



The Balfour Bugle

Newsletter of Balfour Baptist Church

1642 N Fayetteville St
Asheboro, NC 27203

DECEMBER 2018

From Pastor Gary...

We are entering the Holiday Season and we have a lot going on here at Balfour Baptist. The last Sunday in October gave us the opportunity to have Murray Tillis here for both the morning and evening service plus Sunday School. I feel that it provided all of us a unique perspective about God's own people. The services were very informative and powerful. Our Trunk or Treat event on Halloween was a tremendous success. I was so encouraged to see the front and side of the annex full of our folks cars filled with candy, ministering in Jesus name. We probably brought smiles to kids in the number of 300 to 500 including adults and parents. A great success! Then, we were honored and blessed to have Rev. Michael Trogdon preach for us and then he and his folks fellowship with us in the fellowship hall. Sunday evening, November 11th, we did our annual "packing party" for Operation Christmas Child. We had a team of our people manning the trailers down at the annex despite the weather conditions, collecting shoeboxes from all over the area. Last Sunday at 5:00pm, we will had our church-wide fellowship meal where all of our members and invited guests joined together for food, fellowship and worship. So, as you can see, there is a lot going on at Balfour Baptist Church. God is blessing so let's all pull together and help grow our family at Balfour.

From Pastor Mark...

Enter His courts with Thanksgiving and Praise! I hope that you all have had an excellent Thanksgiving with family and friends? We're headed into the Christmas season and my prayer is that you will find the love and joy that our Savior brings at this special time of year! it's been a busy fall around here at the church and I've been amazed at the Operation Christmas Child process and the many volunteers that has jumped in and helped Dwight and Brenda with this project! Wouldn't it be a blessing to be able to see those children's eyes when they got to open those boxes? To know that people around the world love them enough to buy and send them those gifts for a time such as this! That's what I love here at Balfour, our heart of giving and making a difference in people's lives in the name of JESUS! Let us not forget those who are less fortunate in our own area and need the love of Jesus. Would you continue to PRAY for the staff here at the church as you can tell with all the things going on it gets a little crazy trying to get it all to fit together and make it happen on Sunday morning. Would love to be able to try and pick up a few more volunteers after the first of the year to help as helpers with some of our classes. (would you be praying about that and ask God if we could use your help?) Thanks again to our Seniors who let me go with them on the trip! Much LOVE and PRAYERS to ALL!

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	

USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES

With the holidays fast approaching, be sure to get your name, family or group on the church calendar if you are planning to use any of the church facilities. Also, if you use the church facilities, please be sure to take out the trash and cleanup before leaving. We want the buildings to be clean and ready for the next group or family.

BALFOUR MEN

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gary Mason Thursday, December 13th,
1933 Masons Drive, Asheboro, NC 27205

Frances Spivey Thursday, December 20th,
1555 Shady Drive, Asheboro, NC 27203

Donna Purkerson Friday, December 21st,
330 W. Presnell Street, #13, Asheboro, NC 27203

Sally Barnes Thursday, December 27th,
423 Cliff Road, Asheboro, NC 27203

MISSIONS

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

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

Lottie Moon Ingathering: Sunday, December 16th, during the AM Service. Our goal is \$12,000. We will also have guest speakers for our ingathering.

LOTTIE MOON POST OFFICE

Dear Church Family, Again you have the opportunity to send Christmas cards through the church post office. The Fidelis Sunday School Class will volunteer our services of sorting Christmas cards. We have a few regulations as most women do. Remember all proceeds go to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

1. Start date is December 2nd-23rd in the Welcome Center. You can leave the cards at anytime and they will be received. We will have a decorated box there for you to put them in
2. Each card cost 25 cents. We take checks made out to the church and cash.
3. You are only required to put first and last names on front of envelope.
4. You can mail 100 or 1 your choice.
5. Please do not send to deceased members or those who have not attended in the last month.
6. This year you will be responsible for checking your own mailbox in the welcome center. Our church has grown so much there is no way we can deliver all the cards. Also a reminder that the mail sorters get in too big of a hurry and might put others mail in yours. Please return those cards to the Welcome Center.
7. We want all to enjoy this time of the year while giving to this special cause!

Thanks in advance for participating in this special offering for Foreign Missionaries. Much Love and Praise to our God, The Fidelis SS class

LADIES OF BALFOUR

February 22-24 Fort Caswell Women's Coastal Retreat - cost is \$170.00 which includes room, food and conference. We have a large house reserved - last year was so much fun we hope more will join us. We will leave Friday, February 22nd, at 9am and return Sunday the 24th, around 4pm. Total of \$170 is due by December 20th. You can pay \$85 now and the rest by December 20th. **We need you to sign up by November 20th, letting us know you are interested.** Please contact Bobbie Frazier at 336-953-4151 for questions and deposits.

Ladies of Balfour - Saturday, - December 1st, - Southern Supreme - Leaving on the bus from the church at 9:00 am - returning around 1:00 pm.

PRAYER POCKET NOTES.....

What really matters – is faithful obedience from the heart. Allow this message from Jesus to challenge you...to create in you a new start.

Use these verses in prayer as you allow God to plan your day. You will be “blessed”.

When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain. After he sat down his disciples came to him. Then he began to teach them by saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

“Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and say all kinds of evil things about you falsely on account of me. Rejoice and be glad because your reward is great in heaven, for they persecuted the prophets before you in the same way. MATTHEW 5:1-12

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacons Meeting: Wednesday, December 5th, at 7:45pm in the office.

Choir Christmas Cantata: "Jesus! The Advent of the Messiah" Sunday, December 9th, during the AM Service.

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

Newsletter Deadline: TUESDAY, December 18th.

NO Evening Services: Sunday, December 23rd.

Christmas Eve Communion Service: Monday, December 24th, at 9:00pm.

Office Closed: Monday - Wednesday, December 24th - 26th, for the Christmas Holiday.

Patricia's Vacation Day: Thursday, December 27th & Friday, December 28th.

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kyle Atkins
742 Vestal Creek Court
Asheboro, NC 27205

Farris Albright
1306 Old Cox Road Apt#224
Asheboro, NC 27205

Mark Gazaway
837 Honeysuckle Road
Asheboro, NC 27203

Jerry & Leondia Leonard
2527 Winding Woods Road
Asheboro, NC 27205

SMPATHY

The Balfour Church Family extends a heartfelt sympathy to **Jane Bridges** in the loss of her step-dad, EK. Richardson, to **Bobbie Brown** in the loss of her son, James Lamb, The family of **Bobby Coley**, to **Cordelia Byers** in the loss of her sister-in-law, Joyce Moffitt and to **Jay & Doris Smith** in the loss of their son, Mark Smith and to **Andy Smith** in the loss of his brother, Mark Smith.

THANK YOU

My family & I wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all those who reached out to my son, James Lamb, whether by phone calls, visits, prayers, condolences, text messages, flowers or cards of sympathy. You will never know how much you touched our hearts! Bobbie Brown

Thank you so much for the cards, food, gifts, lovely flowers and especially for your prayers for our family during the sickness and loss of our son, Mark Smith. Each one of you have been a blessing to us. The Smith Family

HONORARIUMS

Donations have been given in honor of Johnny Auman by David Dunker for the general fund.

MEMORIALS

Donations have been given in memory of Mark Smith by Charles & Sandra Allen for the missions fund.

Donations have been given in memory of Virginia Garner by Sylvia Hicks to the Seniors Bus Ministry Fund.

FINANCIAL CASH REPORT

Monthly Business Meeting: Sunday, December 2nd, 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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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 6:30pm Evening Worship
 WEDNESDAY: 6:00pm Youth Meeting 6:15pm Awana Ministries 6:30pm Prayer Meeting

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Ladies of Balfour Bus/Van reserved Annex Reserved
2 Choir Practice 4:30pm - F-Hall Business Meeting PM Service	3 Handbell's 5:30pm	4 Annex Reserved Girl Scouts 5pm	5 Awanas 6:15pm Deacons Mtg. 7:45pm	6 James Bible Study 8:30am Home of Janet Rich	7	8 Sanctuary 9:30am Choir Annex Reserved All Day
9 Cantata AM Service	10 Handbell's 5:30pm	11 Bonnie D. Group 11:00am church Annex Reserved Girl Scouts 5pm	12 Balfour Men's Breakfast 8:30pm Awanas 6:15pm	13 Gary Mason's Birthday James Bible Study 8:30am Home of Janet Rich	14 New Beginnings Class 5pm—until F-Hall	15 Woodrow Class 12pm-until F-Hall
16 AM Service Missionary Speaker Lottie Moon Ingathering F-Hall Reserved	17 Handbell's 5:30pm	18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	19 Youth & Awana Christmas Caroling Happy Birthday Jesus Party	20 Frances Spivey's Birthday	21 Donna Purkerson's Birthday	22 F-Hall Reserved Youth 9am—1pm
23 No Evening Services	24 HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED Christmas Eve Com- munion Service 9pm	25 HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED MERRY CHRISTMAS F-Hall reserved	26 HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	27 Sally Barnes' Birthday PATRICIA'S VACATION DAY	28 PATRICIA'S VACATION DAY	29
30 Handbells Am Service	31					



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		1 <i>Happy New Year's</i> <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i>	2 <i>Awanas 6:15pm</i> <i>Deacons Meeting</i> <i>7:45pm office</i>	3 <i>James Bible Study</i> <i>8:30am Home of Janet Rich</i>	4	5
6 <i>Mercy's Well Concert</i> <i>6:30PM Service</i>	7 <i>Handbell's</i> <i>5:30pm</i>	8 <i>Bonnie D. Group</i> <i>11:00am church</i>	9 <i>Balfour Men's Breakfast 8:30pm</i> <i>Awanas 6:15pm</i>	10 <i>James Bible Study</i> <i>8:30am Home of Janet Rich</i>	11	12
13	14 <i>Handbell's</i> <i>5:30pm</i>	15	16 <i>Awanas 6:15pm</i> <i>Finance Committee Meeting 7:45pm office</i>	17	18	19
20	21 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> <i>Handbell's</i> <i>5:30pm</i>	22	23 <i>Awanas 6:15pm</i>	24	25	26
27 <i>Monthly Business Meeting PM Service</i>	28 <i>Handbell's</i> <i>5:30pm</i>	29	30 <i>Awanas 6:15pm</i>	31		