

BELLEVUE HI-LIGHTS

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2020

Happy New Year

Faithful HE has been, Faithful HE will be...

Psalm 119:90



Happy New Year

I love New Year's. The turning of the calendar provides us an opportunity to thank God for the blessings of the past year. It also gives us a chance to put disappointments and failures behind us. As we spring into 2020, there are a few church developments for which I am proud and thankful.

As the New Year dawns, I want us to give attention to our SUNDAY MORNING EXPERIENCE from the perspective of first time guests. I want us to begin to think how a newcomer may feel as he or she experiences Bellevue for the first time. Are there things we can do better? Do we have "blind spots" when it comes to our facility? Are we as friendly as we think we are?

What about our terminology we use from the "stage"? Do we assume people know what we are talking about when we use our version of Christianese? Do we anticipate and prepare for guests, or do we only expect to have the "usual crowd"? If we are going to reach out to our community, we must expect and prepare for them to come to worship with us.

Upcoming Sermon Series

In July of 1961, Vince Lombardi's Green Bay Packers gathered for their preseason training camp. The previous season had come to a heartbreaking end. In the NFC Championship game against the Philadelphia Eagles, the Packers blew a lead in the 4th quarter and lost the game.

Lombardi began the first day of camp holding up a football and speaking the now famous words, "Gentlemen, THIS is a football." Lombardi promised the team they would return to the basics and practice them relentlessly. Even season professional football players needed to be reminded of the most basic understanding of the game.

We will begin 2020 with a sermon series that brings us back to the basics of the Christian faith. On January 5th, I will begin an 11 week sermon series entitled, "Back to the Basics: *What Does it REALLY Mean to Be a Christian?*" In addition to the Sunday morning sermons, I have written children's church messages for each week to coincide with the sermon of the day. Hopefully families will be able to discuss these basics together.

The more I have prayed and planned for 2020, the more excited I have become. I expect 2020 to be my best year spiritually ever. And I expect it to be a great year for Bellevue Baptist Church. God has begun to do some amazing things in our church and I believe 2020 will take off like a rocket!



Hello church family! I hope you are rejoicing in all the blessings of the Lord. We've had a great month and are looking forward to the weeks ahead at Bellevue.

December has been an awesome month and we are so glad to be celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior at Bellevue. Christmas is such a special time to recognize the sacrifice that God made. He sent His son to earth because He loves us and wants to have a relationship with us. I hope everyone took some time this year to celebrate God's love for us.

Our New study has been going great. We are learning about our separation from God and our sin that caused that. Coming up in the next sessions we are going to learn about what God has done to bring us together.

In December we decided to reschedule our Christmas party because of how busy everyone was. On January the 11th we will have our youth Christmas party at the Funderburk house. We will have a gift exchange amongst all the youth and leaders. If you have any questions please see me.

We are excited about January and the new year. 2020 is a new year and a new decade. Let's look for ways to glorify God as we go into a new year. Look for ways to show others love, mercy, and kindness just like our God has shown us.

- Josh Funderburk

It has been a wonderful yet difficult year serving as the Children's Director here at Bellevue. There were many obstacles and harsh circumstances through out but we are so thankful for the opportunity and support during this year of leading children toward Jesus. However, God has lead me to the decision to resign and although it was an extremely hard decision to make, I will no longer be the Children's Director. Thank you so much for your continued love and support of our family as we enter into a new season of our lives grieving and processing the losses we've experienced. We love you, Bellevue!

Thank you,
Powell Family



BROTHER HARRY'S NOTES



WHEN I WAS BUT A “WEE LITTLE LAD” (JUST A FEW YEARS AGO) I CAN remember the times when I would just have to mess with my older brother. He would at times say to me, “Don’t start something you can’t finish.” As I reflect back on this past Christmas season and some of the songs we shared, there is one in particular that comes to mind. It’s the first song of our Celebration Choir Christmas Musical. The first phase says: “*Before it could be finished it had to be begun...*” This phrase has brought a deeper meaning to the phrase my brother, and of course I later in life, would say to family members when messing around. Jesus wasn’t “messing around” when He left His throne in glory to begin, *what only He could finish*, on our behalf. Christmas begins the work of the New Testament or Covenant, God made for all who would come to that baby in the manger. He grew up to finish the work of our eternal salvation so we could be with Him and the Father forever. Thank you Jesus, for leaving the splendor of heaven and coming to us as you did. You know our sorrows, our hurts, and our needs. You are the giver of love, hope and eternal life. Hallelujah, What A Savior!

I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY “THANK YOU” TO THE VARIOUS people who help to make each of our Worship Services such a blessing each week. I’m grateful for the leadership that our pastor brings and the messages he prepares and shares with us. I so appreciate Jan, our pianist, for her help in rehearsals and her instrumental ministry as well as Rich and Ron who play for our Sunday services. Thank you choir for all the rehearsals and your presence in the choir loft to help me lead our worship and celebration. And of course, there’s the unseen duo in our sound/video booth who make sure we can see what’s on the screens and hear the songs and messages as they are presented. Doc and Kelly we’re glad you’re back there. There are others who minister as greeters, ushers and security that help us enjoy the experiences we share. Everyone keep up the work of ministry you’ve been called to and let’s look forward to even greater experiences in 2020. Again, thank you all and God Bless!

HAPPY NEW YEAR BELLEVUE!

Bro. Harry

<u>Weekly Amount Required To Meet Budget</u>		<u>\$6,299.52</u>
Received for Budget	12-1-2019	\$7,317.00
Received for Budget	12-8-2019	\$5,259.43
Received for Budget	12-15-2019	\$5,541.00
 <u>Received for Building Fund</u>		
Received for Building Fund	12-1-2019	\$330.00
Received for Building Fund	12-8-2019	\$185.00
Received for Building Fund	12-15-2019	\$1,335.00

Study 1 & 2 Kings to learn how to truly trust in the goodness and faithfulness of God.

Join us starting January 23rd!
 Bellevue Women's Bible Study
 6 Week Study • Thursday's at 6 PM • Fellowship Hall
 See Jess Funderburk to sign up.

Flowers for our Altar

January 5—OPEN

January 12—ICO Peggy & Richard Webb’s 30th anniversary

January 19—OPEN

January 26—OPEN

Please call the office to reserve “your special day” for altar flowers. I am now taken requests for 2020. We want to make sure no one is missed and that you or your loved one is remembered on that day.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

new beginnings

God is with you – no matter what life brings
Joshua 1:9

Regular Sunday Schedule

9:45—Sunday School
 11:00—Worship
 5:00—REACH

Regular Wednesday Schedule

6:00—Prayer Meeting, Kingdom
 Kids & Student Ministry
 6:15—Choir Practice & Adult
 Bible Study

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 5:00pm— NO Evening Services	2 CHURCH OFFICE OPENS	3	4
5 3:30pm—Deacon's Meeting 5:00pm— READY	6	7	8	9 12:00 noon— KEENAGERS We're playing BINGO!! Bring a gift as a prize.	10	11 9:00am— Joyful Servants make soup for our Shut-ins and our Sick.
12 3:30pm— Church Council Meeting 5:00pm— ENGAGE	13 6:30pm—Men's Ministry & NO Joyful Servants meeting for January	14	15 6:15pm— Quarterly Church Conference	16	17	18
19 SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY 5:00pm— HEAR	20	21 7:00pm— Baptist Young Women meet	22	23	24	25
26 5:00pm— AWAKEN	27	28	29	30	31	

Birthdays

January 1—Donna Griffin
Peggy Webb

January 3—Jan Toney

January 5—Kyliya Scott
Tyliya Scott

January 6—Evelyn Tanton

January 7—Elizabeth Meeks

January 8—Delmar Byars

January 11—Milton Kitchens

January 12—Lee Ledden

January 19—Patti Graves

January 22—Ace Buchhamer
Colton Buchhamer

January 25—Anthony Peacock

January 26—Deborah Mathews
Kylie Mullis

January 27—Candice Baswell

January 29—Sharon Martin

January 31—Larry Myers
Christina Shelton

Anniversaries

January 2
Dale and Sharon Martin

January 13
Richard and Peggy Webb

January 15
Milton and Janie Kitchens

January 16
Dean and Vivian Shelton

January 20
Ed and Faye Ludwig



G R E E T E R S

January 5 Mary Graham, Judy Ashley, & Youth

January 12 Sharon Martin & Lisa Hardy

January 19 Frankie Hendrickson, Nita Ryle, & Youth

January 26 Vivian Shelton & Bobbi Jespersen

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

CHURCH HOUR

January 5 Vivian Shelton and Mary Donaldson

January 12 Paula Piper

January 19 Sandy Shelton and Sharon Martin

January 26 Lisa Hardy

SUNDAY NIGHTS

January 5 Marcheta Myers and Kaycee Powell

January 12 Julie Norwood and Kaycee Powell

January 19 Andrea Duggan and Kaycee Powell

January 26 Angie Henry & Kaycee Powell

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The Children's Team

Help Us Resurface Our Parking Lot

We are still accepting donations to help us resurface and restripe our parking lot. If you have not yet given and can, we greatly appreciate your gift. Please write "Parking Lot" on the check or on the envelope.



Deacon of the Week

January 5—January 11	Robert Abbott
January 12—January 18	William Yarbrough
January 19—January 25	Arthur Henry
January 26—February 1	Randy Toney

The family of Cheryl Evans Dalton would like to sincerely thank you all for the support, kindness, and love you have shown to us during this difficult time. The calls, cards, prayers, and personal condolences were greatly appreciated. We are so blessed to have such wonderful people on our lives.

I will walk by faith
even when I
cannot see.
2 Corinthians 5:7





No Joyful Servants meeting in January

Saturday, January 11th at 9:00am
we make soup for our Shut-Ins

Baptist Young Women
Tuesday, January 21st, at 7:00pm

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN ONE
OF OUR GROUPS!

**Thursday, January 9th,
at 12:00 noon**

ALL Seniors Are Invited!

**Bring your favorite covered
dishes...Invite a Friend &
Join Us!**

**Men's Ministry
Monday, January 13th
at 6:30pm**



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Baptist Church

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Rev. Harry Graves.....Music Minister
Josh Funderburk.....Student Minister
Mrs. Peggy WebbChurch Secretary
Mrs. Annette Toney..... Financial Secretary

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