



# Bellevue

## BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear Prayer Partner,

We have had an amazing month. We finished up a considerable amount of remodeling work here at the church with only very minor things left to complete. We were blessed to have a father and son team come up from Bible Baptist Church in Puyallup and carpet our sanctuary. We floored foyer and nursery, completed the restrooms, set up the nursery, built and carpeted the platform and ran all the wiring for the audio video. With only minor things left to do, we opened the doors and had our first service with a soft launch on August 14<sup>th</sup>. We really didn't invite anyone as we just barely got all of the tools out Saturday evening and were just planning on having church. To our surprise and excitement, we had 34 in service that Sunday morning. Between out of town family members, guests from supporting churches, and friends that had seen the announcement on Facebook, the Lord saw fit for us to have a great group of people at the first service. Within that group of 34, we believe that there were at least seven lost souls that heard the gospel presented and we are thankful to God for that opportunity. It was an exciting service and it was an opportunity to start working out the kinks of a new church, sound system and flow of service. We had 16 our second Sunday, which is our standard number without guests, and had another great service.

We have started getting out our door hanger invitations for our grand opening service on September 18<sup>th</sup>. To date we have passed out over 3,500 invitations and we have a goal of having 15,000 invitations handed out for this special celebration service. Would you pray with us both that we are able to get these passed out and that God would use these invitations to prompt hearts to come? Every invitation includes a Gospel message so even if they don't come, we are praying that they read it and be challenged from God's word and get saved.

On our third Sunday, we had one of our young ladies play the piano for the congregational singing for her first time. It is exciting to see people grow in their service for the Lord! We want to see people saved, but more than that, we want to see people mature in their faith and service for the Lord through God's grace. We are eager to see people grow in grace.

As we near our grand opening service, I am excited to see what God will do. We don't know whether we will have one from the community or max out our capacity of eighty. Either way, we will praise Him for what He is doing. I am just thrilled to be able to be a part of what He is doing here in Bellevue. Thank you for being on this journey with us as co-laborers through prayer and financial support. I look forward to sharing an update with you next month as we praise the Lord for what He has done.

In Christ,

Joel Creekmore