



# The Balfour Bugle

## Newsletter of Balfour Baptist Church

1642 N Fayetteville St  
Asheboro, NC 27203

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DECEMBER 2019

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### From Pastor Gary

We are now moving into our Holiday Season where hopefully all of us are reminded that it's all about Him! How thankful we should be for all that He has done for us in that Jesus came into the world to deliver us from the bondage of sin. The past four weeks has certainly been a busy time for me. The privilege I had to go on the trip to Israel was beyond amazing for me. I really don't think I will ever be quite the same after walking where Jesus walked. The sights I got to see and the presence of the Spirit of the Lord in those places has made an impact in my life. Mark & I had the privilege of attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Greensboro. The convention was great but the thing I enjoyed most was to be able to have extended time with Pastor Mark as we talked about our church, how we can build the Kingdom of God here and discussed ideas on how to get there. Often, we are so busy doing various things that we don't get the time to get deep in our conversations about our ministry that we have been called to do. There's a lot going on, our Operation Christmas Child has kicked off and is in full speed. This Sunday evening many of our membership will gather together at A.V.S. for our Holiday Meal together as a family. I'm excited and thrilled that we can spend quality time together.

### MISSIONS

**CUOC Item:** The month of December is "manwich".

**Bonnie D. Mission Group:** Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am in the fellowship hall.

**Missionary Speaker:** Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, during the AM Service.

### EXTENSION MEMBERS – PRAYER LIST

#### Nursing Homes

Carolyn Barnes & Linda Cockerham (Clapps)  
Brenda Williams (Brookstone Haven)

#### Live at Home

Kat Church	Betty Dyer	Faye Dunning
Evelyn Fagg	Joline Mills	Juanita Moody
Uzina Morris		

### From Pastor Mark...

Greetings, hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving and the time spent with family and friends has a wonderful meaning for all. Please remember Donna Purkerson as she is recovering from her broken wrist. A big shout out to all who helped with the packing of shoe boxes and the trailers for children around the world. May God continue the great work here at Balfour as we continue to reach people in the name of Jesus! We have a lot of things happening around here and if I haven't told you lately how wonderful it is to be a part of this awesome team that God has placed me in, then I'm just letting you know how blessed I am to be here with you. Continue to remember those who are sick and that God's hand would be upon them as we lift them up in prayer. As we march into the Christmas season may we keep our focus on Jesus and help others see him! Love and blessings, Pastor Mark

### BALFOUR MEN

**All men of Balfour Baptist Church** are welcome to come enjoy breakfast and enjoy a wonderful time of food & fellowship, Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30am at the 42 Diner. Contact Pastor Gary for more information.

### SENIOR SAINTS

**The Senior Adults** will be going to the Temple Theatre, Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. We will leave the church at 11:00am, stop for lunch and attend the play "Away in the Basement".

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Gary Mason** Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>,  
1933 Masons Drive, Asheboro, NC 27205

**Frances Spivey** Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>,  
1555 Shady Drive, Asheboro, NC 27203

**Donna Purkerson** Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>,  
330 W. Presnell Street, #13, Asheboro, NC 27203

**Sally Barnes** Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>,  
423 Cliff Road, Asheboro, NC 27203

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DEACONS MEETING:** Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:45pm in the office.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please send in all thank you notes, announcements, etc.

#### NO WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES:

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>.

**CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE:** There will be a Christmas Eve Communion Service Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00pm in the sanctuary.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, for the Christmas Holidays.

**PATRICIA'S VACATION DAY:** Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.

### AWANA MINISTRIES

**Awana Classes** are every Wednesday, at 6:00pm and continue through May of 2020. There will be **NO Awana Ministries** Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>.

Contact person is Pastor Mark.

### YOUTH MINISTRIES

**There will be a Youth Christmas Performance** Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, during the AM Service.

**The Children & Youth** will be going to McAdenville to look at Christmas Light Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jennifer Moore for details.

**Youth Meetings** every Wednesday evening at 6:00pm in the annex. There will be **NO Youth Meeting** Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>.

Contact person: Youth Director, Jennifer Moore.

### CHOIR

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Choir practice is at 4:30pm each Sunday in the sanctuary from now until **The Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**. We will practice Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30am until 12:00pm noon in the sanctuary. Anyone interested in joining the choir is asked to speak with Donna Purkerson for further information about choir membership.

### CONGRATULATIONS

**Brad & Angie Oakes:** Birth of a Grandson, Aryan James Elkes-Clay, born November 3, 2019 weighing 1 lbs. 2oz. Please continue to pray for Aryan as he continues to grow and gain strength.

### SYMPATHY

The Balfour Church Family extends a heartfelt sympathy to **Jewel Applewhite** in the loss of her brother, Kenneth Dutton.

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

**Donations** have been given in memory of **Bobby Miller** by Johnny & Dianne Auman, Nancy Williams, Gene & Linda Burrow and Roger & Alice Luther for the general fund and by Bill & Jewel Applewhite and Glenn & Alice Dawson for the Music Fund.

### THANK YOU

**I want to thank** all the church for the cards and calls but mostly for your prayers. I want to everyone to know I love them very much. Love in Christ, Barbara Brower

**Thank you** for the beautiful flower arrangement you sent to the funeral home when my Mom passed away. Also, thank you for the wonderful meal that was prepared for everyone after the funeral. A big heartfelt thank you to you all! Carolyn Toomes

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. 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 Fellowship Hall. 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 Fellowship Hall.
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

### 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.

## Prayer Pocket Notes

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.” Martin Luther

Each morning after you open your prayer time with praise and adoration continue with prayers for your personal life, for your church, for salvation and then pray for America and spiritual awakening ...

**Luke 19:41** - “As He came near and saw the city, He wept over it.”

**The question we all must ask – where are our passionate tears and prayers for revival?**

Pray for the lost to prepare their hearts for the seed to take root.

Pray that they would not only hear your Word, but be obedient to the Word.

Pray that they would be released to believe and be delivered from the powers of darkness that would keep them from having a saving relationship with you.

*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

Barry & Tammy McKenzie

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Asheboro, NC 27205

**\*ADDRESS CORRECTION**



*We would like to wish you  
and your family  
A Very Merry Christmas  
and*

*Happy New Year.  
Love in Christ,  
The Balfour Church Staff  
Pastor Gary Mason  
Pastor Mark Wilburn  
Patricia Spencer  
Donna Purkerson  
Frances Spivey  
Sally Barnes  
Jennifer Moore  
Patricia Underwood  
Misty Bunting  
Harold Ayers*



## FINANCIAL CASH REPORT

**Monthly Business Meeting:** TBA - Copies of the Financial Cash Reports for business meetings are available on the front pew.

## BALFOUR BAPTIST CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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### Ministerial Staff

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#### Youth Director

Jennifer Moore

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### 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

Patricia Underwood - Sunday AM Services

Misty Bunting - Sunday & Wednesday PM Services

### Support Staff

#### Digital Media Coordinator

Harold Ayers

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### Church Administrative Assistant

Patricia H. Spencer

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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 Youth Cantata AM Service  Lottie Moon Post Office BEGINS	2	3  Annex Reserved Girl Scouts 5:30pm	4 Deacon Meeting 7:45pm office  Awana 6:00pm	5  F-Hall Reserved	6 Seniors Trip to Temple Theatre 11:00am	7 Sanctuary Reserved 9:30am—Noon
8 Choir Cantata AM Service  Lottie Moon Post Office	9	10 Bonnie D. Group 11:00am Church Annex Reserved Girl Scouts 5:30pm	11 Men's Breakfast 8:30am 42 Diner  Awana 6:00pm	12  F-Hall Reserved	13 Pastor Gary's Birthday  Bus Reserved	14 McAdenville Children & Youth  F-Hall Reserved Annex Reserved
15 Lottie Moon Emphasis Sunday  Lottie Moon Post Office	16	17  Annex Reserved Girl Scouts 5:30pm	18  Awana 6:00pm	19  F-Hall Reserved	20 Frances Spivey's Birthday  Annex Reserved	21 Donna Purkerson's Birthday Annex & F-Hall Reserved
22 Lottie Moon Post Office ENDS	23	24 OFFICE CLOSED  Christmas Eve Communion Service 9:00pm	25 OFFICE CLOSED NO SERVICES Christmas Day F-Hall Reserved All Day	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 Sally Barnes' Birthday  Patricia's Vacation Day	28
29	30	31				



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