



Bellevue

BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear Prayer Partner,

This is Joel Creekmore, your church planter in Bellevue, Washington with our fall 2021 update. It has been an exciting fall here at Bellevue Baptist. In our last letter I told you of a woman who had just started attending. I am excited to report that in September she became a member of the church. She has been a blessing and is growing!

Also in September, we had our 5th anniversary during which we chartered the church. It was a wonderful day with our sending pastor preaching the services. We were blessed with attendance from several local supporting pastors. I am grateful for the church to be able to meet and fellowship with pastors that have given to make this work possible. It was surely a day to remember. Our people were excited for this step of growth and we look forward to many more years.

The Lord has been blessing us with visitors lately. We have a young couple that has been coming for about two months as well as two other visitors that have attended several times. We are praying that in time they will become members of the body here in Bellevue. Of course, there were also visitors that didn't return. We are grateful for every person that attends and every chance we get to serve others. After a long period during COVID with no visitors, this is refreshing!

In October we had a bad windstorm that knocked out the church's power just before a Sunday evening service. We broke out the electric lanterns, sang acapella (our piano is electric) and just kept on. It was a great reminder that we don't need a lot to be able to gather as a church and worship the Lord. A reminder like this is a good thing and we had a great time that night. I am thankful for a church that takes things like this in stride with a great attitude! I don't know that we will have a lights-out Sunday on the calendar next year, but it was a fun experience.

Over this last year I have been working towards a means of semi-passive income since my salary has been cut at the church. It looks promising but has yet to prove itself out completely. Would you pray with us that the Lord would bless this endeavor such that I don't have to get a more traditional job and I would be able to continue focusing most of my attention on the church? For those that have continued to support us, I just want to take a moment and say thank you very much. It is a blessing and there has been a church in Bellevue for the last 5 years because of your partnership with us and the grace of God!

Last letter I also told you that I was teaching Karate again. This summer and fall we have had students test and they are doing great! I am still praying that as people gain skills, we will be able to use this as a ministry and that God would bless so that the lost would hear the gospel, like I did when I got saved. Would you continue to pray with us for this ministry?

Thank you so very much for your faithful giving and prayers for the church here in Bellevue, for me and for my family. We are grateful for your partnership in the Gospel!

In Christ,

Joel Creekmore