



The Balfour Bugle

Newsletter of Balfour Baptist Church

1642 N Fayetteville St
Asheboro, NC 27203

AUGUST 2020

From Pastor Gary...

As I write this, we at Balfour have been out of the sanctuary for about four months. Right now we have no real idea when we can officially gather together again as one body. I really feel like we have taken the right approach. Better safe than sorry. We had originally targeted late June for resuming Wednesday night service. However, the spike in COVID-19 cases in our area forced that date to pass by. The outbreak at Cross Road shows how easy the same thing could happen here. It will be interesting to see the results of many beach vacations during the fourth weekend. I would love to start back soon but I still believe that we need to stay the course and wait on God's direction. We are planning on meeting with the Deacons on July 29th and discuss our plans moving forward. Please pray for me and our leadership as we seek to do what's best for the body of Christ at Balfour. We really need to see a drop in COVID-19 cases in our area before we move forward and start our services again. Pray that God will rebuke this virus and get us safely back in the house.

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
Joline Mills Juanita Moody
Uzina Morris Raeford & Mary Lee Routh

MISSIONS

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

From Pastor Mark...

Greetings family, man oh man we've hit a hot spell here in our area! I was so thankful to get a shower the other afternoon, it sure help the garden. It kinda reminded me of our spiritual life, you see folks on fire for the Lord then you see them totally away from the Lord. We need to be a "shower of God" to our family and friends who have seemed to be dried out of the Lords will. That shower that helps them see they need to get back with walking with the Lord! Hopefully we'll be able to get back together again soon. Love all of y'all! Now go help water some folks who's gotten away from the Lord! Blessings and Prayers, Pastor Mark

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEACONS MEETING: Wednesday, August 5th, at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. Contact person is Charles Allen.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Monday, August 24th. Please send in all thank you notes, announcements, etc.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bill & Jane Bridges in the birth of a granddaughter, Elizabeth Kate Bridges, born Jun 30, 2020. She weighed in at 9 pounds and 2 ounces. Proud parents are Matt & Mary Beth Bridges.

SYMPATHY

A heartfelt sympathy goes out to **The Family of Gary Garner, Lisa Bunting** in the loss of her grandfather, Willie Cagle, **Kristy Jones** in the loss of her grandfather, Louis Ferrari, and to **Bill Applewhite** in the loss of his sister, Lacey (Jerri) Journine Rowe..

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Donations have been given in memory of **Pamela Bunting** by Joe & Topsy Kearns for the general fund.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent to my sister's funeral. Your thoughtfulness meant so much to me. Thank you for all the cards, prayers and calls from my church family. Hilda Marley

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers shared with our family during this difficult time. God bless you, The Family of Linda Roser (Hilda Marley's sister)

During a time like this we realize how much our friends mean to us...Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of Willie Cagle.

Thank you for the donation to the Cancer Society. It will be greatly appreciated. What a wonderful church. Miss you all, Sylvia Dabbs

There are no words to say how grateful we are for our church family and friends. On behalf of the entire Strider family, we are so appreciative for all the cards, calls, and acts of kindness; but, most of all we thank you for your prayers for Mark and our family. Your prayers have kept us supported and we request that you please continue praying. God is good. We love you all. Billy & Carolyn

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2020 "Pray NC Pray!" Project THURSDAY COURTHOUSE PRAYER

7:20—7:35 AM (15 minutes)

Scripture and a prayer led by a different minister each week on the Randolph County Historic Courthouse Lawn

Be in prayer for the unity of our nation, state, county, cities and citizens.

Plan to participate and start your day out with a blessing.

Mark your calendar for six weeks of Thursday morning prayer.

July 30, 2020

August 6, 2020

August 13, 2020

The **Morning Courthouse Prayer** Service Ministers (at 7:20 AM) are as follows:

7/30/20

Pastor Scott Kidd, Union Grove Christian Church

8/06/20

Pastor Michael Trogdon,
Kingdom Life Community Church

8/13/20

Pastor Jason Baker, Rushwood Church