



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.



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

From the Desk of the Pastor

Church Family,
I want to begin by saying how thankful I am for each of you. Your faithfulness, service, and love for one another never goes unnoticed. Whether you're teaching, praying, serving behind the scenes, or simply encouraging someone, you are doing kingdom work. God sees it all, and I am deeply grateful for every one of you.

I have a few exciting updates to share! First, online giving is now available! This makes it even easier to participate in supporting the work God is doing through our church.

On a lighter note, I want to thank you all for your prayers as my hair has thankfully grown back after it was buzzed by the girls at VBS when they won in the giving contest! And speaking of giving, we were blown away by the generosity of our kids as they gave more than \$900 to Operation Christmas Child. What an incredible reminder of the heart God is shaping in the next generation.

Please continue to pray for me as I pursue my degree this fall with a new seminary class at Southern Seminary. Your prayers and encouragement mean so much as I seek to grow in knowledge and service for the Lord.

I'm excited about our upcoming sermon series on Galatians, "No Other Gospel: The Gospel That Sets Us Free," as well as our upcoming Thursday night study through 1st and 2nd Peter. These are opportunities to grow deeper in our faith and understanding of God's Word together.

I also want to express my gratitude for the love and care you've shown in celebrating our one-year anniversary. We truly love this church and feel so blessed to serve alongside you. Thank you for your hearts, your service, and your faithful love for Jesus and one another.

It's a joy to walk with you in ministry. Let's continue to stay focused, faithful, and encouraging one another as we follow where God is leading.

Grateful to serve with you,
Pastor Daniel



Pastor Daniel after the girls shave his head at VBS

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- August, 31 5th Sunday Fellowship 12 PM**
at FBCB
- September, 4 No Service**
holiday week
- September, 8 Ladies Bible Study 6 PM**
at FBCB
- September, 9 Birthday Party 2:30 PM**
the Seasons in Cold Spring
- September, 19 5th Quarter 9 PM**
at FBCB after football game
- September, 21 HOPE Fall Rally 6 PM**
at First Baptist Cold Spring
- September, 24 See You at the Pole 7 AM**
at Bellevue High School flag pole
- October, 6 Ladies Bible Study 6 PM**
at FBCB
- October, 14 SBTS Chapel 8 AM**
at Southern Seminary
- October, 18 Fellowship Game Night/O.C.C. 7 PM**
at FBCB
- October, 23 Church Council Meeting 4:30 PM**
at FBCB
- October, 31 Trunk or Treat Fall Festival 6-8 PM**
at FBCB
- November, 5 Real Encounter**
at Lloyd Memorial
- November, 9 HOPE for NKY**
at Lloyd Memorial
- November, 11 KBC Convention**
at First Baptist Church Cold Spring
- November, 16 Business Meeting 12 PM**
at FBCB
- November, 23 Thanksgiving Meal 12 PM**
at FBCB

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

No Other Gospel: The Gospel That Sets Us Free

by Daniel Fessler

This summer, it’s been such a joy walking through the Psalms together. Week after week, we’ve seen how God meets us right where we are, whether in times of struggle, seasons of joy, or quiet moments of worship. I pray the Summer in Psalms series has helped you rest in His promises, be refreshed by His presence, and rejoice in His steadfast love. As we turn the page into fall, we’re beginning a brand-new series in the book of Galatians called No Other Gospel: The Gospel That Sets Us Free. Galatians is Paul’s passionate reminder that there is only one true gospel, the good news that we are saved by grace alone, through faith in Christ alone. That message never gets old, and it’s just as needed today as it was when Paul first wrote it. We’ll see how the gospel shapes everything: our identity, our freedom, and even the way we love one another as a church family. Here’s where we’re headed:

- 1.The True Gospel Defended – There’s only one gospel, and it must not be distorted.
- 2.Justified by Faith Alone – We are made right with God not by what we do, but by trusting Jesus.
- 3.The Promise Belongs to Believers – God’s Spirit and promises come by faith, making us His heirs.
- 4.From Slaves to Sons – In Christ, we are no longer bound, but adopted as children of God.
- 5.Freedom in the Spirit – The gospel sets us free to walk in the Spirit and bear His fruit.
- 6.Living the Gospel Together – The cross shapes our relationships as we carry each other’s burdens and boast only in Christ.

My prayer is that this series will help us not only understand the gospel more deeply but truly live in the freedom it gives us. After these six weeks in Galatians, we’ll move into a short series designed to prepare our hearts for the upcoming HOPE for NKY outreach events. It will be an exciting season of both grounding ourselves in the gospel and then sharing that hope with our community.

Church Business

We are thrilled to celebrate that Justin Mendell was recently baptized! Please join us in welcoming him as a new member of our church family. Looking ahead, Braylon will be baptized in September. We rejoice with him and his family as he takes this important step of faith. We’re also excited to share that improvements around our church building are continuing! Thank you for your prayers and support as we work to maintain and enhance our facilities.



A Legacy of Care: Nursing Home Ministry

by Carol Morris

I want to thank Stephanie and Brother Daniel for asking me to write an article for the newsletter about the Nursing Home Ministry. I got active with the ministry with my mother Mary Vaught. She got started while in Evelyn Heister’s Winsome Sunday School Class with Pat Herman (who was my hero). Pat also made sure the shut-ins and residents were remembered on birthdays with cards and holidays with gifts and just every day thinking of you cards. I remember when Brother Keith and Ruth Ann made fruit baskets and trays of cookies that the church would help deliver for the fall holidays. Several years ago, we started taking kids from our Sunday School Classes to nursing homes and sometimes to church members’ homes who no longer could attend church. The kids gave out gifts, hugs, smiles and received hugs and a lot of big smiles. They got to enjoy seeing the residents and church members and they loved them back! So, my hope is this ministry will continue and maybe one of the children that got to experience going to nursing homes will be able to teach the next generation how important and rewarding it is to spread LOVE and do GOD’S WORK. Thank you to Donna Price for proofreading my article and all her help.



Looking Back: Quarter Highlights

What a wonderful summer it has been at First Baptist Church of Bellevue! God has been at work in so many ways, and we have so much to celebrate. Our Vacation Bible School was a huge success, with attendance more than doubling what we’ve seen in previous years. Thanks to the Kentucky Baptist Foundation's seed program, every child who attended received a Bible, and we praise God for one profession of faith from our VBS program. A special thank you goes to the kind members of Immanuel Baptist Church in Cold Spring, whose generous donations allowed us to provide dinner for every child. This summer also marked our return to Crossing Camp at Cedarmore after several years. We took seven campers, and God moved in powerful ways, praise Him that a camp chaperone made a profession of faith! I also had the joy of celebrating my one-year anniversary with this amazing church family. Thank you for the love, encouragement, and support you have shown me over this past year, it has been a true blessing to serve alongside you and witness God at work in our midst. One of the most exciting stories of the summer was Justin’s journey of faith. Justin first visited our church at our 3:16 on 3/16 service and made a profession of faith the very next week, and we were thrilled to baptize him at the close of summer. At that same service, another young man also came forward to receive salvation, reminding us of the life-changing power of the gospel. Our members also had the opportunity to engage with the broader community. Ten people from our church attended the Hope Forward rally in August, and we look forward to continuing to be part of this larger movement. Meanwhile, our children had the chance to learn about missions at the WMU Explore program in June, and our Summer Kids’ Clubs were a resounding success, providing faith-filled fun and learning for our youngest members. Finally, our Ladies Bible Studies continue to thrive! It has truly been a season full of growth, service, and joyful celebrations. I give thanks to God for all He has done among us this summer, and I look forward to seeing what He will continue to do in the months ahead.

Scripture

“Carry one another’s burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

Galatians 6:2

In the Spotlight: Rosie Miller

In this newsletter, we are excited to shine our spotlight on Ms. Rosie, affectionately known by many as Aunt Rosie. One of her greatest gifts is her gift of encouragement. She is always ready with a warm hug, a kind word, or a listening ear, reminding us of God’s love in tangible, everyday ways. In a world that can feel heavy, her presence and encouragement are a vital part of our church family, lifting spirits and pointing hearts toward Christ. Over the years, she has served faithfully in countless ways at FBCB; she has given generously of her time and energy. Yet, what we are most thankful for is her love for Christ and her willingness to share Him with others. Her life is a living testimony of the gospel, and her example encourages us all to walk more closely with Jesus. We encourage everyone to take the time to sit down with Ms. Rosie, learn from her, and let her disciple you. Her wisdom, kindness, and devotion are gifts that can inspire and strengthen your walk with Christ.

Current Needs and Opportunities

We are excited to invite church members who feel led to serve on a committee to reach out to Pastor Daniel or Brother Ron. Nominations for new committee members will begin soon and this is a wonderful opportunity to use your gifts to support the life and ministry of our church. We also need volunteers for our Audio Visual and Sound Team. We would love to have you join!

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. We also rejoice with Mindy, who made a profession of faith at camp this summer! She has already been faithfully serving at FBCB for many months, and we rejoice that she has now stepped all in. Please keep her in prayer as she continues to grow in her walk with Christ.