The Balfour Bugle

Newsletter of Balfour Baptist Church

1642 N Fayetteville St

Asheboro, NC 27203

SEPTEMBER 2018

From Pastor Gary...

The summer vacation period will soon be over and the sound of school buses will soon be heard. During the summer most churches experience a drop off in the their attendance due to summer sports programs and family vacations. However, here at Balfour, we have experienced a summer period where our numbers have actually increased. I am so excited with what God is doing here at Balfour. We have seen several families and individuals choose to become members. We have just finished a new member orientation class and will start another one this Sunday. We have been working hard to get ready for this fall. Most will recognize a new coat of paint upstairs in the Sunday School area as well as in our children's area. With the increased number of children coming on Sunday morning, we are working to take additional steps to provide a quality time for all the children to receive biblical instruction. We are in the process of developing a growing youth program and Sunday School Class for them in the church. Our Awana's is gearing up for an exciting new year where I believe we will see an increase in numbers. I am also excited about our new Discipleship Class that will meet in the J.L. Benson class room on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour. We are blessed to have Andy Smith teaching and leading that class. I have set the date of August 30th at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall for a very important Church Council Meeting. I need for the leadership of the church to be there. We will be discussing our future and casting a vision as we move forward. It is a challenging and a very exciting time to be part of Balfour Baptist Church.

From Pastor Mark...

Praise The Lord and again I say let's PRAISE THE LORD! Praise God from whom all blessings flow! As you can tell I'm just a little excited for what the Lord is doing here at Balfour! I hope that you are experiencing the moving of the Holy Spirit as God is doing an amazing thing with us and through us? Just wanted to let you know that Wanda and I are so blessed to be here at Balfour and for your love and kindness that you have shown to us for our anniversary. To know that you are where God has placed you in Ministry and the people of God has that same feeling of His Spirit moving is just amazing to watch what God is doing for all of us.

We have seen an amazing increase in the children's church area, nursery, and even in our youth program, with that being said I thank God for the help that Emily provided this summer and with the work of the summer program we had. We pray that Emily has a great year in school as she has moved back to college this past week. People tell me that we are having great problems with all the activity that we have going on, I can agree with them partly on that, but as we grow we're going to need help with all the growth here around Balfour. My prayer is that God will raise up His people that know how important it is to help reach folks for His Kingdom as He blesses Balfour Baptist Church! (can I get an AMEN!) I do want to thank all the folks who are working so hard in the children's ministry with children's church and the start of Awana in just a few weeks, so as the school year kicks off let's be in PRAYER not only for the Church but also for our teachers, students, and all the school staff even right down to the bus drivers! (Amen)

In closing, I want to ask if you would continue to PRAY for the Church Staff and that God will continue to pour out His Spirit to us as we continue to do HIS will here at Balfour? There will be some bumps in the road that we are traveling on, but with His grace and forgiveness in our hearts toward one another there's nothing we cannot do through the Holy Spirit's leading and our obedience to His promises and love He has for each one of us! God Bless and keep looking up cause He's coming to take us home one day! Serving Him and Trusting You,

EXTENSION MEMBERS – PRAYER LIST

Nursing Homes	Live at Home
Carolyn Barnes (Clapps)	Betty Dyer
Clarence McCauslin (Brookdale)	Kat Church
Brenda Williams(Brookstone Haven)	Evelyn Fagg
	Faye Dunning
	Juanita Moody
	Uzina Morris
	Linda Cockerham

MISSIONS

CUOC Item: The month of September is "TBA".

Bonnie D. Mission Group: Tuesday, September 11th, at 11:00am in the fellowship hall.

Mission & Evangelism Committee Meeting: Sunday, September 16th, at 4:30pm in the fellowship hall.

State Missions Offering: Please be mindful that we will be collecting the State Missions Offering during the month of September. This year's theme is "OPEN HANDS". "You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing." Psalm 145:16. If you worked on either the Wellness Bus in May, or the Dental Bus this past weekend; if you take pride in the fact that North Carolina Baptist on Missions supplies one of the largest Disaster Relief efforts in our nation, then this is the offering to which you might consider being generous in your giving. This offering sponsors all of these and so much more. Please be in prayer as you plan to give to this offering.

The WMU Kickoff this year will be "A Southern September Sunday Tea". Come wearing your best frocks and your fanciest hats and join us for a right proper tea, Sunday, September 23rd, 2018, from 4:00 until 5:00, in the Fellowship Hall. This is open to ALL the women, young ladies, teenaged girls, and our littlest princesses. There will be prizes for the best frocks and the best hats from several age groups, a speaker, and general information about the WMU and our plans for the coming year. Every female in the church is a member of WMU. Come find out how you can help our church be involved in Missions, here, in our state, in our nation, and in our world! Contact is Carolyn Santanella.

We wish to send a resounding "THANK YOU" to everyone who assisted with the NCBOM Dental Bus Ministry Saturday, August 18th. We cannot thank everyone enough for all your efforts, prayers, work, concern, support, and love extended to all those who came, but who had to be turned away. The Lord was glorified and honored by all who came. Final figures: 18 patients seen: 1 referred. 22 Volunteers. Some 200 plus had to be turned away. The needs are overwhelmingly great.

LADIES OF BALFOUR

September 17th, 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. Speaker is Elaine Foust. Contact person is Sandra Spainhour.

BALFOUR MEN

All men of Balfour Baptist Church are welcome to come enjoy breakfast and enjoy a wonderful time of food & fellowship Wednesday, September 12th, at 8:30am at the 42 Diner. Contact Pastor Gary for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Closed: Monday, September 3rd, for The Labor Day Holiday.

James Bible Study: Thursdays, September 6th & 13th, 8:30am home of Janet Rich.

Communion Service: Sunday, September 16th, AM Service.

Monthly Business Meeting: Sunday, September 23rd, PM Service.

Newsletter Deadline: Monday, September 24th.

Happy Anniversary: to Pastor Gary and Joanna, Thursday, September 27th. If you would like to send them a card the address is: 1933 Masons Drive, Asheboro, NC 27205.

BALFOUR BAPTIST SUMMER SCHEDULE
CHILDREN & YOUTH

Youth every Wednesday night in annex (6pm-7:30pm) (for 6th-12th grade students)

***September 5th -** AWANA Kick Off!

***September 12th** - AWANA week 1 (continues every Wednesday throughout the school year)

For questions contact Pastor Mark Wilburn.

SENIOR ADULT NEWS

Senior Adults - Kick off to Fall, Saturday, September 29th, in the fellowship hall. 4-6 PM. Come for food, fellowship, and entertainment. There is a signup sheet in the welcome center. Please signup no later than Sept. 23rd. Questions, call Ann Beane or Sandra Allen.

THANK YOU

My family and I truly appreciate the beautiful cards of comfort, expressed condolences, gift cards for food and prayers sent with the recent passing of my mother-in-law, June Buckner. It meant so much and touched our hearts. God Bless You All, Lynn Buckner

Thank you so much for the beautiful mixed spray. Carolyn Foster's Children & Family (Roger Robbins' sister)

Dear Church Family, In the time of the loss of my sister, Carolyn Foster, your thoughts, cards and prayers were very comforting to me and my family. Thank you so much. Love in Christ, Roger & Carolyn Robbins

HONORARIUM

Donations have been given in honor of Janet Rich with love and appreciation for all she has done for our Sunday School class over the past years. We are praying for her as she moves into a new mission field. The Friendship Sunday School Class

PRAYER POCKET NOTES.....

"Being" redeemed

Colossians 1:13-14

He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

Redemption is the salvation from sin through Jesus's sacrifice that He made on the cross.

Sin - (what we need redemption from and forgiveness of) the bondage that keeps us from having an intimate relationship with God.

BUT - Jesus paid the price to set us free from that bondage by His sacrificial death on the cross.

Romans 3:23-24

For there is no distinction, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. But they are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Being redeemed includes **eternal life**, **forgiveness of sins** and **righteousness** among many other things.

I guess you could look at "being redeemed" in the same way we looked at fire. We see the fire and we know what can happen if we go near the fire and how we can walk away from the fire, but Jesus gave us the way to put out the fire.

If you do not have a Prayer Pocket and would like one please contact us at prayerpockets@gmail.com or contact Bobbie Frazier 336-953-4151

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Terry Purkerson
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Kevin Nywening
272 Meadow Road
Asheboro, NC 27205

Jason & Katie King
2841 Virginia Acres Drive
Asheboro, NC 27205

SYMPATHY

A heartfelt sympathy goes out to Roger Robbins in the loss of his sister, **Carolyn Foster** and to Bill Applewhite in the loss of his brother, **Jack Applewhite**.

FINANCIAL CASH REPORT

Monthly Business Meeting: Sunday, September 23rd, during the PM Service. The August financial reports will be reviewed. Copies of the Financial Cash Reports for business meetings are available in the welcome center and on the front pew.

BALFOUR BAPTIST CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Frances M. Spivey

Pianist
Sally L. Barnes

Nursery Ministries Director
Kim Scruggs

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Patricia H. Spencer secretary@balfourchurch.com

Normal office hours are 8:00am to 3:30pm Monday - Friday with a 30 minute lunch taken sometime between 12 & 1.

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SUNDAY: 9:00am Coffee & Conversation 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service 6:30pm Evening Worship
WEDNESDAY: 6:00pm Youth Meeting 6:15pm Awana Ministries 6:30pm Prayer Meeting

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2	*3 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED*	*4*	*5 Awana Kickoff 6:00pm*	*6 James Bible Study 8:30am Home of Janet Rich*	*7* Choir Retreat at Ft. Caswell 7th– 9th Bus Reserved	*8*
9	*10*	*11 Bonnie D. Group 11:00am Church* *Annex Reserved Girl Scouts 5:00pm*	*12 Balfour Men's Breakfast 8:30pm* *Awana Begins 6:15pm*	*13 James Bible Study 8:30am Home of Janet Rich*	*14*	*15*
16 Am Service Communion Service	*17 Ladies of Balfour 6:30pm Guest Speaker Elaine Foust*	*18*	*19* *Awana 6:15pm*	*20*	*21*	*22* *F-Hall Reserved All Day*
23 F-Hall Reserved WMU Kickoff Monthly Business Mtg. PM Service	*24 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE*	*25* *Annex Reserved Girl Scouts 5:00pm*	*26* *Awana 6:15pm*	*27 Pastor Gary & Joannas' Anniversary*	*28*	*29 Senior Adult Kickoff F-Hall Reserved*
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