



The Balfour Bugle

Newsletter of Balfour Baptist Church

1642 N Fayetteville St
Asheboro, NC 27203

NOVEMBER 2018

From Pastor Gary...

We are entering into our fall season with a lot of exciting things happening here at Balfour Baptist Church. We were given the honor of glorifying the Lord with our communion service. We were reminded of the spiritual gifts God intends for each of us to use here at Balfour. We were blessed to have Victory Side Quartet sing for us last Sunday evening. The presence of the Lord could be felt by all in attendance. This Sunday we will address the subject of "The Coming of Judgment Day" in both services. Then on October 28th, we will gather during the Sunday School Hour to be taught by Murray Tillis (a missionary to the Jews). All adult Sunday School Classes will meet in the sanctuary at 9:45am. Then at the 11:00am service Murray Tillis will bring Part I of the message entitled "Devoted to Israel". At the 6:30pm service, he will preach Part II of this message. We are making plans for Operation Christmas Child to begin very soon. Mark and I are very excited to announce that on Sunday, November 18th, at 5:00pm we will be having a fellowship dinner at AVS. The growth of our church has lead us to finding a location that will support our church family. All of our members and all of our guest are invited to attend. Let's make this a special and joyous time.

From Pastor Mark...

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! It sure has been nice with the cooler temperatures the past few days. It's kind of a reminder that the colder temperatures are just around the corner. My Prayer is that we won't let that cause us to keep on keeping on for the Kingdom Of God as it cools down. I'm grateful and thankful for the many blessings that y'all have taken out of your time for the Pastor Appreciation cards and gifts that you have given in the name of Jesus and most of all "THE PRAYERS" that we keep doing what God has called us to do here at Balfour. I'm looking forward to our time together for our Church fellowship meal at AVS on the 18th of November at 5 PM. The Lord has truly Blessed us here at Balfour with all the kids and youth that are coming to the Awana and Youth programs. Jennifer is doing an amazing job with our students in the annex and to ALL our Awana staff y'all just amaze me week after week coming in and

pouring out your love to these kids for the Kingdom of God! It's kind of crazy to think that we have 105 people here this past Wednesday evening with the Awana and Youth program along with the volunteers that make it happen. If I haven't told y'all lately, I'm humbled by your sacrifice and love that you are pouring out in the name of Jesus!

Just want to take a minute and speak on our children's worship ministry team that pours out Sunday in and Sunday out to our children. You also amaze me by your willingness to help serve and teach these kids about the love of Jesus, I know that it gets tuff and some days we're all ready to throw our hands up and say that's enough, then it hits us that the Lord has given us an opportunity to reach kids for His Kingdom and HE gives us the strength to carry on. We know that we are making a difference in their lives as we keep seeing more and more kids coming to know Jesus as their Savior and are being baptized in HIS name. I want our children's worship team to know that YOU are a vital part of what's taking place here at Balfour and for this I'm thankful for your help and love in this part of ministry.

To the wonderful seasoned folk of our Church that lets me go on trips with them and have fun driving the bus! Even if we have to use an umbrella while riding in it! But seriously I love all of y'all and am blessed y'all let me have fun with ya!

To the ladies of Balfour, thanks for letting us in on the blessing you had with Holly Sweat and the area ladies ministry y'all are doing. Much love and prayers to all of you!

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

Shirleen Cockman

MISSIONS

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

State Baptist Convention: Monday, November 5th and Tuesday, November 6th, Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC.

Bonnie D. Mission Group: Tuesday, November 20th, at 11:00am in the fellowship hall.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD IS HERE!

The In-Gathering for turning in filled boxes will be November 11 and 18. We need volunteers to work during the collection week, November 12th - 19th. Please sign up in the welcome center. Please be in prayer for what your part will be this year. Questions??? Contact Dwight Ayers

LADIES OF BALFOUR

Bring your favorite dessert to share after the evening service on Sunday, November 4th. 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, November 14th, at 8:30am at the 42 Diner. Contact Pastor Gary for more information.

PRAYER POCKET NOTES.....

Prayer Can Be Hard

Real prayer is not an activity limited to a time slot in our day, but an ongoing relationship with the living God.

In her book, "Live a Praying Life," Jenifer Kennedy Dean describes prayer like this:

Prayer is opening our lives to God, acknowledging our total dependence on Him. It is an attitude of receptivity in which we live every moment. It is being open to Him at all times. It is living in the presence of God, always in the process of being reshaped and recreated by Him."

We all need FOCUSED prayer, but when we find ourselves praying all during the day; at home, at work, while driving and even doing the dishes; it is then we find the intimacy that develops over time with our Lord and Savior. It is then we realize we are living in the presence of God and He is reshaping us.

If you do not have a Prayer Pocket and would like one please contact us at prayerpockets@gmail.com or contact Bobbie Frazier 336-736-8911 or 336-953-4151

SENIOR ADULT NEWS

Tuesday, November 13th, the seniors will be going to Supreme Fruit Cake and eating at Mrs. Lacy's Magnolia House in Sanford. The bus will leave the church at 9:00am and return around 3:30pm. Sign up in the fellowship hall. Contact persons are Sandra Allen or Ann Beane.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

James Bible Study: Thursdays, November 1st, 8th, 15th, & 29th, at 8:30am at home of Janet Rich.

Fall Back: Saturday night November 3rd, turn your clocks back 1 hour at bedtime.

Deacons Meeting: Wednesday, November 7th, at 7:45pm in the office.

Newsletter Deadline: THURSDAY, November 15th.

Annual Thanksgiving Meal: Sunday, November 18th, at 5:00pm at AVS Catering Centre on N. Fayetteville St.

Patricia's Vacation Day: Wednesday, November 21st.

Office Closed: Thursday, November 22nd, and Friday, November 23rd, for Thanksgiving Holiday.

Happy Birthday: Happy Birthday to Wanda Wilburn Saturday, November 24th. If you would like to send her a card her address is: 1134 Heathwood Dr. Randleman, NC 27317

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.

Belk Charity Sale: Saturday, November 3rd, 6-10am. Tickets are \$5.00 and may be used for \$5.00 off your first purchase. Belk also does presale during the week before and you pick your items up on Saturday. For tickets or information contact Donna Jones. All proceeds are for Children's Summer Camp.

THANK YOU

Dear Members, Thank you for all your loving-kindness you showered on my Uncle Clarence McCauslin. What a comfort and blessing to know his spirit was so tenderly cared for. Love in our Lord Jesus, Rosalee George

My family and I wish to thank all those who reached out to us at the death of my brother, Jack Applewhite. For each expression of concern whether by prayer, phone calls, personal condolences, cards of sympathy or memorial gifts. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Bill Applewhite

MEMORIALS

Donations have been given in memory of **Carolyn Foster** by Tony & Gail McDowell for the General Fund.

Donations have been given in memory of **Clarence McCauslin**, by Joe & Topy Kearns, David & Phyllis Garner and Rosalee George for the General Fund.

HONORARIUM

Donations have been given in honor of **Ann Beane, Sandra Allen & Glenda Smith** for all the hard work of planning, decorating, etc. for senior events by an anonymous donor for the Senior Fund.

FINANCIAL CASH REPORT

Monthly Business Meeting: Sunday, November 25th, during the PM Service. The October 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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Normal office hours are 8:00am to 3:30pm Monday - Friday with a 30 minute lunch taken sometime between 12 & 1.

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



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>James Bible Study 8:30am Home of Janet Rich</i>	2	3 <i>Belk Charity Sale 6am—10am</i>
4 <i>Michael Trogdon PM Service</i>	5 STATE BAPTIST <i>Handbells 5:30pm</i>	6 CONVENTION <i>Annex Reserved Girl Scouts 5pm</i>	7 <i>Awana's 6:15pm Deacons Mtg. 7:45pm</i>	8 <i>James Bible Study 8:30am Home of Janet Rich</i>	9	10
11 <i>Veteran's Day</i>	12 <i>OCC Collections Begin *See Above for times Handbells 5:30pm</i>	13 <i>9:15am Senior Trip to Southern Supreme</i>	14 <i>Balfour Men's Breakfast 8:30am Awana's 6:15pm</i>	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE <i>James Bible Study 8:30am Home of Janet Rich</i>	16	17
18 <i>Annual Thanksgiving Meal 5:00pm AVS Catering</i>	19 <i>Handbells 5:30pm Ladies of Balfour 6:30pm</i>	20 <i>Bonnie D. Group 11:00am church</i>	21 <i>PATRICIA'S VACATION DAY</i>	22 HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving Day	23 HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	24 <i>Wanda Wilburn's Birthday</i>
25 <i>Handbells AM Service Monthly Business Meeting PM Service</i>	26 <i>Handbells 5:30pm</i>	27 <i>Annex Reserved Girl Scouts 5pm</i>	28 <i>Awana's 6:15pm</i>	29 <i>James Bible Study 8:30am Home of Janet Rich</i>	30	



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9 <i>Cantata</i>	10	11 <i>Bonnie D. Group 11:00am church Annex Reserved Girl Scouts 5pm</i>	12	13 <i>Gary Mason's Birthday James Bible Study 8:30am Home of Janet Rich</i>	14 <i>New Beginnings Class 5pm—until F-Hall</i>	15 <i>Woodrow Class 12pm-until F-Hall</i>
16 <i>AM Service Missionary Speaker Lottie Moon Ingathering</i>	17	18 <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	19	20 <i>Frances Spivey's Birthday</i>	21 <i>Donna Purkerson's Birthday</i>	22
23	24 <i>HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED</i>	25 <i>HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED F-Hall reserved all day</i>	26 <i>HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED</i>	27 <i>Sally Barnes' Birthday PATRICIA'S VACATION DAY</i>	28 <i>PATRICIA'S VACATION DAY</i>	29
30 <i>Handbells Am Service</i>	31					