



The Balfour Bugle

Newsletter of Balfour Baptist Church

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APRIL 2021

From Pastor Gary

We have now reached one full year of dealing with this trial our church has faced. It has not been easy, **but God** has been faithful and has guided us through thus far. I think that most everyone has seen that Balfour Baptist is slowly moving back to a sense of normalcy. A lot of our people are beginning to come back for worship services. Our services are filled with new faces visiting our church. Our efforts to bring our children back into the house of God have paid dividends for the church and the Kingdom of God. Nine young lives have been changed eternally by accepting Christ during these past three services on Wednesday nights. Pastor Mark will lead our final Wednesday evening service prior to our starting our AWANA Program back up the week after Easter. On April 11th, we will begin gathering for Sunday School. While it will not be exactly like we've always done it, our efforts will be the beginning of getting our families back in Sunday School. This week we are meeting with the leadership of each committee and our deacons to discuss our children's program, Sunday School, personnel needs, work done at the church and resuming our committees functioning once again. There's a lot to be done but with God's grace and mercy and His direction, we will get it done and be stronger for all of this we have faced.

EXTENSION MEMBERS – PRAYER LIST

Nursing Homes

Linda Cockerham, Faye Dunning (Clapp's)
Brenda Williams (Brookstone Haven)
Lounette Ingold (Cross Road)
Mark Gazaway (Elmcroft)

Live at Home

Joe & Kat Church Betty Dyer Joline Mills
Uzina Morris Juanita Moody
Raeford & Mary Lee Routh

From Pastor Mark

He's alive, He's alive! Just a reminder as we head into Easter that our Savior Jesus Christ is alive, I don't know any greater news that I've ever heard other than Jesus is alive! My prayer is this Easter as we celebrate the risen Savior that we all can say with excitement that He's alive! The reason I'm so grateful for that is those kids who have decided to accept Jesus this season as their Savior! Let us rejoice in knowing that the Spirit of God is alive and well here at Balfour Baptist Church. As the season has changed and things seem to be getting greener around our neck of the woods, let it remind us that there is new life and Son has risen to give us the blessed hope in knowing Him as Savior! Please remember to PRAY for those who have been sick and those who have lost loved ones recently. May we continue to lift Pastor Gary up in prayer as the Spirit continues to lead him in the direction of our church and the powerful messages that he has been preaching! We welcome our new church members into the body of fellowship here at Balfour. Prayers and Blessings to you and your family, Pastor Mark

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CUOC Item: The month of April is any food items.

OFFICE CLOSED: Friday, April 2nd, for Easter.

COMMUNION SERVICE: Sunday, April 4th, during both the 9:00am & 11:00am services.

AWANA BEGINS: Wednesday, April 7th, at 6:30pm. Contact person is Pastor Mark.

DEACONS MEETING: Thursday, April 8th, at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS BEGINS: Sunday, April 11th, at 5:30pm in the sanctuary.

GUEST SPEAKER: Sunday, April 18th, Caleb Mason will be with us for both services.

RBA'S SPRING NIGHT OF ENCOURAGEMENT: Monday, April 26th, Gravel Hill Baptist Church, 6737 Gravel Hill Rd. Denton. Meeting starts at 6:30pm. Please wear a mask and social distance. Guest Speaker will be Mr. Sam James, former IMB Missionary.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please send in all thank you notes, announcements, etc., no later than Monday, May 24th. We are going to only publish the newsletter bi-monthly since there are limited activities during this time.

SYMPATHY

A heartfelt sympathy goes out to **Zack Ayers** in the loss of his grandmother, Mary Padgett, to **Ruth Ann Allred** in the loss of her sister-in-law, Betty Brown and to **Cordelia Byers** in the loss of her son-in-law, Roger Barnes and **The Family of Roger Byers**.

THANK YOU

Balfour Baptist Church Family, we would like to thank you for all the kindness shown to us during the passing of Jerry Barnes and Roger Byers. We truly appreciate all the calls, cards, food and especially the prayers during this time. Karen Barnes & Cordelia Byers

Dear Church Family, I just want to say I am so grateful and blessed to be a part of such a loving church! Thank you for all the prayers, text, cards & for everyone loving me during a hard time in my life. I love you all, feel very Blessed to be here! God Loves You All! I Love You! Love, Sandy McNeill
I want to thank everyone for their prayers and continued prayers since I fell and broke my hip. Thank God for all His blessings and mercy. I am very blessed to still be here. Balfour is a wonderful church and Johnny & I both are so thankful to be a part of it. Please continue to pray for both of us as we go through this journey. God bless you all. Brenda Saylor

Balfour Baptist Church, A big thank you to all the men that built the ramp. It made it so much easier with the doctors' appointments. Thank you for the flower. They were lovely. Mary Padgett's Family

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members. We pray the church will be a blessing to you.

Fannie Sherron	Debbie Shope
2326 North Meadow Loop	2360 Birch Bark Lane
Randleman, NC 27317	Randleman, NC 27317

Tony Concutelli
634-B Hillbrook Dr.
Asheboro, NC 27205

Alesia Langley & Maggie
5356 NC Highway 42 South
Asheboro, NC 27205

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Donations have been given in memory of **Roger Byers** by Gary & Annette Hicks, Karen Barnes, Cordelia Byers, Phyllis Garner, Joe & Toppy Kearns, Janet McElreath, Charles & Sandra Allen, Bonnie Davenport, The Bible Study Sunday School Class, Becky Howard, James & Betty Moran and Lyndon & Ann Beane.

LADIES OF BALFOUR

Hello Ladies of Balfour. There is a Ladies Retreat at Caswell September 17-19. Entertainer will be Cindy Johnson, speaker will be Cindi Wood, author of "The Frazzled Female". If you would be interested in going, please let me know so I can make reservations. Contact is Leondia Leonard.

FINANCIAL CASH REPORT

Copies of the Financial Cash Reports for business meetings are available on the front pew.

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