



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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Pray for FCA at Bellevue High School!

We are excited to have the opportunity to support Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) at Bellevue High School! FCA's vision is "to see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes," and its mission is "to lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church."

Stephanie and I have been privileged to participate in this program, connecting with students and coaches, sharing the hope of the gospel, and encouraging Christ-centered relationships. Here's how you can join in:

- Pray for wisdom, boldness, and hearts open to the gospel.
- Encourage students, coaches, and our team as we serve.
- Support FCA by volunteering or helping when opportunities arise.

This is a chance for our church family to be a part of God's work in our schools — reaching students for Christ and helping them grow in faith. Let's pray together and see what God will do!



From the Desk of the Pastor

Church Family,

I want to start by saying a heartfelt thank you for your prayers and participation in the HOPE for NKY events. It was such a joy to see our church family come together to serve our community and shine the light of Christ. Your willingness to step in, volunteer, and give of your time and talents is a beautiful reflection of God's love at work among us.

I am continually amazed by the faithfulness of this church. Many of you have served faithfully for years, quietly and consistently investing in the kingdom of God. At the same time, it's been so exciting to see new faces stepping up to serve, bringing fresh energy and ideas. This church is full of saints who are willing to serve the Lord and one another with joy.

We truly love this church. I love this church. I love the way we support and strengthen one another, the way we gather to worship, pray, and encourage each other, and the way we live out the gospel in our neighborhoods. Being your pastor has been hard work, but it is also the blessing of a lifetime. Every smile, every prayer, every act of service reminds me of the incredible privilege it is to shepherd alongside you for the glory of Christ.

As we look ahead to 2026, my heart is full of anticipation for all that God will do in and through this church. I want to encourage each of you to be a part of all that God is doing here, I'm asking that you attend our, Sunday School, Thursday night Bible study and prayer, and our men's and ladies' Bible studies. Some I would even encourage to become members. Come, grow, serve, and be strengthened together with your church family. And as you experience God's work in your life, I also encourage you to invite others to join us in these opportunities to worship, learn, and serve.

Let's continue to serve, pray, and love one another as we follow Him together, and I cannot wait to see all that the Lord will do in the year ahead.

With gratitude and joy,
Pastor Daniel



First Baptist Church of Bellevue Fall Festival

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- December, 1 Ladies Bible Study 6 PM**
at FBCB
- December, 3 Men's Bible Study 7 PM**
at FBCB
- December, 7 Hanging of the Greens 6 PM**
at FBCB
- December, 12 Creation Museum Christmas Lights 5PM**
free event
- December, 13 Ladies Christmas Party 2:30 PM**
at FBCB
- December, 24 Candlelight Service 5 AM**
at FBCB
- January, 3 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9 AM**
at FBCB
- January, 5 Ladies Bible Study 6 PM**
at FBCB
- January, 7 Men's Bible Study 7 PM**
at FBCB
- January, 22 Church Council Meeting 4:30 PM**
at FBCB
- February, 2 Ladies Bible Study 6 PM**
at FBCB
- February, 4 Men's Bible Study 7 PM**
at FBCB
- February, 7 Fellowship Game Night 7 PM**
at FBCB
- February, 15 Business Meeting**
following the morning service

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.

The Book of Acts – Empowered for Mission: The Power, The People, The Mission.

by Daniel Fessler

As we enter the Advent season, we will journey through the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christ, celebrating His coming into the world. Starting in the new year, we will launch our new sermon series: The Book of Acts – “Empowered for Mission: The Power, The People, The Mission.” This series takes us through Acts, showing how the early church was empowered by the Holy Spirit and how God’s mission continues today. We begin with the birth of the church in Jerusalem, where Jesus calls and equips His followers to be witnesses (Acts 1:1-11) and teaches the importance of waiting on the Spirit (Acts 1:12-26). The coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-13) sets the stage for bold proclamation, starting with Peter’s first sermon (Acts 2:14-41) and the early church’s Spirit-filled community of worship, fellowship, and mission (Acts 2:42-47). Early signs of God’s power, including healings and courage in the face of opposition, show how the Spirit works through ordinary believers (Acts 3-4). As the series continues, we see the church navigating challenges—generosity, hypocrisy, suffering, and service (Acts 4-6)—and the ultimate example of faithfulness in Stephen’s sermon and martyrdom (Acts 6:8-7:60). Persecution cannot stop the gospel, and it begins to spread beyond Jerusalem (Acts 8-10), including Saul’s dramatic conversion (Acts 9) and the confirmation of the gospel’s power for all people (Acts 10-12). Through the first missionary journeys, trials, and councils, we see the church persevering, depending on prayer, and trusting God’s guidance (Acts 13-16). Later chapters show the gospel spreading through Paul’s ministry—proclaiming Christ in a pagan world, facing opposition, trusting God in every storm, and experiencing His guidance (Acts 17-28). Through it all, God’s mission cannot be stopped—His power, His people, and His purpose continue forward, no matter the obstacles. This series is more than history—it’s an invitation for each of us to see how God empowers ordinary people today to participate in His mission: boldly sharing the gospel, serving others, and trusting Him in every circumstance. As we walk through Acts together, we will be encouraged, challenged, and equipped to live empowered for mission in our own lives.

Church Business

This quarter has been full of exciting milestones! We celebrated the baptisms of Braylon and Mindy and welcomed four new members: Juanita, Mindy, Jason, and Sherry Yates. A new sound system has been installed, and other improvements are underway around the building. We’re also excited to see so many new people joining committees and serving in the coming year.

Why come to Sunday School?
by Linda Taylor

When I first started going to a Baptist church as an adult, Sunday School was completely foreign to me. Wasn’t going to church enough? In fact, for the first couple of months Roger and Stacy would go to Sunday School and I would come later for the church service with Stephanie, who was just a baby. Finally, I decided to try going to see what it was like. Since that time, I have looked forward to Sunday School as much as the church service and here are some of the reasons why.

1. Sunday School helped me understand Biblical truths and to be able to apply them to my life.
2. It allowed me to ask questions without feeling I was being judged by others for what I did not know.
3. It instilled a love for the Bible. Before going to Sunday School, the Bible was a book I opened on Sunday mornings to read along with the Pastor.
4. When I started going to Sunday School is when I started building deep relationships in the church. Others in the class would encourage me and we would keep each other accountable.
5. Sunday School prepared by heart for the regular church service.
6. For my children, Sunday School was where they learned who Jesus is and helped them grow a strong relationship with Him.
7. For children it helps them to learn at their level. Sitting in a church service alone they often cannot understand what is being preached.
8. Sunday School taught me was how to share the Gospel with unbelievers. Matthew 28:19 – Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost:

Our Sunday School service starts at 9:30 so plan to come and find out how it is a time to grow in God’s Word, share life together, and encourage one another. We would be so blessed to have you there!



Looking Back: Quarter Highlights

As we look back over the past few months, we can truly say that God has been faithful and at work in our church family. We were blessed to have Joey Fessler join us as a guest preacher, and we’ve seen a strong start to FCA at Bellevue High School—praying that those early-morning gatherings shape many lives for Christ. In September, we joined students and staff for See You at the Pole, lifting our schools before the Lord. And with Adopt-A-Class starting back up at Grandview Elementary, we’ve been grateful for the chance to support and encourage the teachers and kids we love so much. These partnerships continue to be some of the sweetest ways we get to invest in our community. Within our own church walls, fellowship and discipleship have flourished. Our 5th Sunday Fellowship gave us a chance to slow down, enjoy one another, and build deeper relationships. We had a great turn out for the Thanksgiving dinner with 67 in attendance! The Ladies Bible Study has been thriving as they dive into the New Testament with enthusiasm and rich discussion. And our birthday celebration at The Seasons was another bright moment of joy and connection. This quarter also brought people stepping up in wonderful ways. A group from the Brew Crew Bible Study rolled up their sleeves to help with much-needed yard work around the church, blessing us more than they know. Spiritually, it’s been a season full of joy as well—we celebrated the baptisms of Braylon and Mindy and witnessed several professions of faith. Those moments never get old and remind us how God continues drawing people to Himself. Our Fall Festival was another highlight, with over 300 people from the community visiting and receiving a gospel tract. And in November, many from our church joined the HOPE for NKY outreach. We may not know the full impact this side of eternity, but we trust that God used every prayer and every conversation.

We also had the chance to attend the KBC Annual Meeting, where we were refreshed and encouraged by worship, preaching, and connecting with other churches. And as the quarter wrapped up, we finished another wonderful year of Operation Christmas Child. Packing those boxes, praying over them, and sending them off—those moments remind us how God can use small acts of faithfulness to reach the ends of the earth. One of the greatest joys this quarter was welcoming new members into our church family, celebrating the growth God continues to bring. Through every big moment and small, we can wholeheartedly say God has been good—and we’re excited to see what He has in store next.

Scripture

“We do not know what to do, but we look to you.”

2 Chronicles 20:12

In the Spotlight: Juanita Renaker

This month we’re excited to shine our Member Spotlight on Juanita Renaker, one of the newest members of First Baptist Church of Bellevue. Though her membership is new, her faithful service certainly isn’t, Juanita has been serving among us for many months, joyfully jumping in to help on several committees and ministries. From the moment she began attending, it was clear that Juanita has a heart eager to learn, grow, and serve Christ alongside His people. Whether lending a hand behind the scenes or stepping in wherever help is needed, she embodies a spirit of humility, willingness, and love for the church family. We are grateful to officially call her one of our own and celebrate her commitment to membership. As you see Juanita around the church, be sure to welcome her, encourage her, and take a moment to get to know her. We are blessed to have her as part of the First Baptist family!

Current Needs and Opportunities

This season, we invite you to pick an ornament from the Christmas tree in the foyer and bless a child with a meaningful Christmas gift. You can also support our kitchen ministry by checking out the Kitchen Committee’s wish list and helping meet some of their current needs. And if you’re looking for a place to serve, our Sound Team is still in need of additional volunteers. Thank you for serving and giving so faithfully!

Church Family News

We rejoice in all that God is doing in our church family this season! We are thrilled to welcome four new members—Juanita, Mindy, Jason, and Sherry. We also celebrate with Braylon and Mindy, who followed the Lord in believer’s baptism. In addition, we praise God for Ginny, Lola, and Jeffrey, who each made a profession of faith. Please join us in praying for and encouraging each of these individuals as they continue to grow in their walk with Christ.

