



The Balfour Bugle

Newsletter of Balfour Baptist Church

1642 N Fayetteville St
Asheboro, NC 27203

OCTOBER 2018

From Pastor Gary...

It's been a busy time here at Balfour Baptist church. How blessed we are to have the Spirit of God moving within our church body. I'm particularly grateful to have Pastor Mark on staff to cover for me in preaching the Word. We are blessed to have him with us. His work with our children services, our Awana program and his efforts to jump start our youth program has been valuable to the church.. This past Sunday, we here at Balfour had a wonderful opportunity to see the attendance at Balfour reach 319 for our worship service with Clebe McClary. I believe it was an opportunity for all us to see where God is taking our church. For your Pastor, it is an exciting time as well as a time where there is a feeling of being overwhelmed with God's blessing. Here at Balfour, we have began the process of putting together a team of our membership, a "Strategic Planning Committee" that will be working to help us prepare for our future and meet the demands that we currently have. We are excited about the prospect of our announcement of Jennifer & Brantley Moore working together as our youth leaders. That recommendation from our Personnel Committee will be voted on this Sunday. We have a lot going on, a lot of physical needs in the body . Please pray for God's movement here at Balfour. I and we cannot do anything without the leadership and direction of the Holy Spirit. May God help build and strengthen our church as we move into the fall.

EXTENSION MEMBERS – PRAYER LIST

Nursing Homes

Carolyn Barnes (Clapps)

Brenda Williams(Brookstone Haven)

Live at Home

Kat Church

Linda Cockerham Betty Dyer

Faye Dunning

Evelyn Fagg Juanita Moody

Uzina Morris

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. If you would like to send Pastor Gary or Pastor Mark a card their address are:

Rev. Gary Mason

Rev. Mark Wilburn

1933 Masons Dr.

1134 Heathwood Dr.

Asheboro, NC 27205

Randleman, NC 27317

From Pastor Mark...

God is soooooo goooooood! can I get an AMEN? Just wanted to give a shout out to our Heavenly Father for His goodness, Love, Mercy, and the list can go on and on! I'm just amazed by the way The Lord has blessed us here at Balfour and how He's answered the prayers of His people! I hope that you have noticed it to, the Awana year has started off with a blast and God has seen us a Youth Pastor along with her husband that is wanting to make a difference in the lives of our young people, then we jump into children's Church to see how it keeps growing from Sunday to Sunday! So let me say that my hat is off to all the volunteers that help week in and week out, to the teachers and their faithfulness in serving the Kingdom. I want us to remember that God has chosen you and us to help grow HIS KINGDOM for a time such as this, that through your willingness to see kids and others grow at this point in their lives is totally amazing! I can understand that it can be a little overwhelming at times but if we just trust HIM and know that it is all under HIS control and HE will help us do what HE'S called us to do. To know that God has chosen us to be a vital part of bringing kids to Jesus and to watch them grow into that young spiritual person that HE wants them to be makes me loose my breath at times knowing how important that is for their lives! My prayer is that you and I would continue to call out to HIM and trust HIM in this season and lean not on our own understanding but to trust in HIS plan for a time such as this! Once again I want to THANK YOU for all that YOU are doing and ask that you would continue to pray that WE continue to do HIS will for Balfour Baptist Church! Remember that Trunk Or Treat is October 31st, at the Annex building.

Trusting Him and serving You, Pastor Mark

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD IS HERE!

Red & Green boxes will be available for pickup October 7 & 14 -complete with the do's & don'ts for packing.

The In-Gathering for turning in filled boxes will be November 11 and 18.

Please be in prayer for what your part will be this year. Questions??? Contact Dwight Ayers

MISSIONS

CUOC Item: The month of October is "baked beans".

Asheboro Fall Festival Booth: We will have a booth at the Asheboro Fall Festival. We need volunteers to work the booth to pass out tracts and pray with people. Contact person is Leigh Morris.

Bonnie D. Mission Group: Tuesday, October 9th, at 11:00am in the fellowship hall.

Gideon Speaker: Sunday, October 21st, AM Service.

Trunk or Treat: Wednesday, October 31st, 6:00pm at the Annex. We need people to volunteer to decorate their cars and we also need donations of individually wrapped candy. Everyone please mark your calendars and come out and enjoy a night of fun and fellowship with those in the community.

WMU NEWS

We are coming to a close for the collection of the NC Baptist State Mission Offering. The monies from this offering go directly into missions within our state. Right now there are numerous teams from all over NC assisting in the distribution of thousands of meals daily, recovery efforts in the flooded areas affected by Hurricane Florence. Our Medical and Dental buses rely upon the funds from this offering. Please give sacrificially so that these works and more will continue.

We will be looking into the possibility for sending teams from Balfour in the coming year ahead to some of the worst hit areas in NC to assist with clean up, restoration, and any other areas of need. Please be in prayer concerning your own willingness to be a part of this important missions ministry. We know that the process will be long and arduous for those on our coast.

October 7th, is Global Hunger Day. "According to the World Health Organization, after being in steady decline over the past ten years, global hunger is on the rise again. Global war and natural disasters have brought the number of people living in hunger to more than 815 million, approximately 11 percent of the global population. During the month of October, Southern Baptists turn our attention toward global hunger relief." Consider this: in one day, on average, an American will consume more food than those in many countries, and areas of the U. S., will consume in a week. We are blessed. We need to be a blessing. Consider giving to aid in eradicating hunger. Feed the body to feed the soul. Carolyn Santanella, WMU Director

LADIES OF BALFOUR

Bring your favorite dessert to share after the evening service on Sunday, October 21st. We will be welcoming Reverend Michael Trogdon as he shares a message of encouragement, special music and the praises and needs of Our Daily Bread (he is the Executive Director). As you are planning your dessert maybe you can pick up a can (large industrial size) of Bush's Baked Beans to bring along with your dessert. Our Daily Bread goes through three of the seven pound cans of beans daily.

BALFOUR MEN

All men of Balfour Baptist Church are welcome to come enjoy breakfast and enjoy a wonderful time of food & fellowship Wednesday, October 10th, at 8:30am at the 42 Diner. Contact Pastor Gary for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

James Bible Study: Thursdays, October 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th, at 8:30am at home of Janet Rich.

Communion Service: Sunday, October 7th, during the AM Service.

Personnel Committee Meeting: There will be a Personnel Committee Meeting Tuesday, October 9th, at 6:00pm in the office.

Victory Side Quartet: Victory Side Quartet will be with us Sunday, October 14th, during the PM Services.

RBA Annual Meeting: Monday, October 15th, Asbury Baptist Church, 218 Asbury Church Road, Seagrove, NC 27341.

Newsletter Deadline: THURSDAY, October 18th.

Patricia's Vacation Days: Thursday, October 25th and Friday, October 26th.

Church-wide Cookout: Saturday, October 27th, at 5:30pm at the annex. Ladies please bring desserts. contact person is Pastor Mark.

PRAYER POCKET NOTES.....

THE POWER OF PRAYER

(A Prayer Guide for Our Nation

"IF MY PEOPLE" – by Jack Countryan)

Since our nation's very first days, God's greatest movements in our midst have been fashioned and sustained by prayer, from the signing of our earliest documents, to our triumphs over days of darkness, to the spiritual awakenings that have sustained our faith and resolve over the centuries. Throughout Scripture and throughout our history as a nation, persistent, prevailing, intentional, and never-ending prayer has always brought the presence of God.

How vast are the possibilities when we pray! Prayer is a wonderful power placed by the almighty God into the hands of His saints. When we humbly seek His face in prayer, He is moved to act on our behalf and accomplish His desires for us.

And when we seek God in prayer for our leaders, we impact the very direction our nation will take. Prayerfully seek His face every day, believe that your prayers are making a difference, and claim all victory that is and is to come! For there is tremendous power in prayer!

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Youth every Wednesday night in annex
(6pm-7:30pm) (for 6th-12th grade students)
AWANA every Wednesday 6:15pm
For questions contact Pastor Mark Wilburn.

SENIOR ADULT NEWS

We are planning a trip in October to get Apples, but we are waiting on a date from the orchard of when the best time will be.

We are planning to go to Southern Supreme on Tuesday, November 13th, leaving the church at 9:15am and have time to tour before shopping. We will have lunch at Miss Lacy's in Sanford before returning to the church.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family, We would like to extend our appreciation and gratefulness for many calls, cards, continued thoughts and prayers, visits and gifts during dad's, Leonard Ingold, hospitalizations and continued recovery as well as mom's, Lounette, continued issues with her health. What a blessing to be a part of such a wonderful and loving church family! In Christian love, Leonard, Lounette and Robin

Dear Friends at Balfour Baptist Church, On behalf of the patients at NC Baptist Hospital/Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, I want to thank you for your gift of \$656.00 to our Mother's Day Offering/Benevolent Fund. Your gift to this offering and fund brings hope to patients who suffer from great financial need. God changes their lives through your compassion are giving. In Christ, Rev. Leland A. Kerr

Dear Congregation, In response to your recent gift to Hospice of Randolph County, thank you for your support. We received your congregation's donation and are forever grateful for your generous contribution. We at Hospice are so appreciative of your congregation who believes in our programs and supports our mission.
Sincerely, David Caughron & Timothy L. Pheagin,

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Shaun & Leah Plount & Madeline
317 Hub Morris Road
Asheboro, NC 27203

Jerry Smith
Forest Ridge Apartments
1020 Ashewood Circle, Apt. 1020
Asheboro, NC 27203

Kyle Garris
742 Vestal Creek Court
Asheboro, NC 27205

CONGRATULATION

Congratulations to Myra & Jeffery Howell in the birth of a son, Myles Alexander Howell, born August 30, 2018 weighing in at 9 lbs. 10 oz. and 22 inch long. Excited & proud brothers are Brady & Jaxon. Proud grandparents are Phyllis & David Garner.

SYMPATHY

A heartfelt sympathy goes out to **The Family of Clarence McCauslin.**

FINANCIAL CASH REPORT

Monthly Business Meeting: Sunday, October 28th, during the PM Service. The September 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.

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Ministerial Staff

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Minister/Director of Children & Preschool

Rev. Mark Wilburn children@balfourchurch.com
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Music Staff

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Donna A. Purkerson

Organist

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
 WEDNESDAY: 6:00pm Youth Meeting 6:15pm Awana Ministries 6:30pm Prayer Meeting

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7 Communion AM Service Asheboro Fall Festival Prayer Booth	8 Handbells 5:30pm	9 Bonnie D. Group 11:00am Church Personnel Committee Meeting 6pm Annex Reserved Girl Scouts 5:00pm	10 Balfour Men's Breakfast 8:30pm Awana's 6:15pm	11 James Bible Study 8:30am Home of Janet Rich	12	13 F-Hall Reserved Ladies Breakfast
14 Victory Quartet 6:30pm	15 Handbells 5:30pm RBA Annual Meeting Asbury Baptist Church	16 Annex Reserved Girl Scouts 5:00pm	17 Awana's 6:15pm	18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE James Bible Study 8:30am Home of Janet Rich	19	20 F-Hall Reserved
21 Gideon Speaker 11am Rev. Michael Trogdon 6:30pm	22 Handbells 5:30pm	23	24 Awana's 6:15pm	25 PATRICIA'S VACATION DAY James Bible Study 8:30am Home of Janet Rich	26 PATRICIA'S VACATION DAY	27 F-Hall Reserved Church-wide Cookout 5:30pm Annex
28 Handbells AM Service Monthly Business Mtg. PM Service	29 Handbells 5:30pm	30 Annex Reserved Girl Scouts 5:00pm	31 No Awana No Prayer Meeting Trunk Or Treat 6-8pm Annex			

*OCC Shoebox Collections Nov.12—19 1-3pm & 6-8 pm/Sunday Nov. 18 1-6pm



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18	19 Ladies of Balfour	20 Annual Thanksgiving Meal 6:00pm F-Hall	21 PATRICIA'S VACATION DAY NO SERVICES	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24 Wanda Wilburn's Birthday
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