



The Balfour Bugle

Newsletter of Balfour Baptist Church

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From Pastor Gary...

I sincerely hope all of our people are doing well. We are still faced with the unknown of this virus. Our county and city COVID-19 cases are continuing to rise. I, along with the leadership here at Balfour Baptist are trying to be cautious and make wise decisions as to when we will begin to resume services. We are constantly monitoring the latest numbers and communicating as to what will be best for all of our people. Please keep in mind that we have a lot of senior adults who have serious underlying health conditions that makes many of our people to be at great risk. One of these days, it will begin to level off and come down and this will result in us being back in the House of God. Please know that we are doing all we can to get the Word of God flowing from Balfour Church. I ask for your patience and trust in these days, and most importantly keep your eyes on Jesus. He's got us and we will be just fine!

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 July is "TBA".

From Pastor Mark...

Greetings folks, hope everyone is doing well and being Blessed? It looks like a hot summer ahead of us and some long days ahead. Please be in prayer for the leadership of the church as we keep looking and watching the numbers on the COVID-19. Hopefully we'll be able to get back in the church before too much longer. Would you do me a favor, how about checking on some of your friends and those you know that are in the rest homes and other places that may need to hear your voice to bring a smile on their face? I'm THANKFUL and GRATEFUL for all the LOVE you gave to me for my birthday a few weeks ago! May we continue to be the church that God has called us to be in HIS name here in our community and around the world! Didn't know if you knew that our services are being seen around the world each week, our views are still rising as folks are tuning in to watch Balfour Baptist Church. I would personally like to say Thank YOU to our Sheppard, Rev. Gary Mason, for his leadership, guidance, prayers and love that he has given to me during these crazy times and his example on how to lead, love and serve in times of trouble! Until next time may God Bless YOU real good! Pastor Mark

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE CLOSED: Friday, July 3rd, for the "4th of July" Holiday.

PATRICIA'S VACATION: Monday, July 6th - Friday, July 10th.

PASTOR MARK'S VACATION: Saturday, July 11th - Saturday, July 18th.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Monday, July 20th. Please send in all thank you notes, announcements, etc.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Keith & Cindy Eddins in the birth of a granddaughter, Paisley Brooke Eddins, born May 28, 2020 and weighing in at 7 lb. 8 oz. and 19 inches long.

THANK YOU

A special thanks to each of you who expressed concern and love in any way following my fall and broken clavicle. The many calls, cards, food and prayers have been such a blessing. I am doing much better now and thank God for each of you. With Love, Jewel Applewhite

Thank you for the food, flowers, cards and prayers. What a wonderful church family. Thank you, Patty Mulkey and the family of Barbara Thompson

Dear Balfour Baptist Church, On behalf of Communities in Schools, I would like to thank you for your tremendous support in our Backpack Program this year! Your church has been so generous and we are grateful!

This year Balfour Baptist prepared around 944 bags and contributed over \$4900 in food to help feed children at NAMS! Glenda Smith has been so easy to work with and even after school closed stepped up to fill the need! You definitely demonstrate Christ's love in services to the world. God Bless, Joanne Corsbie, Communities in Schools

Thank you to all those that sent a card to celebrate my 90th birthday. I would love to thank each of you in person, but am unable to do so. I received 92 cards to make this a wonderful milestone. Love in Christ, Rev. C. Gene Booker

Staff and Church Members, Thank you so much for the beautiful floral spray you sent to express your sympathy in the passing of our Mom, Cynthia Wilson. Balfour Baptist Church has provided a place to worship and to learn more about our Lord and Savior for many in the Pritchard Family through the years. Respectfully, The Families of Randy & Robby Wilson

SYMPATHY

A heartfelt sympathy goes out to The Family of Barbara Thompson, The Family of Troy Loflin, Sylvia Dabbs in the loss of her brother, Worth Trogdon, Jr., to Roger Pritchard in the loss of his sister Cynthia Wilson, to Chris Bunting in the loss of his mother, Pamela Bunting and to Hilda Marley in the loss of her sister, Linda Roser.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Donations have been given in memory of Evelyn Fagg by Connie M. Kidd and D. L. & Roberta Jordan for the general fund.

Donations have been given in memory of Troy Loflin by Phyllis Garner for the general fund.

Donations have been given in memory of Barbara Thompson by Jerry & Wanda Bowman, Lindsey Bullins, Sheila Nelson, Curtis Leonard, James & Barbara Davis, Sandra Thompson and James & Candace Brooks for the Building Fund (sound & lighting upgrades).

Donations have been given in memory of Barbara Thompson by Joe & Topsy Kearns, Charles & Sandra Allen and Bill & Jewel Applewhite or the general fund.

Donations have been given in memory of Barbara Thompson by Lyndon & Ann Beane for the Senior Adults Fund.

Donations have been given in memory of Cynthia Wilson by Bill & Jewel Applewhite for the general fund.

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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 9, 2020	July 16, 2020
July 23, 2020	July 30, 2020
August 6, 2020	August 13, 2020

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

7/09/20

Pastor Travis Cooke, West Asheboro Church of God

7/16/20

Pastor Nathan Kiser, Cornerstone Church

7/23/20

Pastor Jody Harrison, Bethel Baptist Church

7/30/20

Pastor Scott Kidd, Union Grove Christian Church

8/06/20

Pastor Michael Trogon,
Kingdom Life Community Church

8/13/20

Pastor Jason Baker, Rushwood Church

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 Four – KNOW WHAT TO DO – “If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. James 1:5

“Who? What? When? Where? Why? How? Questions. Anytime you and I,” T.C. explains, “have to take on a challenge, task, mission, or assignment, we function best when we know exactly what we are getting into (or why we have to get into it, or who will help us get out of it, and so on). We simply do better with challenges when we are confident in our decision making.”

Stallings covers several points in Chapter Four that help us grab on to the fact that we are all going to face these challenges at one time or another and sometimes we feel like we are walking around in the dark. God does not give us too much to bear, ever.

“For some reason, there is a misconception that Christ followers walk in blind faith. This is NOT true at all. We may not always know each and every detail when it comes to God’s plans for our lives, but we certainly are not kept completely in the dark about it.

What God will do, however, is provide you with any wisdom needed to accomplish His divine purposes.”

T.C. continues, “Just as a GPS recalculates and reroutes us when we make a wrong turn, the Holy Spirit is ready to do the same concerning our wrong turns in life. We simply need to repent for the error, then seek His wisdom concerning our next move.”

Walk in wisdom, in confidence, in love, knowing that God has you in His hand. Take a hold of the mistakes and use them. Ask the questions each morning. Who do you want me to help? What do you want me to say? When do you want me to go? Where will you use me today? Why are you using me? How can I be Your vessel?

This month ponder about these questions.

1. Have you been asking God for His wisdom concerning the many decisions you make each day? If not, then why not?

2. What does James 1:5 say about this? Will you do so now?

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