



The Shepherd's Voice with Pastor Daniel

A QUARTARLY NEWSLETTER

The Gospel changes everything, and we'd love to share it with you! If you want to know more about the life-changing hope found in Jesus, we're here to talk. You can also visit our website to learn how you can go from death to life by trusting in Him.

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HOPE for Northern KY

3 Events, 1 Hope
November 5–9, 2025

Join us for a powerful week of gospel-centered outreach as we unite with churches across the region for Crossover: HOPE for Northern KY (H4NKY). This multi-day initiative features three unique evangelistic events with one unifying message: the hope of Jesus Christ.

The purpose of Crossover: H4NKY is simple yet eternal—to bring glory to God by working together to impact Northern Kentucky with the Good News. Through prayer, partnership, and proclamation, we will engage our community with the life-changing message of salvation in Christ.

This event is being hosted by the Kentucky Baptist Convention (KBC) and the Northern Kentucky Baptist Association (NKBA), and we need volunteers from our church to represent us and serve during this incredible week. Whether it's greeting, praying, serving behind the scenes, or helping on-site, there's a place for you to be involved.

Mark your calendars, pray for lives to be changed, and sign up to serve.

Let's show Northern Kentucky that our hope is in Jesus—and it's a hope worth sharing.



From the Desk of the Pastor

Church Family,

I want to take a moment to thank each of you, from the bottom of my heart, for the way you show up, serve, give, and love one another. Whether you're teaching a class, running the soundboard, shaking hands at the door, or praying quietly behind the scenes—you're doing kingdom work. You may not always get noticed but God sees it all. And I'm thankful for every single one of you.

We've got some great updates I'm excited to share. First, our church website is live! You can check it out at www.firstbaptistbellevue.org. It's a solid resource to stay connected and a great place to point anyone who wants to know more about who we are.

Also, take a look at the new logo we've rolled out, featured at the top center on the back of this newsletter. Created for us personally by local graphic designer, Noah Harris, this design incorporates our beautiful stained glass, a feature many already associate with our building. But more than that, we pray it becomes a symbol in our community: a beacon of hope, a place of truth, and a home for all who are seeking Jesus.

We've also got new connection cards for guests and for anyone who's made a decision and wants to take the next step. And we've stocked up on invitation cards; grab a few and hand them out. You never know what God might do through one conversation or one invite.

I also want to say thank you for praying for me and my family during our house hunt. Your support means more than you know and we're trusting God to provide.

I'm honored to lead this church and to walk beside you. Let's stay focused, stay faithful, and keep pushing forward. The mission matters and so does your part in it.

Grateful to serve with you,
Pastor Daniel



First Baptist Church of Bellevue

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

June, 2 Ladies Bible Study 6 PM
at FBCB

June, 9-13 VBS 5:30 PM
at FBCB

**June, 21 Explore Transformation WMU
Kids Mission Trip 9:30 AM**
at the Moore Activity Center & Krohn's Conservatory

June, 22 Kid's Club 4 PM
at FBCB

June, 29 5th Sunday Fellowship 5 PM
at FBCB

July, 7 Ladies Bible Study 6 PM
at FBCB

July, 12 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9 AM
at FBCB

July, 20 Kid's Club 4 PM
at FBCB

August, 4 Ladies Bible Study 6 PM
at FBCB

August, 10 Kid's Club 4 PM
at FBCB

August, 31 5th Sunday Fellowship 5 PM
at FBCB

Additional events will be added to the calendar. Visit our website for UpToDate details for all events.

At First Baptist Church of Bellevue, you'll find Christ-centered teaching, a welcoming community, and a heart for serving others.

Summer in Psalms: Rest, Refresh, Rejoice

by Daniel Fessler

This summer, our sermon series Summer in Psalms: Rest, Refresh, Rejoice, invites us to journey through the rich, heartfelt poetry of the Psalms as we explore how God meets us in every season of life. From building strong roots in His Word, through the struggles we face, to the joy of praise and deep intimacy with God, this series offers something for everyone longing to grow in faith and find true rest.

We begin by grounding ourselves in Scripture (Psalm 1; Psalm 119:9–11), delighting in God’s Word as a source of wisdom and strength. From there, we move into trusting God’s sovereign rule (Psalm 2) and finding personal courage through His presence (Psalm 27).

As the series continues, we explore God’s protection and deliverance (Psalms 46, 91, 140, and 70), learning to be still in His refuge even in times of fear. Then, we walk through struggle and hope (Psalms 22, 40, 30), where sorrow gives way to joy in the morning.

In the Psalms of praise (Psalms 103, 136), we respond to God’s steadfast love with worship. We reflect on His guidance through creation and His Word (Psalm 19) and His shepherding care (Psalm 23).

Finally, we come to the heart of it all—intimacy with God. In this section, we are reminded that God knows us completely and desires deep relationship (Psalm 139). We are invited to open our hearts for examination and renewal, seeking to live fully in His presence and love (Psalm 139:23-24).

Summer in Psalms is more than just a sermon series—it’s an invitation to rest deeply in God, refresh our souls through His promises, and rejoice with renewed hope and intimacy. Join us each week as we discover how the timeless words of the Psalms speak powerfully to our lives today.

A Sweet Church Family, A Growing Faith

by Juanita Renaker

Our little town is blessed to have FBCB, it is a beautiful church. It is a sweet church family and it is growing every day.

Sunday morning services, Thursday night Bible study and monthly Monday night ladies group have all helped me learn more and grow in my relationship with God. Being away from church for many years, I was still welcomed to attend, even encouraged to get involved with this sweet church family.

I'm excited to continue my journey surrounded by and with the family at FBCB, feeling the Love of God and learning about the life of Jesus.

Current Needs and Opportunities

Our nursery ministry is such a vital part of welcoming families but right now we’re facing a shortage of volunteers. Without enough workers to cover a healthy rotation, we may have to pause offering nursery care for the time being. If you feel led to serve in this area please connect with Stephanie to volunteer.

Also, Vacation Bible School is coming up the week of June 9th through 13th, and we need extra hands to make it a success. If you’re able to help, please reach out to Stacy soon so we can plan well.

Church Family News

We rejoice with Justin Mendell, who recently made a profession of faith in Christ! Please keep him in prayer—asking the Lord to strengthen his walk with Christ and provide healing and grace for his ongoing health needs. Let’s encourage him as he grows in faith.

Church Business

We’re excited to share that several building improvements are currently underway! Thank you for your continued prayers and support throughout this process as we steward our facilities for ministry and growth.



Looking Back: Quarter Highlights

This past quarter has been a beautiful testimony of God’s faithfulness at First Baptist Church of Bellevue. After six weeks of prayer and invitation, our “3:16 on 3/16” service was a powerful day of worship and fellowship, with 78 in attendance—our largest since March 2019. The children’s choir blessed us, and keychains, tokens, and bookmarks served as reminders to keep inviting others to experience Christ’s love.

We grew in boldness through evangelism training from Jason Hay of the KBC, who asked a convicting question: If our church closed tomorrow, what would the community miss? That challenge fueled our neighborhood prayer walk and community blitz, where we prayed with others and handed out invitations.

From Fifth Sunday dinners to a lively 3-on-3 basketball tournament (despite Pastor Daniel breaking his foot!), we’ve continued to grow in love and connection. Spring cleaning helped ready the church for Easter, which we celebrated with donuts, joy, and 94 in worship—praise the Lord! Our Adopt-A-Class year wrapped up with a special field trip featuring a fun “touch-a-truck” event, popcorn, and popsicles. It’s been a joy building relationships with these awesome kids.

Several attended the Hope for NKY Rally and signed up to help with this gospel-centered outreach. We’re excited to partner with the KBC and NKBA to share the good news in our region.

Ladies from our church attended a local Ladies Conference—a meaningful time of encouragement and growth in God’s Word. Meanwhile, the men gathered for two prayer breakfasts to lift one another up and grow in faith.

On Memorial Day, we gave out free hotdogs after the Bellevue-Dayton Memorial Day Parade—just to meet people, say hi, and create simple opportunities to connect with neighbors.

Through it all, we’ve seen again and again: God is at work here. We love our neighbors, and we’re thankful for every opportunity to share the hope of the gospel in word and action.

Scripture

“Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!”
Psalm 100:2

In the Spotlight: Ron and Arlene Utz

We are excited to spotlight not just one but two remarkable members whose lives are beautifully intertwined in service and faith, Ron and Arlene Utz. You truly can’t mention one without the other. They are a beautiful example of a marriage in tandem, serving Christ together.

Ron, a faithful deacon, has been a steadfast servant of our Savior and a pillar in our church family for many years. When something needs attention, whether it’s a decision that needs wisdom, a building issue that needs addressing, or a role that needs filling, Ron is often already taking care of it. His acts of service are consistent and humble, never done for applause but always for the Lord and His people.

By his side in every season is Arlene. Her presence and partnership make so much of what happens in our church possible. She serves as our WMU leader, a devoted Sunday school teacher, nursery worker, kitchen committee leader, and more. Arlene works tirelessly behind the scenes and never seeks thanks or attention. Many times, she’s been found quietly in the kitchen during the week, checking supplies and preparing for upcoming events, faithfully making sure everything is ready for the needs ahead.

What makes Ron and Arlene so special isn’t just all that they do, it’s the way they do it. Together. With humility. With joy. Their love for Jesus and for each other is evident in every interaction and their steady faithfulness is an encouragement to everyone who knows them.

They have both disciplined many over the years, just ask anyone who has attended this church in the past and you’ll hear how deeply they impacted their spiritual growth. If you’re looking for an example of a Christ-centered life and marriage, look to Ron and Arlene. Their lives are a living testimony of what it means to serve the Lord, side by side, in tandem, and with hearts full of love for Jesus. Their lives don’t just display discipleship, they invite us into it. We would all be wise to let Ron and Arlene disciple us by watching how they live, serve, and love faithfully every day.

