



# The Balfour Bugle

## Newsletter of Balfour Baptist Church

1642 N Fayetteville St  
Asheboro, NC 27203

APRIL 2019

### From Pastor Gary...

We are entering into the spring season and all of us are hoping that all the sickness will begin to subside. Our attendance is showing signs of picking up and each Sunday we are having numerous visitors. I am currently working with 16 in our current new members orientation. Our youth program and our children's program are all running stable. We are praying that God will continue to grow these areas because they are vital to the life of our church as we look to the future. As we here at Balfour face the changing season, we are excited about the holiday season as we approach Easter. On Palm Sunday (April 14) we will be having Murray Tillis here to present an Easter message at 11:00am. Then at 3:30pm and 6:30pm on April 14<sup>th</sup>, we will have Murray Tillis leading us in "The Passover Supper". We will be celebrating the Lord's supper as we approach Easter. I think it will be a powerful, spiritual experience for each of us. Let me encourage everyone to please sign up in the welcome center if you plan to attend one of these sessions. The next week beginning on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm, we will be having our Community Easter Egg Hunt, which will revolve around the presentation of the gospel. Then on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, we will have Sunrise Service at 7:00am in the sanctuary. At 7:30am we will be having a fellowship breakfast for our membership. We will follow this with Sunday School at 8:30am, then follow with our worship service starting at 9:45am. May God bless our work and service for Him as we move forward.

### EXTENSION MEMBERS – PRAYER LIST

#### Nursing Homes

Carolyn Barnes (Clapps) James Barnes (North Pointe)  
Brenda Williams(Brookstone Haven)  
Joline Mills (Brookdale Assisted Living)

#### Live at Home

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

### MISSIONS

**CUOC Item:** The month of April is "TBA ".

**Bonnie D. Mission Group:** Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am in the fellowship hall.

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering:** The offering ingathering is to take place April 7<sup>th</sup>, during morning worship.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DEACONS MEETING:** Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:45pm in the church office.

**JESUS IN THE PASSOVER:** Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, Murray Tillis will be with us at 11:00am, 3:30pm & 6:30pm. At the 3:30pm & 6:30pm services we will have a passover meal with Murray Tillis. Please sign up in the welcome center to attend one of the Passover Meal Services. Contact persons are Pastor Gary or Pastor Mark.

**RBA SPRING MEETING:** Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at Macedonia Baptist Church. Registration begins at 6:30pm and the program begins at 7:00pm.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**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.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

**BELK CHARITY SALE:** Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, All Day. 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 or the church office. All proceeds are for Children's Summer Camp.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS:** Mark your calendars for May 20<sup>th</sup> - May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be having photo sessions, Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 2pm - 9pm each day and on Wednesday, 12pm to 6pm. Photos will be taken in the annex. Go ahead and be checking your calendar so when we start signing up for times you will be ready to sign up for your preferred time slot. More details forth coming.

**VBS - IN THE WILD:** VBS will be held June 10 - 14 from 6:30pm until 8:30pm. Anyone willing to help please sign the sheet located in the Welcome Center. We need help in all areas from helping with decorations to the family night meal. There is a critical need for lead teachers, male and female.

### **EASTER SCHEDULE**

**PATRICIA'S VACATION DAY:** Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, for Easter Holiday.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm.

### **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019 SERVICES**

**\*\*Please sign up for breakfast in the welcome center. \*\***

Sunrise: 7:00am, Breakfast: 7:30am,

Sunday School: 8:30am, Worship: 9:45am

**NO Evening Services.**

### **From Pastor Mark...**

Happy Spring to everyone! Hope you all are doing well as we look forward to Easter and all the activities that will be taking place here around Balfour! Don't forget about Murray Tills coming on April 14<sup>th</sup>, and the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 20<sup>th</sup>, starting at 1:00PM, along with our Easter morning services on Resurrection Day! It's been wonderful seeing folks back in the church who have been out due to sickness and other things that have kept them out. I'm so thankful to all of you who have jumped in and helped out on Sundays and Wednesdays when we've been shorthanded in our children's ministry areas. If you would like to help out every now and again would you please let me know so we can get you on the help list? Once again, I'm so grateful to be here at Balfour as I just had my first year anniversary on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you all so much for your love and support as we continue to do what God has called us all to do here at Balfour.

### **CHILDREN & YOUTH**

**AWANA Ministries** every Wednesday 6:15pm.

For more information contact Pastor Mark Wilburn.

**NO Awana Ministries** April 17<sup>th</sup>. Spring Break.

**Youth** every Wednesday night in annex

(6pm-7:30pm) (for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students)

For more information contact Jennifer Moore.

### **HONORARIUM DONATIONS**

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

Donations have been given in honor of **Billy Strider** by Roger & Carolyn Robbins for the Youth & VBS.

### **SMPATHY**

The Balfour Church Family extends a heartfelt sympathy to **The Family of John Davis**, to **Gary Gray**, in the loss of his brother, Jerry Gray and **The Family of Don Cox**.

### **THANK YOU**

**Thank you** each and everyone for all the kindness you shared during the loss of our Mother! She absolutely loved her church family so much and we will be forever grateful to each of you for the love that you showed my Mother and our family. Thank you all!! Lisa Welch and The Children of Shirleen Cockman

**Thank you** for all your prayers, calls, visits and cards during my long recovery from surgery. I've missed being at Balfour. Watching the services online is good but being there is better. See you soon, Becky Howard

**We appreciate** your continued support with your donation to purchase snacks for our surgery waiting room! Thank you, Sylvia Beamer, Randolph Health

### **MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

An upright freezer has been donated to the fellowship hall in memory of **Betty Harris** by Carolyn Robbins.

Donations have been given in memory of **Susie Luther** and **John Davis** by Bonnie Davenport for the general fund.

Donations have been given in memory of **Shirleen Cockman** by Nancy Williams for the general fund, by Asheboro Regency Square HOA, Inc., Billy & Jennifer Cole, Ruth Ann Allred and Billie Jarrett for the Youth Mission Fund and by John & Jean Davis for the Choir Fund.

Donations have been given in memory of **John Davis** by Bonnie Davenport, Calvin & Sandra Patterson, Jim & Betty Stahl, The Friendship Sunday School Class, Lloyd & Ann Hamlet, Becky Howard, Roger & Brenda Pritchard, Denise Marrow Collett, The Adult Choir and Bill & Janet Tyler for the general fund.

Donations have been given in memory of **Don Cox** by Roger & Brenda Pritchard for the general fund.

### **BALFOUR MEN**

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

**Randolph Christian Men:** "Soup's On" Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, you may come enjoy a meal anytime between 4-7pm, at the First Baptist church Christian Life Center. Cost is \$25 person includes soup and a pottery bowl. For more details contact Landis Hall.

### **LADIES OF BALFOUR**

Join the Ladies of Balfour as we meet with a PURPOSE on Monday evening April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. Our PURPOSE- a Baby Shower for Your Choices Randolph County! Wanda McDowell will fill us in on all the exciting news of YOUR CHOICES (the pregnancy care center). Please come and support this awesome mission by bringing a baby gift and a card of encouragement to the person who will be blessed by it. Contact person is Bobbie Frazier. 336-953-4151.

## PRAYER POCKET NOTES.....

Being forgiven - we ask - God forgives

Is there more to it than that? Yes...it is called repentance...2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow concerning his promise, as some regard slowness, but is being patient toward you, because he does not wish for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

It is truly a humbling experience to know we have sinned, ask for forgiveness and then repent...in other words - we recognize the sin and come to God with a heavy heart, asking for forgiveness. During that prayer time we ask for the wisdom (wisdom is knowledge combined with Godly character- knowing and doing what is right) - and we ask for the strength to turn around from the sin.

Think of it as walking toward a fire - a blazing fire! You know what is in store for you if you walk into the fire, even if you barely come in contact with the fire or breathe some of the smoke from the fire. The results of your skirting the fire may not seem as bad, but it can all have lasting effects on you. So as you come to the fire - you make a 180 degree turn.

### **Going completely the opposite direction.**

*God's grace is a beautiful thing to behold and it happens every time we ask for forgiveness.*

Seek God through prayer, use your prayer pocket as a tool to create that intimate time of conversation between you and God.

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

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Bill & Patty Mulkey 778 Bray Blvd. Asheboro, NC 27205	Barbara Thompson 791 Bray Blvd. Asheboro, NC 27205
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Jim & Judith Owens 1401 Ervin Lane Asheboro, NC 27205	Shirley Ridge 725 S. Main St. #3B Asheboro, NC 27203
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Brad & Angie Oakes 126 Randolph St. Randleman, NC 27317	Sissy Ridge 720 Redding Road Asheboro, NC 27205
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Brenda Cain 1306 Old Cox Rd. Apt 220 Asheboro, NC 27205	Jeffery & Myra Howell 1189 East River Run Asheboro, NC 27205
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## FINANCIAL CASH REPORT

**Monthly Business Meeting:** Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, during the PM Service. The March financial reports will be reviewed. Copies of the Financial Cash Reports for business meetings are available on the front pew.

## BALFOUR BAPTIST CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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### Church Address

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### Ministerial Staff

#### Pastor

Rev. Gary Mason

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Phone Number

336-240-6202

### Minister/Director of Children & Preschool

Rev. Mark Wilburn

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Phone Number

336-953-6733

### Youth Director

Jennifer Moore

[youth@balfourchurch.com](mailto:youth@balfourchurch.com)

### Music Staff

#### Music Director

Donna A. Purkerson

[music@balfourchurch.com](mailto:music@balfourchurch.com)

#### Organist

Frances M. Spivey

#### Pianist

Sally L. Barnes

### Nursery Support Staff

Kim Scruggs - Sunday AM Services

Misty Bunting - Sunday & Wednesday PM Services

### Support Staff

#### Digital Media Coordinator

Harold Ayers

[media@balfourchurch.com](mailto:media@balfourchurch.com)

### Church Administrative Assistant

Patricia H. Spencer

[secretary@balfourchurch.com](mailto:secretary@balfourchurch.com)

*Normal office hours are 8:00am to 3:30pm Monday - Friday with a 30 minute lunch taken sometime between 12 & 1.*



# April 2019

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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	2  <i>Annex Reserved Girl Scouts 5pm</i>	3  <i>Awana 6:15pm  Deacons Meeting 7:45pm office</i>	4 <i>Janet Rich's Bible Study 8:30am</i>	5	6  <i>Ladies of Balfour Event</i>
7  <i>Handbells &amp; Annie Armstrong Ingathering AM Service</i>	8 <i>Handbells 5:30pm</i>	9 11:00am <i>Bonnie D. Group  Annex Reserved Girl Scouts 5pm</i>	10 <i>Balfour Men's Breakfast 8:30pm  Awana 6:15pm</i>	11	12	13  <i>Fellowship Hall Reserved</i>
14 <i>Murray Tillis AM Service Passover Meal 3:30pm &amp; 6:30pm Fellowship Hall</i>	15 <i>Handbells 5:30pm  Ladies of Balfour 6:30pm F-Hall RBA Spring Meeting Macedonia 7:00pm</i>	16  <i>Annex Reserved Girl Scouts 5pm</i>	17  NO AWANA	18  <i>Patricia Spencer's Vacation Day</i>	19  OFFICE CLOSED	20  <i>Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 pm</i>
21 <b>✠EASTER✠</b> <i>Sunrise 7:00am Breakfast 7:30am Sunday School 8:30am Worship 9:45am NO PM Service</i>	22 <i>Handbells 5:30pm  Newsletter Deadline</i>	23  <i>Annex Reserved Girl Scouts 5pm</i>	24  <i>Awana 6:15pm</i>	25	26	27
28  <i>Monthly Business Mtg. PM Service</i>	29 <i>Handbells 5:30pm</i>	30  <i>Annex Reserved Girl Scouts 5pm</i>				



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			1 CHURCH RESERVED <i>Awanas 6:15pm</i> <i>Deacons Meeting</i> <i>7:45pm office</i>	2 FOR SET CONSTRUCTION	3 HEAVEN'S GATES	4 HELL'S FLAMES <i>Belk Charity Sale</i> <i>Begins at 7:00am</i> <i>Last All Day</i>
5  HEAVEN'S GATES/HELL'S FLAMES	6	7  <i>Annex Reserved</i> <i>Girl Scouts 5pm</i>  7PM NIGHTLY	8 <i>Balfour Men's</i> <i>Breakfast 8:30pm</i> <i>Awanas 6:15pm</i> <i>7:45pm office</i> <i>Finance Committee</i> <i>Meeting</i>	9	10	11
12 <i>MOTHER'S DAY</i>  <i>NO PM SERVICE</i>	13 <i>Handbells 5:30pm</i>	14  <i>11:00am</i> <i>Bonnie D. Group</i>  <i>Annex Reserved</i> <i>Girl Scouts 5pm</i>	15  <i>Awanas 6:15pm</i>	16	17	18
19	20 <i>Handbells 5:30pm</i>  <i>2PM-9PM</i> <i>ANNEX</i> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21  <i>2PM-9PM</i> <i>ANNEX</i>	22  <i>12PM-6PM</i> <i>ANNEX</i>	23  <i>2PM-9PM</i> <i>ANNEX</i>	24	25
26	27  <i>MEMORIAL DAY</i> <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i>	28  <i>Annex Reserved</i> <i>Girl Scouts 5pm</i>	29	30	31	