



The Balfour Bugle

Newsletter of Balfour Baptist Church

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MAY 2020

From Pastor Gary...

Well, we are still hanging tough during these unusual days. This COVID-19 scare has really forced a lot of changes in all of our lives, not to mention our church. We have worked hard to try to keep things going with sharing the Word of God and keeping all of our people together. I sure miss seeing everyone each Sunday and Wednesday. All this has really changed our plans and schedules for our spring and summer. Good news is that things appear to be getting better and hopefully there is a light at the end of the tunnel. I truly believe we will soon start taking steps for us to resume our worship together. We are taking it day by day and are awaiting direction and instruction from our state and federal leadership. Until that becomes a little clearer for us, we will continue putting the Word of God out there three times a week. Rest assured, we are planning on what resumption of our worship will look like and when that may be. Pray for our ministry here at Balfour, that God will continue to bless it and that He will guide us in the right steps that we will need to take. Pray for our people, that God will remove fear and give them peace to come back to the House of God.

From Pastor Mark...

Greetings, what a wonderful Savior we serve! I hope that you celebrated the RISEN SAVIOR a few weeks ago and are still worshiping HIM? A shout out to my Balfour family for all the encouragement that y'all have sent mine and Wanda's way. Would you be in prayer with us as we are under this social distancing order, pray that it would soon be gone and that we can come back into the house of God and pray for those who have been sick with it and their families whom have suffered from it? I just believe that God is trying to wake up HIS church and to move them into personal evangelism to reach those who are lost. Thank you once again for your out pouring of love and support during this difficult time we're in. Blessings and Prayers, Pastor Mark

MISSIONS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE CLOSED: Monday, May 25th, for Memorial Day.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Monday, May 25th. Please send in all thank you notes, announcements, etc.

EXTENSION MEMBERS – PRAYER LIST

Nursing Homes

Carolyn Barnes & Linda Cockerham (Clapps)

Brenda Williams (Brookstone Haven)

Lounette Ingold (Cross Road)

Live at Home

Joe & Kat Church Betty Dyer Faye Dunning

Evelyn Fagg Joline Mills Juanita Moody

Uzina Morris Raeford & Mary Lee Routh

THANK YOU

Balfour Church Family, Thank you so much for the chicken dinner you provided us on Monday night. We appreciate all the love and prayers you all are sending us during this time! Kindly, Phillip, Amy Phil, Katie, Shannon and Kathy

VBS

June 8th – June 12th

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Calvin & Sandra Patterson in the birth of a granddaughter, Larkin Ruth Stover, born March 4, 2020 at 6:10pm and weighed 9 lbs. and was 21.5 inches long. Proud parents are Rob & Valerie Stover and very proud great grandfather is Tom Glass.

Congratulations to Ben & Victoria Hedgecock announce the birth of their son Chandler Isaiah Hedgecock on March 28, 2020. Grandparents are Leonard & Sheila Davenport Hedgecock. Proud great-grandmother is Bonnie Davenport.

Prayer Pocket Notes

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.” Martin Luther T. C. Stallings, star of War Room, is also the author of “The Pursuit – 14 Ways in 14 Days To Passionately Seek God’s Purpose For Your Life”. He has given me personal approval to use excerpts from this book in Prayer Pocket Ministries. These excerpts are intended to help guide you into a more personal prayer life.

“My intention in this book is to help you discover why your purpose, which was ordained by God before He created you in your mother’s womb, should be your number one pursuit in life. The goal over the next fourteen days is to help you understand the need to become extremely passionate about it.”

Prayer Pocket Ministries goal for these next fourteen months of the monthly newsletter is to help guide you to a more passionate prayer life. One that is intentional. One that is personal. One that is PASSIONATE.

Day Two – DON’T STOP THE PLAN - *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.”* Jeremiah 29:11

“We know God has a purpose and a plan for our lives. Jeremiah 29:11 assures us that this plan of His cannot be stopped by anyone or anything outside of **ourselves**. We stop God’s plan for our lives by never letting it get started, or by quitting it once it does get started.”

T.C. continues – “Don’t make the common mistake of following your own goals, dreams and desires, and then placing the Jeremiah 29:11 tag on it.”

We can all be moved by leaders who can stir us to move ahead, someone who believes we can do the task he has given and who will be with us all the way. God is that kind of leader. Remember though that this promise, this truth, does not mean we will be spared pain or hardship. It means God will see us through to a perfect conclusion. Last month we talked about PURPOSE – now prepare yourself to accept the PLAN.

“Embrace Jeremiah 29:11. Ask God to replace your plans with His plans. And, rest assured that whatever God calls you to do – no matter the circumstances – it will absolutely prosper.”

“Think about these questions this month – 1. Do you have a plan for your life? What is it? 2. Is that plan designed by God, by someone else, by your or a mix of these? 3. Which do you believe is best for you in the long run: your plan, someone else’s for God’s?”

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

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Donations have been given in memory of **Evelyn Fagg** by Robert Walker, Arnold & Rebecca Lakey, Faylene Bowman, Lloyd & Ann Hamley, Dorothy Key, Philip & Roberta Brown, Kenneth & Patsy Callicutt, Class of 1959 Seagrove High School, Roger & Brenda Pritchard, Joe & Toppy Kearns, Brian & Patty Gordon, Jeffery Walker, Becky Howard, and Lyndon & Ann Beane for the general fund.

Donations have been given in memory of **Evelyn Fagg** by Bonnie Davenport for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

SYMPATHY

The Balfour Church Family extends a heartfelt sympathy to **The Family of Evelyn Fagg**.

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Budget Offerings**APRIL 2020 TO DATE**

	APRIL	YTD
Budget needs	30,762.00	348,636.00
Actual Budget offerings Rec'd	39,805.20	390,260.62
Over/(Under) Budget	9,043.20	41,624.62