



The Balfour Bugle

Newsletter of Balfour Baptist Church

**1642 N Fayetteville St
Asheboro, NC 27203**

AUGUST 2018

From Pastor Gary...

We are now over halfway through the summer vacation period. God has continued to pour out His blessings on Balfour Baptist Church. While our ministry is not really about specific numbers, it does help us to realize that many are visiting here at our church. Pray that the work will always be about God and His kingdom. Pray that the Word of God will be preached and that God's love will be felt by all who come here. This past Sunday, I could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit moving among the people. Folks, that is the key! The presence of God and His Spirit is what will move and make Balfour into a strong church for his glory. We have much to be done and sometimes it is over-whelming, but it is also so very exciting to see God working in our midst.

I thank God for a very successful VBS this year. Our director, Patricia Underwood, did an outstanding job in placing our people in places of service in order to reach lives with the gospel message. We also had a wonderful Mission Outreach in Honduras where many people's lives have been changed for eternity. What a privilege to be a part of sharing the love of God with our Mission Team. Brother Jay Smith was used by God to lead this very successful ministry opportunity.

Let's keep on keeping on. Let's keep our focus on Him and trust Him as we move forward. May God grow the church as lives are won to Him and all of us are strengthened in the faith through the power of his word. Rev. Gary Mason

From Pastor Mark...

Greetings, Praying all is well with you and that the Lord is pouring out His blessings upon you and your family! Just wanted to say that the Lord is truly blessing us here at Balfour and we can see it Sunday mornings and throughout the rest of the week. What a blessing to see all the children that the Lord has brought to us and the opportunity to share His Word with them and their families. With that being said I could use your help with staffing the nursery, children's church, Wednesday night and Sunday night services here at Balfour. I ask that you would pray about it and let the Lord guide you in your decision of when and where you could be used in this need. We have some things in the works for Sunday mornings and Sunday school also (where help is needed also) so if you would be willing to get on board to help would you give me a call or speak to me after service. I don't think it would be too far fetch to say that we may see an increase in our Awana program this year (would you help me in praying for this?). Proverbs 22:6 says "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

As we continue to grow with God's blessing, our needs are going to continue to change with the needs of meeting our new challenges and I hope that those new challenges will inspire you to come and join us in serving those needs? I believe that God is wanting to do more for us here at Balfour if we are willing to step up and out of our comfort zone to serve Him in serving others as HE blesses us! If you are like myself you know people out there who go to church and wish they could see their church being blessed like we are here at Balfour, so would you join me in prayer for Gods guidance in these areas of ministry? May God continue to bless Balfour and your family as we seek His face in growing His Kingdom. Let's put our shoulder to the plow and see what God has in store for us, it's exciting times of blessings at Balfour and Praise be to God for that in doing His will.

Trusting Him and Serving You, Pastor Mark

EXTENSION MEMBERS – PRAYER LIST

Nursing Homes

Carolyn Barnes (Clapps)
Clarence McCauslin (Brookdale)
Brenda Williams (Brookstone Haven)

Live at Home

Betty Dyer
Kat Church
Evelyn Fagg
Faye Dunning
Juanita Moody
Uzina Morris
Linda Cockerham

MISSIONS

CUOC Item: The month of August is "tuna helper/tuna".

Bonnie D. Mission Group: Tuesday, August 14th, at 11:00am in the fellowship hall.

The NCBM Regional Missions Rally for Region 5 is to be held Thursday, August 16, 2018 at the Abbott's Creek Baptist Church, 2817 Abbott's Creek Church Road, High Point, NC 27265. A Sign-Up sheet in the Welcome Center. Contact person is Charles Allen.

Mission & Evangelism Committee Meeting: Sunday, August 19th, at 4:30pm in the fellowship hall.

RBA Summer Meeting: Monday, August 20th. Registration begins at 6:30pm, program begins at 7:00pm. West Asheboro Baptist Church, 831 Uwharrie St., Asheboro, NC 27203.

School Supply Collections: We are collecting school supplies again this year for children in our area. Boxes will be in the welcome center through August. Contact person is Bonnie Davenport or Glenda Smith.

LADIES OF BALFOUR

LADIES OF BALFOUR: On August 4th, The Ladies of Balfour ministry group will be traveling to the Billy Graham Library. We will meet at the church and leave by 8:00 A.M. You will want to wear comfortable walking shoes since the Journey of Faith tour takes approximately one and a half hours to complete. There is no fee for the library but you will need to bring money for lunch. We will plan on eating lunch at the library. Please sign up in the Welcome Center to reserve yourself a seat on the bus. The Journey of Faith tour will retrace Billy Graham's dynamic journey through stunning multimedia presentations, interactive kiosks, photos and memorabilia. For more information contact Sandy Spainhour or Bobbie Frazier

LADIES OF BALFOUR: Saturday, August 25th, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM The Ladies of Balfour invite the church to help in celebrating the upcoming marriage of Pastor Gary's son, Caleb Mason and Dana Beadle by giving them a "POUNDING". A pounding is an old-fashioned way to help the newlyweds by stocking their pantry with non-perishables foods or cleaning supplies. Gift cards are also a good idea. This will be in the fellowship hall. For more information contact Sandy Spainhour or Bobbie Frazier

BALFOUR MEN

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



FREE ADULT DENTAL CLINIC

WHERE: Balfour Baptist Church

1642 N. Fayetteville St., Asheboro NC

WHEN: Saturday, August 18th, 8:30-5:00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacons Meeting: Wednesday, August 1st, at 7:45pm in the office conference room.

Happy Anniversary: to Pastor Mark & Wanda, Friday, August 17th. If you would like to send them a card the address is: 1134 Heathwood Drive, Randleman, NC 27317.

Newsletter Deadline: Monday, August 20th.

Greeters Needed: If you are interested in serving as a greeter for the new church year, 2018-2019, please sign up in the welcome center by Sunday, August 19th. If you are already participating, please sign up if you would like to continue. We need at least 16-20 people.

BALFOUR BAPTIST SUMMER SCHEDULE CHILDREN & YOUTH

(*Students younger than 5th grade must be accompanied by an adult)

Youth every Wednesday night in annex

(6pm-7:30pm) (for 6th-12th grade students)

***August 6th** - Youth will go to the CUOC

***August 14th** - Movie (9am-12pm) "The Boss Baby"

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

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

For questions contact Pastor Mark Wilburn or Intern Emily Castelloe.

Belk Charity Day Sale: Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 25th, from 6 - 10am. Tickets are \$5.00 and you get the \$5.00 off your first purchase. Tickets are available now. This has been a success in times past to raise money for the children to go to camp. Contact person is Donna Jones.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mark & Wanda Wilburn Teresa Vicks
1134 Heathwood Dr. 200 E. Strider St. Apt. 4C
Randleman, NC 27317 Asheboro, NC 27203

THANK YOU

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, the cards and especially the prayer sent for Alma Wagoner. Our church family is amazing. Tommy & Nancy

We wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation of love, kindness and support shown to Virginia and our family over the past 2 years. She loved her church family very much. Thank you for the beautiful flowers that you sent and for the wonderful meal that was prepared for our family after her service. Love The Garner Family

Dear Friends, Thank you to all the ladies and men of the church for fixing the meal after Virginia Garner's funeral. May the Lord bless you, Beulah McMasters (Virginia's sister-in-law.)

We would like to say thank you to everyone for the prayers, calls and plants sent during the recent passing of my brother. We are thankful for our church family and blessed to be a part of such a loving church. God's blessings for each one of you. Jeff and Sandra Spainhour

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," Jennifer 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 would like more information on Prayer Pocket Ministries or would like a prayer pocket, please contact us

at
prayerpockets@gmail.com

HONORARIUMS

Donations were given in honor of **Leonard & Lounette Ingold** by The Faith Sunday School Class for The Baptist Children's Home & Hospital Offering.

MEMORIALS

Donations were given in memory of **Virginia Garner** by Joe & Topy Kearns, Bonnie Davenport, Becky Howard, Glenda McMasters, Church & JoLynn Johnson, Mike & Dianna Forrest, Tom Foust and John Foust for the general fund.

Donations were given in memory of **Alma Wagoner** by Joe & Topy Kearns for the general fund.

SYMPATHY

A heartfelt sympathy goes out to Jeff Spainhour in the loss of his brother, **James Spainhour** and to Lynn Buckner in the loss of her mother-in-law, **June Buckner**.

FINANCIAL CASH REPORT

Monthly Business Meeting: Sunday, August 26th, during the PM Service. The July 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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Donna A. Purkerson

Organist

Frances M. Spivey

Pianist

Sally L. Barnes

Nursery Ministries Director

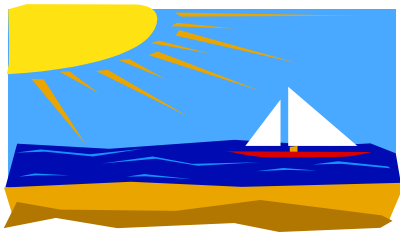
Kim Scruggs

Support Staff

Church Administrative Assistant

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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WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 Youth Meeting 6:00—7:30pm</p> <p>Deacons Mtg. 7:45pm office</p>	2	3	<p>4 F-Hall Reserved All Day</p> <p>Ladies of Balfour Billy Graham Library 8:00am</p>
<p>5 New Member Class Begins</p>	<p>6 Youth to CUOC 9:30-1:30</p>	7	<p>8 Youth Meeting 6:00—7:30pm</p> <p>Balfour Men's Breakfast 8:30pm</p>	9	10	11 F-Hall Reserved All Day
			Emily's Vacation Days 9th & 10th			
12	13	<p>14 Movie The Baby Boss 9:00am—12:00 noon</p> <p>Bonnie D. Mission</p>	<p>15 Youth Meeting 6:00—7:30pm</p>	<p>16 Baptist Mission Rally</p>	<p>17 Pastor Mark & Wandas' Anniversary</p>	<p>18 Dental Bus 9:30am Annex</p>
<p>19 Mission & Evangel- ism Meeting 4:30pm F-Hall</p>	<p>20 Newsletter Deadline RBA Summer Meeting West Asheboro 7:00pm</p>	21	<p>22 Youth Meeting 6:00—7:30pm</p>	23	24	<p>25 6—10am Belk Charity Sale</p> <p>Pounding for Caleb & Dana 4-6pm F-Hall</p>
<p>26 PM Service Monthly Business Meeting</p>	<p>27 First Day of School</p>	28	<p>29 Youth Meeting 6:00—7:30pm</p>	30	31	



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2	3 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i>	4	5 <i>Awana Kickoff</i> 6:00pm <i>Deacons Meeting</i> 7:45pm	6	7 CHOIR RETREAT @ FORT CASWELL 7TH-9TH	8
9	10	11 <i>Bonnie D. Group</i> 11:00am Church	12 <i>Balfour Men's</i> Breakfast 8:30pm <i>Awana Begins</i> 6:15pm	13	14	15
16 <i>Am Service</i> <i>Communion Service</i>	17 <i>Ladies of Balfour</i> 6:30pm <i>Guest Speaker</i> <i>Elaine Foust</i>	18	19 <i>Awanas 6:15pm</i>	20	21	22 <i>F-Hall Reserved</i> <i>All Day</i>
23 <i>Monthly Business</i> <i>Mtg. PM Service</i>	24	25	26 <i>Pastor Gary</i> & <i>Joannas'</i> <i>Anniversary</i> <i>Awanas 6:15pm</i>	27	28	29
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