

The Shepherd's Voice with Pastor Daniel

A QUARTARLY NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Church Family,

It is with great joy and gratitude that I write to you in this first edition of our quarterly newsletter. Since my arrival at First Baptist Church of Bellevue, I have been blessed by the warmth and love you have shown my family and me. Your kindness has made this transition a smooth and uplifting experience, and for that, I am truly thankful.

For those who may not know me well yet, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Daniel Fessler, a native of Bellevue, KY. I bring a diverse background in teaching, preaching, children's and youth ministry, and local church leadership. I am married to Stephanie, and together we have five wonderful children. Currently, I am working in marketing while pursuing my Master of Divinity degree at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (SBTS).

Before being called to serve as your pastor, I dedicated eight years to youth ministry. My passion is to pastor and teach theology and doctrine through expository preaching. I am honored and humbled to serve as the pastor of First Baptist Church of Bellevue. I am particularly excited to focus on the theme of church revitalization, which has been on my heart, as we begin this new chapter together. Our current sermon series is out of the book of Nehemiah, where we are exploring the theme of revitalization.

I also believe strongly in the power of community and gospel outreach. God has placed First Baptist Church of Bellevue here for a reason, and I am eager to see how He will use us. Together, we will support one another, grow in our faith, and reach out to those who need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. Thank you again for the incredible welcome you've extended to me. I look forward to serving alongside you, growing in faith together, and witnessing how God will work in and through our church in the days to come.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Daniel Fessler

Current Needs and Opportunities

We have several exciting ways for you to get involved! See Pastor Daniel if you're interested in participating in the "Adopt a Class" program at Grandview. We also need volunteers to help with upcoming teen events and those willing to assist with church cleaning. Your support in these areas is greatly appreciated and helps us maintain a welcoming environment for all.

Church Business

The First Baptist Church of Bellevue is pleased to announce that Pastor Daniel Fessler officially began with us on July 14th. Additionally, Pastor Fessler has been elected as our messenger to the Kentucky Baptist Convention, which will take place in Paducah this November.



The Fessler Family

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

August, 29 EQUIP training event 5-9 PM

for those who signed up

September, 16 Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 AM

Frisch's, Cold Spring

October, 11 Tiger 5th Quarter 9 PM

at FBCB

October, 31 Trunk or Treat 6-8 PM

at FBCB Tentative

October, 21 Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 AM

Bob Evans, Highland Heights

November, 17 Business Meeting

following the morning service

November, 18 Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 AM

Cracker Barrel, Cold Spring

Adopt-A-Class Varied Days and Times

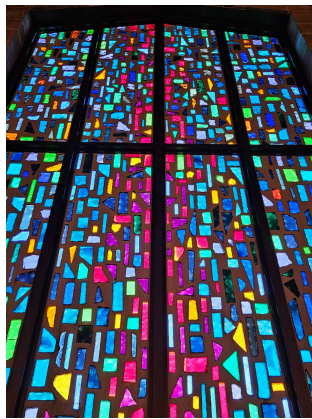
those involved see Pastor Daniel

Additional events will be added to the calendar following the upcoming church council meeting.

Church Family News

We have some exciting updates to share with our church family! We will soon celebrate the baptism of Anna, marking a significant step in her faith. Additionally, we are thrilled to announce that Joey and Lauren are expecting a new addition to their family. This wonderful news brings joy as we anticipate welcoming another little one into our church through such faithful members.

We also extend a warm welcome to our new members: Daniel Fessler and his family, Roger and Linda Taylor, Joy Tegeder, Diane Heitmeier, and Stacy Alley. We are grateful and look forward to growing together.



Scripture

“Look, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see it? Indeed, I will make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert”

Isaiah 43:19

Sounds of Praise

by Stacy Alley

As the new song leader, I feel incredibly blessed to be able to join with you all every Sunday as we lift our voices in praise to our great God! While learning new hymns is wonderful, I also want to be sure to include more of your familiar favorites. Help me build my list by sharing the name of your favorite hymns! Together, we can fill this church with the sounds of praise!

In the Spotlight: Bea Fowler

We are happy to put a spotlight on Mrs. Bea Fowler, a cherished member of our church family for many years. Bea has been a loving and sweet presence in our congregation, and although she is currently homebound, her spirit remains deeply connected to us.

Bea has a warm heart and a passion for conversation. We are sure she would greatly appreciate a note or a visit from you, as people bring her immense joy. Bea loves her church dearly and keeps all of us in her prayers. She is currently reviewing the sermon notes from our study through Philippians, hopefully finding comfort in the messages.

Let's take a moment to reach out and let Bea know how much she means to us. Her faithfulness and love for our church are truly treasured. See Stephanie Fessler for contact information.

Looking Back: Quarter Highlights

There is a renewed energy at First Baptist Church of Bellevue. We were excited to welcome our new pastor, Daniel Fessler, with a meaningful installation service that drew 129 attendees. Seven new members have joined our church family and we celebrated our first Lord's Supper in over a year. Many building improvements have been completed. Attendance has risen, with increased numbers of visitors and new members in our services. While it may not have happened in this quarter we could not let the summer slip away without acknowledging our successful VBS, where the kids raised over \$400 for the OCC mission.

Additionally, we've been visiting shut-ins and those who are sick. Overall, there is a palpable sense of freshness and vitality in our church and we are thankful.

Revitalization Through Nehemiah: A Journey of Renewal

by Daniel Fessler

Currently I am teaching through Nehemiah, focusing on renewal, rebuilding, and spiritual growth.

Why Nehemiah?

The book of Nehemiah is a story of revival and restoration. It tells the story of a faithful leader who responded to the desperate need for renewal in Jerusalem. When Nehemiah heard about the broken walls of his beloved city and the suffering of his people, he was moved to action. His response was characterized by deep concern, fervent prayer, and resolute leadership—qualities that we believe are essential for our own church revitalization.

Themes:

1. Concern and Vision:

Discover how Nehemiah's deep concern for his community and his vision for renewal can inspire us to care for our church and community.

2. Prayer and Fasting:

Emphasize the role of prayer and fasting in seeking God's direction and aligning our efforts with His will.

3. Confession and Plea:

Reflect on the importance of confession and seeking God's mercy as we address areas needing change.

4. Rebuilding and Restoration:

Learn how Nehemiah's leadership in rebuilding Jerusalem can enhance our efforts to strengthen and restore our church.

5. Commitment and Celebration:

Celebrate milestones and renew our commitment to God's mission, recognizing that revitalization involves spiritual growth.

How to Engage:

Join us for the sermons, participate in our church community, and engage in prayer and fasting. Together, let's seek God's guidance and embrace this revitalization journey with open hearts.

We believe God is calling us to a season of renewal. Let's follow Nehemiah's example and work together to revitalize our church for His glory.

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