



Bellevue

BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear Prayer Partner,

This is Joel Creekmore from Bellevue Baptist Church with our winter update. We have had several key things happen since our last update. First, we had an opportunity to go to the National Church Planting Conference at Heartland Baptist Bible College. Once again, Christelle and I were able to go with funds set aside from our missions budget expressly for the purpose of helping domestic church planting. We were able to give to church planters across America. Some would use the funds to get started while others needed a little help to get into a building. Either way, it was a blessing to be able to partner with them. Since the entire conference was livestreamed and available online I was able to put together a video of the presentations of the church planters we supported and share that with the church when we came back. It was impactful for people to be able to hear both the presentations and see the humbled responses of these men when the totals were tallied. Getting to Oklahoma from Washington is not something most church members can do, but this enabled everyone to feel like they were part of what God did through our church and that was a blessing. Additionally, Christelle and I were greatly encouraged through the preaching this year.

Second, we had a woman that recently moved into the area. Her pastor had directed her to come to our church and get plugged in and she has! She became a member in January and immediately started discipleship with Christelle. She is plugged in and eager to grow in her walk with the Lord. That is exciting! I am thankful for Pastors that care enough about their people to help them get plugged into another good local church.

Third, we have had a number of visitors. Some have returned on and off and we are trying to build a relationship with them. One gentleman has started coming faithfully and asked about membership. I will be walking him through our membership class in the next month. Pray that he would be receptive and humble. We have others that need to get baptized and join, but they are still on the fence. We pray that they would seek to identify with Christ and his church.

The last update I have I can't give a lot of detail about, but I would like to ask for your prayers. One family in our membership has experienced deep hurt and pain due to sin and we are praying for God's healing, wisdom, and restoration. Certainly, we are not alone in the effects of sin on families, but a church of 32 feels these types of issues deeply: spiritually, relationally, and financially. I would just ask that you pray for our families in this small work that they would glorify God!

We are coming up on 16 months left in our 5 year lease. Please pray with us that God would see fit to continue to provide a place for us to meet: whether it is our current leased space or another. As we get closer to our lease expiration date we will continue to keep you updated.

Thank you again for your prayers, love, and support. It means the world to us to know that you are partnered together with us. Thank you and God bless.

In Christ,

Joel Creekmore