessons through a Worship and Wonder format focused on scripture and exploration. To ensure consistency and care, nursery staff were hired to support our youngest worshippers. Looking ahead, plans are underway to launch a youth catechesis program to nurture the faith of our teens.







Financial Stability

The past three years have seen blessings of surplus end of year giving, but that has not always been the story. Through intentional steps such as introducing online giving, restructuring loans, managing cash flow, and reducing amortization costs, we have moved from a month-to-month existence to building small but steady reserves. Sunday morning teaching on how stewardship is a response to God's love and an act of spiritual maturity has increased the participation in giving across the congregation. The Lord met us in our faithfulness as we increased spending on ministry line items and we stand in awe of the balanced budgets and surplus we have seen in recent years.



The next steps

In September 2025, we began our search for the next Rector who will lead St. Barnabas in our call to be disciples who make disciples. Building on the strides of recent years, we press forward with a renewed commitment to share the love of Jesus inside and outside our church walls. While we wait, we pray, we work, we worship, and we continue to love, because that is who we are at St. Barnabas.















Ministries

Worship

Acolytes Altar Guild Lay Ministers Choir

Click for Music Ministry and Music Culture

Prayer & Devotion

Unction

Intercessory Prayer Group Sunday Service Prayer Group

Prayer Shawl

Stations of the Cross







Community Outreach

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
Boy Scouts
Host Homeschool Co-op
Blessing of Badges
Food Drives
John Kennedy Memorial Scholarship Fund
Kairos Prison Ministry
Vacation Bible School

Discipleship

Nursery Worship and Wonder Saint Paul's House of Formation Cohort

Bible Studies

Hospitality

Kitchen Crew

Ushers







Missions and Outreach



















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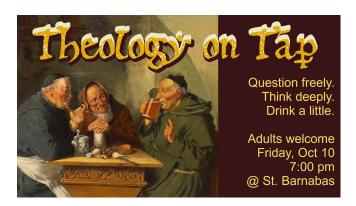
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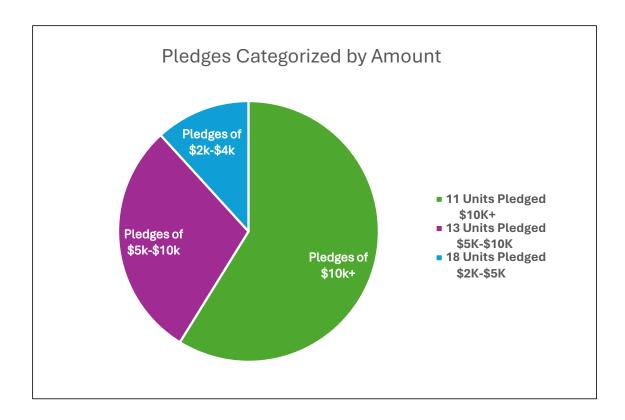




Financial Resources

With an annual budget of \$406,736.46, St. Barnabas stands in a strong financial position even in the midst of a Rector search, with income tracking steadily 10% above budget year to date. 74% of the 70 giving units made pledges in 2025 and the remaining are counted as faithful givers contributing to the plate income.

Budget constraints beyond compensation include rising insurance and utility costs. The building loan is due for restructuring and presently stands at about \$367,000. Our assets total \$2.07M.



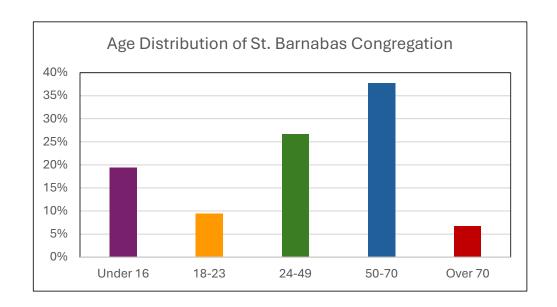


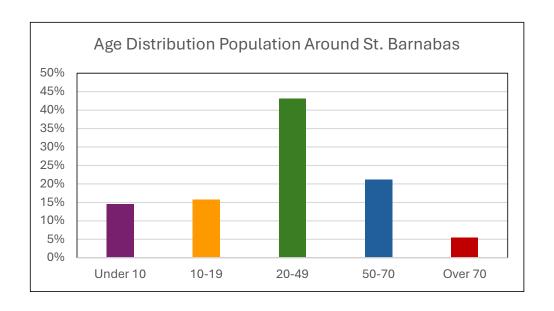


Church Demographics

As of 2025, **116 people** attend Sunday services on average. At the end of 2024, St. Barnabas counted **280 baptized members** and **221 communicants in good standing** across **81 households**. That year, we celebrated **5 baptisms** and marked **3 burials**, reflecting both the joys and sorrows of parish life. Sunday attendance averaged **112**, showing steady participation in our community.

Members mostly live near the church in the areas of north Fort Worth, Keller, Alliance, Haslet, and other north Tarrant County cities. We are an active multigenerational church with a strong representation from families and adults in the 20–70 age range.

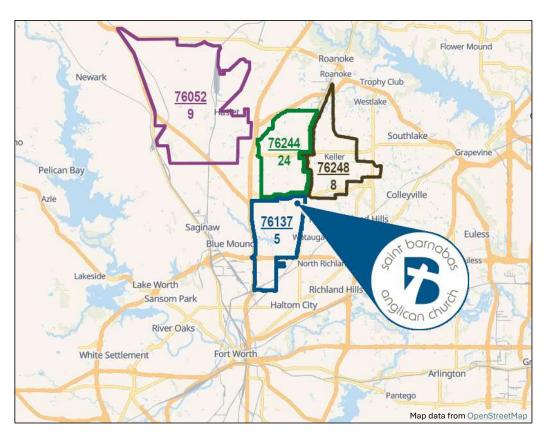


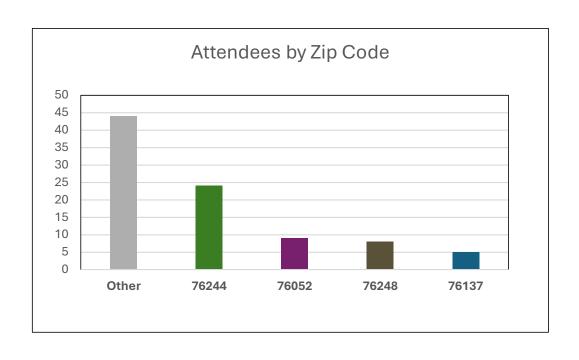




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Households by ZIP Code







Our Neighbors

St. Barnabas Anglican Church is situated in a growing and diverse community with a strong emphasis on education, family, and homeownership. The demographics of Fort Worth and ZIP codes 76137 and 76244 suggest a population that values stability, community engagement, and spiritual growth. These characteristics align well with the church's mission to serve and uplift its congregation and the broader community.

Neighborhood Demographics Surrounding St. Barnabas Anglican Church ZIP Codes 76137 & 76244

Combined Population: ~134,500

Median Age: ~34-35 years

Median Household Income: ~\$90,000-\$110,000

Median Home Value: ~\$320,000-\$340,000

Average Household Size: ~2.8–3.0

Ethnic & Racial Composition

White: ~55-65%

Hispanic/Latino: ~15-25%

Black/African American: ~8–12% Asian & Multiracial/Other: ~10–15%

Education

High School Graduate or Higher: ~90%+ Bachelor's Degree or Higher: ~30–35%

Community Character
Family-friendly, suburban environment
Mix of long-term homeowners and renters
Strong schools, parks, and churches
Attractive to professionals and young families



Challenges and Hope

While many of our members come from outside our immediate zip code of 76137, a large part do reside in 76244. We recognize the importance of drawing our closest neighbors into the life of our church. Sustained evangelism and outreach in this area have been a challenge, particularly as the community is often described as "transitional," with families moving frequently for career or housing changes. It has long been on the hearts of the leadership to discover and sustain meaningful opportunities to serve this community.



Our Next Rector

What We Seek

A faithful servant of Christ—rooted in Scripture, prayer, and Anglican tradition—who will guide us spiritually and pastorally into our next chapter. Key qualities highlighted from our recent survey include:

Spiritual Leader

Deep prayer life, strong preaching rooted in Scripture, inspiring both heart and mind.

Pastoral Presence

Compassionate, approachable, relational—present in both joy and sorrow.

Anglican Identity

Honors tradition, engages today's world, balances liturgical continuity with fresh expression.

Visionary

Passion for outreach, growth, youth, and community engagement.

Humble Leader

Delegates well, empowers others, leads with wisdom and authenticity.

Personal Character

Kind, grounded, unifying, and focused on Christ above all.

We are praying for a rector who leads not by personal strength, but as a faithful disciple of Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit. With such a leader, we believe St. Barnabas will flourish as a Christ-centered, prayerful, loving and welcoming parish, rooted in Scripture, tradition, and God's mission.

This is the prayer we offer each Sunday—and the kind of rector we faithfully seek:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for Saint Barnabas that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a summary of the Parish Survey results visit <u>www.stbarnabas.us/search</u>.