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Barnabas was known as the encourager and is most well-known for accompanying Paul on his missionary journeys. His presence was a comfort and source of encouragement to the Apostle Paul, as well as others they met along their journeys. Our Barnabas Care Regional Ministry Associate works with the Regional Pastor with Congregations to accompany congregations who have reached the end of their life as a congregation. She will work with the remaining church leadership/laity to determine a path forward to wind down ministry and celebrate the years of the church's existence.

Celebrating transitions is one of the big things we do as churches. We celebrate births and weddings and new birth in Christ. We also celebrate a life well lived during funerals and memorial services. Just as we celebrate the birth of babies, and new Christians, and new churches – we also celebrate a life well lived when one of our own dies. It is important to mark these transitions and to create a legacy of ministry that while different than the original plan, still advances the Kingdom of God.



Carol Ross Irwin is a hospital Chaplain at Trinity Hospital in Steubenville, OH, the wife of Rev. Howard Irwin pastor First Baptist Church of Woodlawn, an American Baptist

Church in Aliquippa, PA, and the mother of three grown daughters. She previously served our Region as Chaplain of the Baptist Homes of Western PA, and Pastor of Franklin Park Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Glassport.

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