



# The Shepherd's Voice with Pastor Daniel

A QUARTARLY NEWSLETTER

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### Mission Spotlight: NEW HOPE CENTER

#### NEW HOPE CENTER

New Hope Center (NHC) is a pro-life pregnancy resource ministry serving women and families facing unplanned pregnancies in four locations. Founded in 1989, with a mission, "to glorify God by demonstrating the love of Christ to all, ministering to the family as a whole, and meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those who are served while upholding the sanctity of all human life." Each day, women in our community face the uncertainty of an unplanned pregnancy. In those critical moments, NHC provides compassionate, life-affirming support through free and confidential services, including pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, mentoring and Earn While You Learn parenting classes - where parents gain skills and earn baby essentials like cribs, car seats, diapers, and more, ongoing material items, adoption education and referrals and community resources. Equipping and empowering mothers and families to choose life, embrace hope, and build a strong foundation for the future. In 2025, NHC served 759 clients and provided 7,950 services. 88% of clients Chose Life, 3 made adoption plans, led 1,681 parenting classes, 50 Bible studies, and celebrated 16 professions of faith and rededications.

#### AFTER ABORTION CARE

We provide a safe, confidential space with trained mentors where women and men can find healing from the pain of a past abortion. For those carrying silent grief or regret, we offer compassionate grace and truth to support emotional healing and spiritual restoration.

#### SEXUAL RISK AVOIDANCE (SRA) PROGRAM

Middle and high school students are equipped with knowledge and skills to make healthy, confident lifestyle choices through interactive lessons and real life applications focused on self-worth, goal setting, avoiding high-risk behaviors and the power of healthy choices. Rooted in the belief that today's decisions shape tomorrow's future, this program empowers youth to thrive, lead, and create a brighter future. In 2025, NHC provided abstinence education programs to 2,477 students and adults.



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

Dear Church Family,

As I sit down to write this letter, I cannot help but thank the Lord for each of you. I continue to be encouraged by the faithfulness, generosity, and servant-hearted spirit of our church family. So many of you give your time week after week, serving in ministries, caring for one another, praying faithfully, and loving this church well. I truly thank God for you.

As we move into the summer months, I believe the Lord is calling us into a season of intentional ministry and outreach. Simply put, I believe it is time for us to make a push, not for the sake of numbers or programs, but because people in our community need Jesus.

There are families all around us searching for hope, encouragement, truth, and purpose, and we have the greatest message in the world to share with them. Because of that, I want to encourage every member of our church family to take another step deeper into the life and mission of our church.

I want to encourage you to plug into one of our Sunday School classes. We truly have a place for everyone, and these classes are one of the best ways to grow spiritually, build relationships, and stay connected to the church family.

I also want to invite everyone to join us on Thursday nights for Bible study and prayer time. These evenings have become such an important part of our church life as we open God's Word together and spend intentional time praying for one another, our church, and our community.

And as we prepare for VBS and our summer outreach opportunities, I am asking you to join us as we go out into our neighborhoods, knocking on doors, inviting children and families to church, and letting our community know that we are here and ready to serve. Sometimes it is as simple as a conversation, an invitation, or offering to pray with someone, but God often uses simple acts of obedience in powerful ways.

I know many of you already serve faithfully and sacrificially, and I do not take that lightly. I know people are busy. I know life can be exhausting. But I also believe this is a moment for us to lean in together and give our very best for the sake of the Gospel. We have an opportunity to make the name of Jesus known in our community, and I believe God wants to use our church in a powerful way.

Let us be a church that is present in our community, passionate about the Gospel, faithful in prayer, and willing to serve wherever God calls us. I am excited about what lies ahead, and I cannot wait to see what the Lord will do as we move forward together. Thank you again for loving this church, serving faithfully, and pointing people to Jesus. With gratitude and love,

Pastor Daniel Fessler



First Baptist Church of Bellevue Lit Up

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- May, 25 Memorial Day Parade & Cookout 9 AM**  
at FBCB
  - May, 30 Revive Ladies Conference 11 AM**  
at Trinity Southern
  - June, 1 Ladies Bible Study 6 PM**  
at FBCB
  - June, 3 Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM**  
at FBCB
  - June, 7 Father + Son Lunch 12 PM**  
at FBCB following the morning service
  - June, 17 Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM**  
at FBCB
  - June, 22-26 VBS 5:30 PM meal 6 PM begins**  
at FBCB
  - June, 28 Kid's Club 4 PM**  
at FBCB
  - June, 29-July, 3 Crossings Camp**  
at Cedarmore
  - July, 1 Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM**  
at FBCB
  - July, 6 Ladies Bible Study 6 PM**  
at FBCB
  - July, 11 Lemonade Popsicle Stand 1 PM**  
at FBCB
  - July, 12 Kid's Club 4 PM**  
at FBCB
  - July, 18 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9 PM**  
at FBCB
  - July, 31-August, 1 Cultivate Ladies Conference**  
at Little Flock Baptist Church in Shepherdsville, KY
  - August, 3 Ladies Bible Study 6 PM**  
at FBCB
  - August, 5 Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM**  
at FBCB
  - August, 8 Lemonade Popsicle Stand 1 PM**  
at FBCB
  - August, 9 Kid's Club 4 PM**  
at FBCB
  - May, 17 Business Meeting**  
at FBCB following the morning service
- Additional events will be added to the calendar. Visit our website for UpToDate details for all events.*



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

by Daniel Fessler

As a church family, we have continued walking verse by verse through the book of Acts on Sunday mornings, and it has been a timely reminder of what God desires His church to be. In Acts we see ordinary believers empowered by the Holy Spirit, boldly proclaiming the gospel, devoted to prayer, committed to one another, and grounded in God's Word. The mission that began in Acts has not changed, and we are still called to live faithfully on mission for Christ today.

One of my greatest prayers for our church is that we would become people who truly love God's Word, not only on Sundays, but throughout the week as we read, study, and allow Scripture to shape our hearts. There is no substitute for being rooted in the Word of God, and the more we spend time in it, the more we grow in maturity, faith, and love for Christ.

I encourage you to continue reading through Acts alongside our Sunday morning study. Even a few moments each day in Scripture can have an eternal impact on your walk with the Lord.

I'm also thankful for the many opportunities we have to study God's Word together. Our Sunday School classes will soon begin a new study through Joshua, Judges, and Ruth, and we will also be launching a Thursday evening Bible study this summer. These are valuable opportunities to grow, be encouraged, and deepen our understanding of Scripture together.

My prayer is that God would continue to grow in us a true hunger for His Word, not out of routine, but out of a desire to know Him more deeply. May we be a church that treasures Scripture, lives it out boldly, and points others to Jesus in all we do.

### Church Business

This quarter has been another encouraging season as we continue to see God's faithfulness in our church family. We are especially excited to welcome eight new members to First Baptist Church of Bellevue: Shelia Bacis, Laura Gross, Makenzie Gross, Braylon Gross, Randy Gross, Richard and Michelle Woodyard, and Dani Fessler. We are thankful for each of them and look forward to serving the Lord together.

We are also grateful to share that the roof repair project has been completed.

Following the damage caused by the heavy snow, work has now begun on repairing the interior areas affected by the leaks. Thank you to everyone who prayed, helped, and supported these projects along the way.

In addition, new security cameras have been installed to assist our safety team and help provide a safe environment for our church family and guests.

Thank you to our deacons, trustees, and faithful volunteers who continue to serve behind the scenes and care for the many needs of our church. We are grateful for everyone who faithfully gives their time and energy to strengthen the ministry of First Baptist Church of Bellevue.

## Social Media for the Gospel

by Stephanie Fessler

I wanted to take a moment to talk about something a little different but really important. As the one who helps manage our church social media, I've seen how much of an opportunity we have right in front of us to reach people beyond our walls.

Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube aren't just platforms for information, they're tools that help people discover who we are and, more importantly, that we are here for them. When you like, follow, share, and comment on posts, it may seem small, but it actually helps those posts reach more people in our community.

I want to be clear, we're not asking for engagement to build our name or draw attention to ourselves. We're doing it because we want people to see Jesus, to know there is a church in their area that loves them, and to feel invited to come and hear the Gospel.

In today's world, this is also one of the ways we reach the next generation. We want young people not only to see what God is doing here, but to be part of it and serve alongside us.

So when you see a post from the church, don't scroll past it, engage with it. Share it. Comment on it. Help us get the word out that First Baptist Church of Bellevue is here, and Jesus is changing lives.

Thank you for helping us reach further than we ever could on our own.



### Looking Back: Quarter Highlights

As we look back over this quarter, we once again see the faithfulness of God at work in and through our church family. It has been a season marked by spiritual growth, meaningful fellowship, and exciting opportunities to share the Gospel. We rejoice in two professions of faith this quarter—Laura and DJ—as well as six baptisms, celebrating new life in Christ. We also joyfully welcomed eight new members into our church family, and we thank God for continuing to build His church among us.

Our discipleship ministries have continued to thrive. Both the Men's and Ladies' Bible Studies have remained steady places of encouragement and growth in God's Word. We also enjoyed a strong Men's Prayer Breakfast and a wonderful 5th Sunday Fellowship that gave us time to slow down and enjoy being together as a church family.

This season also brought several special events that blessed our church and community. Our Mother and Daughter "Legacy" Lunch was a beautiful time of encouragement and connection. We also celebrated Easter together, remembering the resurrection of our Lord and the hope we have in Him.

One of the highlights of this quarter was our Adopt-a-Class outreach, which concluded with a fun and impactful "Touch-a-Truck" field trip at the city building. This provided a great opportunity to connect with many children from Grandview and Holy Trinity and invite them to Vacation Bible School. We also had the privilege of hosting the NKBA Spring Meeting, thank you to all the volunteers who served so faithfully to make that possible.

Through every gathering, every study, every outreach, and every moment of worship, we have seen God's hand at work. He has been good to us.

As we move into the next quarter, we are not slowing down, we are preparing to press forward even more intentionally to make the Gospel known in our community. We are excited for what God will continue to do through First Baptist Church of Bellevue.

### Current Needs and Opportunities

As we move into the summer months, we are making a strong push to share the Gospel and invite our community to First Baptist Church of Bellevue.

There are several key ways you can be involved.

We are in need of VBS volunteers, Kids Club volunteers, and those willing to go door-to-door to invite neighbors and share prayer and the love of Christ in our community. Every role matters as we seek to reach families and children with the Gospel.

We are also beginning a new class for children through 3rd grade during the morning service and will need teachers and helpers. If you are interested in serving in this area, please see Stephanie.

Thank you for praying about how you can be part of what God is doing through our church this summer.

## Scripture

"This book of instruction is not to depart from your mouth; you are to meditate on it day and night, so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do."

Joshua 1:8

### In the Spotlight: Stacy Alley

This quarter, I have the joy of highlighting someone who has been such a blessing to our church family over the last year and a half: Stacy Alley. From the moment she stepped into serving, Stacy has shown herself to be faithful, kind, and always willing to help wherever there is a need.

She has taken on so much with a servant's heart, and her dedication to both the church and the Lord is evident in everything she does.

Stacy faithfully serves as our song leader each week, helping lead our church in worship with joy and encouragement. She has also taken on the huge responsibility of coordinating VBS, pouring countless hours into making it a meaningful and Christ-centered week for our children and volunteers. She also leads our children's choir, investing in the next generation and helping point young hearts toward worshiping Jesus. On top of that, she pours deeply into our middle school students during Sunday School, loving them well, teaching them faithfully, and pointing them to Christ week after week.

One of the things I appreciate most about Stacy is her willingness to step in wherever needed without seeking recognition. So much of what she does happens behind the scenes, and the reality is that most people probably never see the countless hours of preparation, planning, praying, and serving that go into the ministries she leads.

Yet she continues to serve faithfully with humility, compassion, and a genuine love for people. Her heart for ministry and her care for others have been such an encouragement to me, my family, and our church as a whole.

FBC Bellevue is truly blessed to have Stacy serving alongside us. I encourage you to thank her for all she does and continue praying for her as she faithfully pours into so many areas of ministry. We are incredibly grateful for her servant's heart and her commitment to glorifying the Lord through her service.

