

Annual Congregational Meeting, MINISTRY REPORT 2023, & BUDGET PROPOSAL 2024–2025

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Congregational Meeting AGENDA

April 7, 2024 | Worship Center Following the 9:15 a.m. worship service

2024-2025 Budget Motion

To approve the budget for Bellevue Baptist Church for 2024–2025

Motion for Election of Members to the Board of Directors

To approve the election of members to the Board of Directors for Bellevue Baptist Church for 2024–2025

Motion for Election of Members to the Lay Ministry Committees

To approve the election of members to the lay ministry committees for Bellevue Baptist Church for 2024–2025



Steve Gaines PASTOR

Bw. Steve

Dear Bellevue Family,

As you review the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, I pray that you will take a moment to celebrate what God has done over the last year in and through our church. This booklet contains not only the financial numbers but also a ministry report that shows the direct results of your generosity—how the name of Jesus has been lifted high in Memphis and beyond.

When you give, we can send missionaries to the ends of the Earth to share the Good News with people who have never heard. When you give, you provide resources for children and students, ensuring our future leaders are growing in biblical truth. When you give, we can meet the physical needs of those hurting in our city and point them to the eternal hope found only in Christ. When you give, you enable the ministries of our church to create a safe place for every person to find transformation in Jesus.

Those are just a few of the ways your giving supports our mission to love God, love people, share Jesus, and make disciples. We believe the "latter glory of this house will be greater than the former" (Haggai 2:9), and that God has even more good in store for Bellevue and His kingdom in the days ahead. Join us in praying that we will be good stewards of all God has entrusted to us.

Donna and I are so grateful to serve alongside you. Thank you for being a catalyst for revival.

3 John 2, Bro. Steve



David Coombs

Thank you for your faithful giving. Bellevue continues to receive budget giving close to last year's giving. While we are blessed to be able to meet our budget needs, the current giving level is a departure from our experience over the past several years, where budget giving significantly exceeded budget needs. In those years, giving surpassed budget needs, providing flexibility for the church to fund special programming, major unexpected repairs, capital needs and improvements, and other nonbudgeted ministry needs. This year we had underbudget spending in compensation, and those funds were directed to the items listed above and some administrative needs.

The 2024–2025 budget as presented in this booklet is being held steady at \$26,000,000, the same as the past two years. While the number remains the same, costs for operating the church have significantly escalated in the past three years. Therefore, the church will have approximately 6 percent less spending power.

We have adjusted salary and wage in the budget where needed. There are line items (such as insurance and outside contract agreements) in Administration that we had to increase because of higher costs. After reviewing all program budgets, we reduced certain items to offset the increases. We decreased the Missions budget slightly; however, we used funding from direct missions giving and income from the Legacy Thrift Center to underwrite missions projects that were not fully budgeted. We believe the budget will continue to fund ministry excellence at Bellevue.

The budget also continues to fund a strong commitment to Groups Ministry, which supports Life Groups on Sunday mornings, Home Groups during the week, Wednesday night groups, Bellevue Men and Bellevue Women Bible study groups, and Discipleship Groups.

Since 1934, God has worked mightily through Bellevue's Love Offering. We have been able to share the Gospel by expanding our campus (free of debt) and by ministering locally, nationally, and internationally—all because of the Love Offering. Thank you for your faithful giving as we see all God does for His glory.

Looking back at several Love Offerings, we see that From Memphis to the Ends of the Earth (2021) has received \$3,008,944 to date, and in 2022 the church was able to give \$1,000,000 to our Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and International Mission Board missionaries. In July 2023 we hosted a missionary gathering in Amsterdam, where we ministered to more than 700 Southern Baptist missionaries and their families from Sub-Saharan Africa. Bellevue has also given \$500,000 to SBC church planting partners through the North American Mission Board. Locally, the Love Offering funded Mission Memphis, church plant partners, and the Christian Mobile Dental Clinic, which continues to touch the lives of many in Memphis who don't have access to dental care.

Love Offering 2022, For Life, has received cash and pledges of \$1,897,828 to date. The 2022 Love Offering committee continues to evaluate ministries in Memphis to identify those that protect lives of Memphians from conception to death. Bellevue works with local ministries that help women look for pro-life choices, ministries that provide mentors and financial aid for single moms, ministries that support orphans and foster families, and ministries that work with the homeless and others at risk in our community.

Our current Love Offering is For the Next Generation. Bellevue's Next Gen ministries has grown, so we are planning to expand the Middle School Room and create a dedicated ministry area for 4th+5th Grade Ministry. To date, this Love Offering has received \$1,807,828 in cash and pledges. We are in the planning steps now, adjusting our building goals to match the money given.

Once again, we are glad to present a budget that is in line with our Pastor's heart to equip our members in prayer, evangelism, and discipleship, and to love God, love people, share Jesus, and make disciples.

BUDGET ADVISORY GROUP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Budget Advisory Group and Finance Committee members will be available to answer questions about the 2024–2025 proposed budget in Fireside C on Sunday, March 24, at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday, April 7, at 8:00 a.m. The Bellevue family will vote to adopt the proposed budget at the conclusion of the 9:15 a.m. worship service on April 7, 2024.



Wes Bowen
CHAIRMAN
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Budget Advisory Group Clay Hogan, Chairman

Jeff Arnold Wes Bowen Harry Smith Chuck Taylor Mike Wages Jennifer Walters

Finance Committee Wes Bowen, Chairman

Jeff Arnold Marvin Coleman Jerry Harrington Josh Regel Vernon Stafford Jr. Clay Hogan Pablo Pereyra Harry Smith Tim Turner Mike Wages How we handle our finances impacts our relationship with Jesus. You may have held your wallet out of the water when you were baptized, but we all live under the authority of God, and our finances are His business.

God calls believers to be stewards (managers) of His resources. He owns it all. Psalm 50:10–12 says, "For every beast of the forest is Mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird of the mountains, and everything that moves in the field is Mine. If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is Mine, and all it contains."

We desire to be faithful stewards, but do our actions match that desire? When was the last time you asked the Lord what He wanted you to do with His money?

Friend, I encourage you to be obedient. Admit to God that your finances are His and pray for wisdom to steward what He has given you to manage.

Then the blessings of Jesus' words in Matthew 11:28–30 will flow unimpeded into your life: "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." Cast the financial burdens of ownership, control, and provision on Jesus, upon whom they belong.

Thank you for faithfully giving to Bellevue. To those who have not, I encourage you to begin directing a portion of God's money to His house. What joy awaits the faithful stewards!



Blake Nelson
CHAIRMAN
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

I am grateful to the church for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Chairman of the Committee on Committees. It has been a privilege and a blessing to work with such a dedicated and faithful group of people. I also want to thank the Pastor and staff for their leadership and support in this role. They have been instrumental in guiding and encouraging me as I coordinated the selection of members for the various committees. I appreciate their hard work and their love for the Lord and His Church

In the past year we have filled the committee positions with qualified and committed members. We have sought the Lord's guidance and wisdom in every decision and have been able to appoint members who are gifted, passionate, and willing to serve in various areas of ministry.

I am excited to see how the Lord will use these committees to advance His kingdom and His glory at Bellevue Baptist Church. I believe that He has great plans for our church and that He will bless our obedience and faithfulness. I encourage you to pray for these committees and to support them with your participation and cooperation. Together we can make a difference for Christ in our community and beyond.

Blake Nelson

COMMITTEE ONCOMMITTEES

Blake Nelson '25
Jan Berry '24
Betsie Cromwell '24
Jarrad Mallard '24
Jeff Hopkins '26
Pablo Pereyra '26

Committees: The following are the standing committees serving one-, two-, and three-year terms.

Names listed in blue denote the nominated chairperson for each committee.

BELLEVUE W	/OMEN	CONTRIBUTIO	NS	FINANCE		MISSIONS	
Roz Martin	'26	Brian Mann	'27	Wes Bowen	'26	Miguel Ibanez	'25
Linda Dawkins	'25	Jeff Bolden	'25	Jeff Arnold	'25	Steve Campbell	'25
Cindy Few	'26	Jeff Foreman	'25	Marvin Coleman	'25	Paula Cowart	'25
Robin Pleasants	'26	Josh Regel	'25	Jerry Harrington	'25	Bob Burklow	'26
Jean Stockdale	'26	Rick Carpenter	'26	Josh Regel	'25	Dwight Grayson	'26
Angie Wilson	'26	Shaun Holtz	'26	Vernon Stafford Jr.	'25	Donnie Johnson	'26
Paula Cowart	'27	Denny Fillinger	'27	Clay Hogan	'26	Sharon Bennett	'27
Jodie Crockarell	'27	Bob Kendall	'27	Pablo Pereyra	'26	Andrew Bryant	'27
		Mark Ray	'27	Harry Smith	'26	Jeff Foreman	'27
BENEVOLEN	CE	Andrew Triplett	'27	Tim Turner	'27	Philip Hardee	'27
John Caldwell	'25	David Vanpelt	'27	Mike Wages	'27	,	
Rose Kelly	'25	·		Jennifer Walters	'27	ORPHAN CAR	E
Sid Kelly	'25	EDUCATION -	_			Cullen Beard	'25
Warren Ward	'25	CHILDHOOD		HISTORICAL		Pat Beard	'25
David Wilson	'25	Shaeffer Steward	'26	Dianne Mills	'27	Jamie Reed	'25
Tammy Wilson	'25	Christina Chisom	'25	Paul Adams	'25	Mark Reed	'25
Holly Aven	'26	Kevin Chisom	'25	Mary Ellen Ward	'25	Kress Smith	'25
Mike Aven	'26	Matt Snow	'25	lan Alexander	'26	Terry Smith	'25
Jan Berry	'26	Mollie Snow	'25	Linda Kennedy	'26	Julian Martin	'26
Jeff Berry	'26	Blake Nelson	'26	Doug Kenney	'26	Roz Martin	'26
David Larkin	'26	Lauren Nelson	'26	Peggy Perkins	'26	Jeannie McFann	'26
Debra Larkin	'26	Leigh Ann Quick	'26	Ginger White	'26	Ted McFann	'26
Juanita Long	'26	Katie Steward	'26	Deborah Houseal	'27	Cheryl Learned	'27
Sid Long	'26	Jacob Tucker	'26	Greg Nelson	'27	Rick Learned	'27
Bill Bryan	'27	Tracey Tucker	'26	Phillip Pinkston	'27	Wanda Ruark	'27
Nancy Bryan	'27	BJ Berryhill	'27	Wren Robbins	'27	wanua muark	21
Diane Jones	'27	Anita Wilbanks	'27	WICH HODDING	21	PERSONNEL	
Scott Jones	'27	Scott Wilbanks	'27	LIBRARY —		Mark Spiller	'26
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BOARD OF		EDUCATION -	_	Selma Williams	'25	Zacii oook	20
DIRECTORS		COLLEGE		Nancy Bryan	'25	RECREATION	
Wes Bowen	'25	Casey Nelson	'25	Marjorie Nolan	'27	Kevin Chisom	'25
Marvin Coleman	'25	Jim Ewen	'25	Bill Rivenback	'27	Randy Baldock	'25
Zach Cook	'25	Sheri Ewen	'25	DIII TIIVOTIDAGN	21	Joel Berretta	'25
John Crockett	'25	Emily Nelson	'25	LORD'S SUPP	ED	Julie Foreman	'25
Jessica Pyburn	'25	Becky Smith	'25	Russ Mershon	'26	Rob Jerkins	'25
Vernon Stafford Jr.	'25	Keith Smith	'25	Aubrey Earnheart	'25	Heather Lore	'25
Chuck Taylor	'25	Notur Striitti	20	Nancy Earnheart	'25	Brooke Sullivan	'25
Glidek laylei	20	EDUCATION -	_	Aaron Jamison	'25	Seth Graham	'26
CLERK		STUDENTS		Graydon Swisher	'25	Victoria Lwamba	'26
Mark Street	'26	Jason Borden	'25	Jeannine Johnson	'26	Brandon McIntire	'26
Tom Brasenell	'25	Stephanie Borden	'25	Michael Johnson	'26	Kim Bryant	'27
Ed Brunson	'25	Lisa Bennett	'26	Marjorie Mershon	'26	Niii Di yant	21
Dana Brokmeier	'26	Philip Bennett	'26	Jo Ellen Simmons	'26		
Rob Clement	'26	Ben Heinemeier	'26	Rick Click	'27		
Phil Cannon	'27	Jennifer Heinemeier		Donna Deaton	'27		
Tal McCallum	'27	Bart Fabacher	'27	Cat Gibbs	'27		
iai ivicGaliulii	21	Crystal Fabacher	'27	Robert Graham	'27		
COMMITTEE	ON	Ronnie Hollowell	'27	Sam Henry	'27		
COMMITTEES		Anna Pollan	'27	Kathleen Hightower	'27		
Blake Nelson	'25	Graham Pollan	'27	Zhiliang Hu	'27		
Jeff Hopkins	'26	uranani Fullan	۷.	Reed Lawson	'27		
Pablo Pereyra	'26			Vickie Lee	'27		
Gary Passons	'27			Johnny Moore	'27		
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As we reflect on the last year, the following pages provide a few highlights of how God has used Bellevue to reach Memphis and beyond. Join us in celebrating the ways we live out our mission to love God, love people, share Jesus, and make disciples—until He comes!

AVG. WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

IN-PERSON ONLINE STREAMS
4,485 1,558

EASTER WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

7,447 ONLINE STREAMS

NEXT STEPS
EXPLORE 101
780
DISCOVER 201
119

343 PROFESSIONS OF FAITH

WORSHIP **IN 2023**

423BAPTISMS

625 NEW MEMBERS

BELLEVUE ON MISSION IN 2023

582 TOTAL PROFESSIONS OF FAITH

984
CHRISTIAN MOBILE
DENTAL CLINIC
PATIENT EXAMS





BELLEVUE CHRISTMAS STORE

- Gifts donated: 900+
- Families assisted: 108
- Children served: 275
- Professions of faith (POFs): 22

BELLEVUE LOVES MEMPHIS WORKDAYS

(Includes Mission Memphis)

- Projects: 89
- Volunteers: 2,615
- POFs: 114

CHRISTIAN MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC

- Clinic days: 103
- · Patient exams: 984
- Gospel presentations: 780
- POFs: 202

LEGACY THRIFT

- Amount raised for missions: \$265,000
- Volunteers each week: 120-130

PRISON MINISTRY

- Christmas gift bags: 3,800
- Volunteers: 112
- POFs: 175

SCHOOL SUPPLIES GIVEAWAY

- Backpacks distributed: 1,683
- Volunteers: 211
- POFs: 16

SEND OUT TRAINING

- Completed training: 22
- Currently in training: 17
- Missionaries sent (mid-term and long-term): 10
- Being sent (mid-term and long-term) in 2024: 12

NATIONAL PARTNERS

Church plant partners: 8

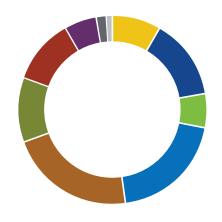
INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

Partners: 9

MID-SOUTH MISSION OF MERCY

- Patients served: 1,657
- Value of the dentistry given: \$1.9 million
- POFs: 53





PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

		Proposed
	2023-24	2024-25
Administration	\$ 2,387,599	2,562,538
Church Program	3,647,029	3,718,648
Music Ministries		1,495,907
Discipleship Ministries	5,426,069	5,171,388
Facilities and Grounds		5,565,079
Pastoral Ministries	2,743,670	2,748,399
Missions	2,678,073	2,528,773
Asset Replacement	1,400,000	1,600,000
Special Projects and Programs	366,646	334,788
Ministerial Assistant Program	292,000	274,480
Total Operating Budget	\$26,000,000	26,000,000
Projected Receipts		
Tithes	\$26,000,000	26,000,000

ADMINISTRATION BUDGET			
STAFF		FULL-TIME	PART-TIME 3
	2023-24	Proposed 2024–25	Ministries included: Business Administration, Human Resources,
General Administration	\$ 626,250	684,475	Accounting and Finance,
Accounting and Finance	226,000	Information Technology, Telephone and Office	
Information Technology	503,000	515,600	Systems, and Bellevue Foundation
Telephone and Office Systems	<u>62,000</u>	<u>102,000</u>	Foundation
Program Total	\$1,417,250	1,534,075	
Compensation	\$ <u>970,349</u>	<u>1,028,463</u>	
ADMINISTRATION TOTAL	\$ 2,387,599	2,562,538	

CHURCH PROGRAM BUDGET **STAFF** FULL-TIME 43 Ministries included: Proposed Recreation, Media, 2023-24 2024-25 Church Program Recreation..... 36,900 37,500 Support, Church Hospitality, Bookstore, Media..... 791,000 694,000 Culinary, and Library Bookstore..... 28,218 30,000 Culinary..... 150,000 175,000 25,805 Library 25,675 20,450 42,140 Church Hospitality..... 1,004,445 Program Total..... \$ 1,052,243 Compensation \$ 2,594,786 2,714,203 CHURCH PROGRAM TOTAL \$ 3,647,029 3,718,648

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES BUDGET								
STAFF FULL-TIME 44			PART-TIME 85					
	2023-24	Proposed 2024–25	Ministries included: Life Groups, Bellevue Women, Bellevue					
Children	\$ 390,400	304,297	Men, Legacy Adults,					
CampOutrageous and Off-Site VBS	129,000	93,880	Next Steps, Equip, Discipleship Groups,					
Next Gen	300,550	235,399	Children, Prayer,					
College	65,300	50,934	4th+5th Grade, Middle School, High					
Adults	440,283	417,072	School, Young Adults, and College					
Next Steps	123,312	99,237	and College					
Bellevue Women	<u>125,900</u>	<u>130,750</u>						
Program Total	\$ 1,574,745	1,331,569						
Compensation	\$ <u>3,851,324</u>	<u>3,839,819</u>						
DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES TOTAL	\$ 5,426,069	5,171,388						

FACILITIES AND GROUNDS BUDGET							
STAFF	FULL-TIME 41		PART-TIME 40				
	2023-24	Proposed 2024–25	Ministries included: Transportation, Landscape and				
General	\$ 1,416,075	1,415,975	Grounds, Campus				
Grounds	438,200	446,750	Safety, Building Maintenance, Energy				
Facilities Maintenance	<u>338,950</u>	<u>314,300</u>	Management, and				
Program Total	\$ 2,193,225	2,177,025	Housekeeping				
Compensation	\$ <u>3,343,106</u>	<u>3,388,054</u>					
FACILITIES AND GROUNDS TOTAL	\$ 5,536,331	5,565,079					

MISSIONS BUDGET			
STAFF		FULL-TIME 12	PART-TIME 5
Southern Baptist Missions	2023-24 \$ 800,000	Proposed 2024–25 800,000	Ministries included: Southern Baptist Missions, World Missions, Evangelism
General Missions	611,870	523,696	and Outreach,
World Missions	79,540	44,100	Christian Education, Community Missions,
Christian Education	24,000	24,000	Church Plants,
Community Outreach	21,000	17,000	Missions Projects, Christian Mobile
Bellevue Bella Vista Operating Expenses	243,520	<u>206,150</u>	Dental Clinic, Disaster Relief, and Bellevue
Program Total	\$ 1,779,930	1,614,946	Loves Memphis
Compensation	\$ 898,143	913,827	
MISSIONS TOTAL	\$ 2,678,073		
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MUSIC MINISTRIES BUDGET			
STAFF FULL	L-TIME 11		PART-TIME 16
	2023-24	Proposed 2024–25	
Program Total	\$ 237,087	181,387	Children, Worship Services, Orchestra,
Compensation	\$ <u>1,285,496</u>	<u>1,314,520</u>	School of Performing
MUSIC MINISTRIES TOTAL	\$ 1,522,583	1,495,907	Arts, Singing Christmas Tree, CampOutrageous, Funerals, and Weddings
PASTORAL MINISTRIES BUDG	FT		
STAFF	FULL-TIME 15		PART-TIME 19
Program Total	2023-24 \$ 333,645	Proposed 2024–25 359,865	Ministries included: Office of the Pastor, Pastoral Care, Biblical Counseling, Deacons,
Compensation	\$ 2,410,025	2,388,534	Life Solutions, and
PASTORAL MINISTRIES TOTAL	\$ 2,410,023 \$ 2,743,670	2,748,399	Benevolence
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ASSET REPLACEMENT AND R	EPAIRS B	UDGET_	
		Proposed	
	2023-24	2024-25	
Asset Replacement and Major Repairs Total	\$ 1,400,000	1,600,000	
SPECIAL PROJECTS AND PRO	OGRAMS E	BUDGET	
Special Projects and Programs Total	2023-24 \$ 366,646	Proposed 2024–25 334,788	

2023-24

\$ 292,000

Proposed **2024–25**

274,480

MINISTERIAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM BUDGET

Ministerial Assistant Program Total.....

CHANGE IN CASH BALANCE						
Designated Cash	,	Jan 2023			Change	Jan 2024
Love Offering	\$	2,436,226 1,709,756	\$	6	1,201,823 (988,884)	\$ 720,872
Other Designated Funds	\$	313,861	\$	6	165,514	\$ 479,375
Subtotal Designated Cash	\$	4,459,843	\$	5	378,453	\$ 4,838,296
Undesignated Cash						
Total Undesignated Cash	\$	13,471,381	\$	3	1,281,888	\$ 14,753,269
Total Cash Balance	\$	17,931,224	\$	6	1,660,341	\$ 19,591,565

CASH BALANCE

DESIGNATED CASH UNDESIGNATED CASH





BELLEVUE WOODS BUDGET								
STAFF		FULL-TIME 8	PART-TIME 1					
	2023-24	Proposed 2024–25	Ministry supplying an apartment community for couples and					
Total Revenue	\$ 2,874,526	3,133,960	individuals over 55					
Total Operating Expenses	<u>1,591,054</u>	<u>1,599,900</u>	years old.					
Net Operating Income	1,283,472	1,534,060						
Capital Expenditures	600,000	800,000						
Depreciation Expense	<u>193,831</u>	<u>193,831</u>						
Net Income Before Interest	\$ 489,641	540,229						

In the proposed budget for 2024-2025, various budget areas and compensation accounts have been reclassified to match individual areas of responsibility. Some accounts of the current 2023-2024 budget have been realigned to make accurate year-to-year comparisons.



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