



The Balfour Bugle

Newsletter of Balfour Baptist Church

1642 N Fayetteville St
Asheboro, NC 27203

MARCH 2019

From Pastor Gary...

I hope this communication from your pastor finds each of you doing well. Our church has been hit hard with the flu virus and upper respiratory issues. The hospitals and nursing homes with our people are also inundated with sickness. Our numbers have held pretty strong during this winter despite all the sickness. So, I am sure all of you, like me, will be glad when the sicknesses have run their course. I have been busy leading new members orientation classes for our new members. At our next business meeting we should have several names brought before the church for full membership. I am still excited about the privilege Mark and I had in baptizing 17 people a few weeks ago. We currently have several others who have spoke with me about being baptized in the near future. We are early in our study of the Book of Revelation on Wednesday evenings and would encourage any of our folks to come out and join us. I am also currently preaching on "Sharing the Gospel Thread in Our Everyday Conversations" on Sunday evenings. Our church has a lot of work going on as we prepare for the future. A lot of committees are meeting and a lot of unseen work going on behind the scenes. Please pray for Balfour Baptist Church and pray that God will help me to be led by the Holy Spirit and that I will work in wisdom and love. I am blessed to be serving here at Balfour and look forward to seeing what God is gonna do moving forward.

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

MISSIONS

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

Bonnie D. Mission Group: Tuesday, March 12th, at 11:00am in the fellowship hall.

From Pastor Mark...

Greetings, hope all are doing well? I thank the Lord daily for you and continue to pray that HE will continue to bless you and keep you from sickness as the flu bug has hit some of our folks. The good news is that spring is just around the corner with warmer temperatures and longer days. As things begin to brighten up with the changing season it reminds me that we as God's children should be getting excited about Easter and telling folks about what the risen Savior has done for us. Also, there will be a lot of things happening around here at Balfour, day light savings starting on March 10th, Easter Egg Hunt will be April 20th at 1:00 PM, then we will start looking at an amazing community outreach with Heaven Gates and Hell's Flames, so as you can see there is just a few things happening around here! May we stay steadfast in the Lord and keep Praying that HE sends people to Balfour who are in need of a Savior and a Church home.

I want to take time and thank all the workers who make it happen week in and week out, without you it wouldn't happen! It looks like our numbers are on the upswing again after the sickness has made its rounds. The Awana program is still getting some new kids in the program and Jennifer and the youth group continues to see her group growing each week and the children's worship on Sunday mornings are staying steady with a wonderful number of kids coming each week. Again, I'm so blessed to have such a great team around me as God continues to Bless us here at Balfour. God Bless and until next time much Love and Prayers to you all!
Pastor Mark

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Youth every Wednesday night in annex
(6pm-7:30pm) (for 6th-12th grade students)
For more information contact Jennifer Moore.

AWANA Ministries every Wednesday 6:15pm
For more information contact Pastor Mark Wilburn.

BALFOUR MEN

All men of Balfour Baptist Church are welcome to come enjoy breakfast and enjoy a wonderful time of food & fellowship, Wednesday, March 13th, at 8:30am at the 42 Diner. Contact Pastor Gary for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS Meeting: There will be a meeting for all VBS workers Sunday, March 3rd, at 4:30pm in the fellowship hall.

Eric Horner in Concert: Eric Horner will be in concert Sunday, March 3rd, at 6:30pm. Come join us for an evening of worship in songs hymns.

Deacons Meeting: Wednesday, March 6th, at 7:45pm in the church office.

Ushers Meeting: There will be an Ushers Meeting Sunday, March 10th, at 5:00pm in the fellowship hall.

Habitat for Humanity: On Tuesday, March 12th, the Friendship Class will be providing dinner to the University of Georgia Students who will be in Asheboro during Spring Break. Each year a group comes to help in building a habitat house. If you would like to participate you may contact Donna Jones or Carolyn Santanella.

Newsletter Deadline: Monday, March 25th,

All budget requests MUST be presented to the chairman or any member of the Budget and Finance Committee by Sunday, April 7, 2019 for inclusion in the 2019-2020 budget. Contact person is Dwight Ayers.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family: Thank you so much for the phone calls, cards, food and prayers, and all other acts of kindness. We will be seeing all of you back at Balfour just as soon as possible. Please keep us in your prayers. Love in Christ, Bill and Jewel.

To the Balfour Baptist Church, I wish to express my gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown to me during my hip repair. I am humbled. Thank you richly, Max Bell

MEMORIALS

Donations have been given in memory of **Susie Luther** and **Nancy McNeill** by Roger & Brenda Pritchard for the general fund.

Donations have been given in memory of **Shirleen Cockman** by Joe & Topy Kearns and Bonnie Davenport for the general fund and by The Bible Study Sunday School Class, Ronald & Janet Beasley and Todd & Tonya Gant & Family for the Youth Mission Fund.

Donations have been given in memory of **Nolan Auman** by Tal & Gay Hardin at Hardin's Furniture for the general fund.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Johnny & Dianne Auman in the birth of a granddaughter, Mae Riley Auman, born February 16th, weighing 7lbs. 3.5oz and 19 1/4 " long. Proud parents are Josh & Lynsey Auman of Nashville TN and big brother is Abram Auman.

SMPATHY

The Balfour Church Family extends a heartfelt sympathy to **The Family of Shirleen Cockman**, to **Mabel Hare**, in the loss of her mother, and to **Faye Allred**, in the loss of her father, Nolan Auman.

PRAYER POCKET NOTES.....

What is prayerwalking?

(some insights from the booklet – “Prayerwalking made simple” by J. Chris Schofield)

It may seem awkward to pray while walking and not closing your eyes or bowing your head, but as time progresses you will find something special about this practical approach to prayer. Look for the ordinary things, bicycles, apartments, for sale signs and houses - in light of the people associated with them. The Holy Spirit will direct your prayers for the people of the community and their specific needs. It can truly turn out to be a joyful time with the Lord, walking, talking, listening and interceding on behalf of His Kingdom purposes in people's lives!

PRAYERWALKING IS...

A lifestyle of unceasing prayer

Walking while praying

Intentional prayer toward the Great Commission

Spiritual warfare prayer

Vision oriented prayer

The ultimate purpose of prayerwalking is intimacy with God through relationship. Prayerwalking allows us to walk with Christ in unceasing fellowship in our world.

So, go out – pick a street or neighborhood or town – be intentional about your prayers – allow the Holy Spirit to lead you – stop and pray with someone – pray according to what you know about the area – pray what you observe or see – pray according to the inspiration of God's Spirit. If you do not have a Prayer Pocket and would like one please contact Bobbie Frazier at 336-736-8911 or 336-953-4151 or contact us at prayerpockets@gmail.com

LADIES OF BALFOUR

Ladies of Balfour: Ladies fellowship with a PURPOSE will be Monday, March 18th at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. Our speaker will be Christine Mills from the Family Crisis Center. She will be sharing about services the center provides and talk about Human trafficking. We need to be aware of what is going on right here in our community. This is open to ladies of all ages. Informative information for the young and the young at heart. Please invite your friends. We will be collecting Towels and washcloths to donate to the center (Emmy's House) a box will be located in the welcome center.

FINANCIAL CASH REPORT

Monthly Business Meeting: Sunday, March 24th, during the PM Service. The February financial reports will be reviewed. Copies of the Financial Cash Reports for business meetings are available 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.*



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
BEGINS
TURN YOU CLOCKS UP 1 HOUR
SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH
AT 2:00AM



SPRINGS BEGINS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH




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WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES

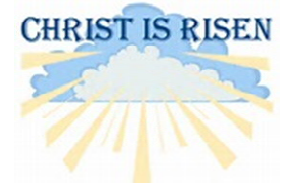
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3 Bells AM Service VBS Meeting 4:30-5:30pm Eric Horner in Concert PM Service	4 Bells 5:30pm	5 <i>Annex Reserved</i> Girl Scouts 5pm	6 Awanas 6:15pm Deacons Meeting 7:45pm office	7 Janet Rich's Bible Study 8:30am	8	9 
10 Ushers Meeting 5:00pm Fellowship Hall	11 Bells 5:30pm	12 11:00am F-Hall Bonnie D. Group Habitat Meal F-Hall Annex Reserved Girl Scouts 5pm	13 Balfour Men's Breakfast 8:30pm Awanas 6:15pm	14 Janet Rich's Bible Study 8:30am	15	16
17 Fellowship Hall Reserved 1-5pm	18 6:30pm F-Hall Ladies of Balfour Bells 5:30pm	19 <i>Annex Reserved</i> Girl Scouts 5pm	20 <i>Spring Begins</i> Awanas 6:15pm	21 Janet Rich's Bible Study 8:30am	22	23
24 Monthly Business Meeting PM Service	25 Newsletter Deadline Bells 5:30pm	26 <i>Annex Reserved</i> Girl Scouts 5pm	27 Awanas 6:15pm	28 Janet Rich's Bible Study 8:30am	29	30 F-Hall Reserved All Day
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7 <i>Bells Play AM Service</i>	8	9 11:00am <i>Bonnie D. Group Annex Reserved Girl Scouts 5pm</i>	10 Balfour Men's <i>Breakfast 8:30pm Awanas 6:15pm</i>	11	12	13 <i>Fellowship Hall Reserved</i>
14 <i>Murray Tillis AM & PM Service</i>	15 <i>RBA Spring Meeting Macedonia Baptist</i>	16 <i>Annex Reserved Girl Scouts 5pm</i>	17	18	19 <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i>	20 <i>Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 pm</i>
21 ✠EASTER ✠ <i>Sunrise 7:00am Breakfast 7:30am Sunday School 8:30am Worship 9:30am NO PM Service</i>	22 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	23 <i>Annex Reserved Girl Scouts 5pm</i>	24	25	26	27
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