



Dear Prayer Partner,

The Lord is blessing here at Bellevue Baptist Church. He continues to bring visitors nearly every week. Some of those visitors have stayed and continue to attend, while others have not. In January, we had our high attendance day with 6 first time visitors and 33 in attendance from the community. One of the most gratifying things that I have experienced as a new pastor was having a young woman that has been attending tell me that she can play the piano and would be willing to play if I needed someone. I made sure she understood that she was asking a church planter if he needed a piano player and what that meant. Needless to say, she will be playing this month. While, a piano player is a blessing, what is even better is having someone that wants to get plugged in and serve the Lord! That blessed my heart.

In January Christelle and I were able to go the National Church Planter's Conference at Heartland Baptist Bible College and help meet the needs of several different church planters. That was an incredible encouragement to us. I love seeing God at work across this country and men and families stepping out for him in faith. I am thankful that the church raised an offering for these church planters and I was privileged to be able to go in order to give.

In January, we kicked off a new monthly event at the church, called Lunch at Pastor's. This is simply a lunch after service at our house. While the renovation of our home isn't complete, it is good enough to have folks over. We had a great time with 23 individuals there for lunch. It is a joy to be able to have people into our home and get to know them better.

I am excited to grow with the group of people that God is putting together here in Bellevue. I want to thank each of you that have been praying for us. You play such a vital role for this ministry. I am absolutely convinced that God has blessed our first 6 months because of the prayers of so many faithful people that are excited to see God do a work in Bellevue. For those churches that have been faithfully giving I want to say thank you. I hope you are as excited as I am to see what the Lord has in store for the future.

In Christ,

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