



# Balfour Baptist Church News

*Balfour Baptist Church*

1642 North Fayetteville Street  
Asheboro, North Carolina 27203-3709

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DECEMBER 2021/JANUARY 2022

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## From Pastor Gary

As we approach Thanksgiving, may God help us to slow down, realize and recognize all that we need to praise Him for. During these past few weeks, we have been on a roller coaster ride to emotions. We've lost some very special people. We've said goodbye to several with the promise of seeing all of them again in glory. We have lost our patriarch Joe Church, but the work for the Kingdom of God goes on. Mark and I have had the joy of leading a young couple in marriage. We have received the Word of God and have been challenged. Our messengers have represented our church at the Southern Baptist Convention. Balfour was well represented at Love Life in Greensboro. Many have come together during the past week to begin work on Operation Christmas Child. We now cast our eyes on the upcoming Bible Conference to be held here at Balfour Baptist Church on November 28, 29, & 30<sup>th</sup>. All of our hearts and our minds are gearing up for the month of December, as we honor and focus on the coming of our Savior.

## EXTENSION MEMBERS – PRAYER LIST

### Nursing Homes

Linda Cockerham, Faye Dunning (Clapp's)  
Brenda Williams (Brookstone Haven)  
Mark Gazaway (Woodland Hills)  
Marshall McMasters (Elmcroft)

### Live at Home

Uzina Morris Betty Dyer Juanita Moody  
Raeford & Mary Lee Routh

## NEW MEMBERS

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

Diane Dubis	Shirley Roehm
581 Windsor Dr.	2355 Hickory Forest Dr.
Asheboro, NC 27203	Asheboro, NC 27203

April Hicks	Julian McIntosh
943 Heritage Mountain Trl.	1179 Eton Ave.
Randleman, NC 27317	Asheboro, NC 27203

## From Pastor Mark

Greetings and Hello, hope you're doing well as we shift from Thanksgiving and move into the season of Christmas. First of all, I would like to THANK our Balfour family for their generous giving in our operation Christmas Child this year. We had a record year in shoe boxes from the church family and I'm grateful for that. So let us set our hearts on looking at this season of Christmas to celebrate it with hearts that are fixed on our Savior and King, The Lord Jesus Christ. I pray as we move forward that we keep on trusting Him more and going outside of these walls to reach folks that need a relationship with Jesus and as we pray, we ask, Lord let it begin with me. So, thank you for your prayers and your commitment in serving others and the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords! Until next time, Blessings and Prayers to you and your family.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CUOC ITEM:** The month of December is **Manwich**.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, and January 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am at 42 Diner. All men are welcome to come enjoy food, fellowship, and fun.

**DEACONS MEETING:** December 9<sup>th</sup>, and January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall.

**WMU MEETING:** The WMU will meet Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am and January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am in the fellowship hall.

**CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE:** Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00pm.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** The Office will be closed Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, for the Christmas Holiday and January 3, 2022 for the New Year's Holiday.

**MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING:** Our monthly Business Meeting will be Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm immediately following Sunday School.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Please send in all thank you notes, announcements, etc. no later than Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. We are going to only publish the newsletter **bi-monthly** since there are limited activities during this time.

### A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Gary Mason Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>,  
1933 Masons Drive, Asheboro, NC 27205  
Frances Spivey Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>,  
1555 Shady Drive, Asheboro, NC 27203  
Sally Barnes Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>,  
423 Cliff Road, Asheboro, NC 27203

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**Christmas Party for Children Ages 4 years through 5th Grade:** There will be a Christmas party for children on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 pm until 3:30 in the fellowship hall. We will be making gingerbread houses, writing letters to Santa and have a visit from Santa himself so letters can be given to him. Refreshments will be provided. Please make plans to bring your child to this fun event. If you have questions, contact Patricia Underwood, at 336-629-6433.

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

#### **From Jonah Serva**

Hello Church Family, I hope and pray you are having a joyous season celebrating our Lord. As we continue through this life with all of our troubles and complaints, it is important that we keep our eyes on the Father. Balfour is a place that is filled with the Holy Spirit and as followers of Christ it is our duty to share that same Spirit with a lost world. It is evident in the actions of the youth that they have a heart of love and service. 2 Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." May we continue to share with everyone the message of forgiveness with the courage and boldness that comes from above.

**Youth Meetings** every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in the Annex. NO Youth Meetings Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> or December 29<sup>th</sup>. We will resume Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

### AWANA MINISTRIES

Awana Ministries are 6:30pm – 7:30pm every Wednesday. **NO Awana Ministries** Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> or December 29<sup>th</sup>. We will resume Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Faye & June Allred in the birth of a great-granddaughter October 14, 2021. Baby Ella weighed 7 lbs 1-oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long.

### THANK YOU

**I would like to express** my humble feelings for the prayers, loving compassion, and support that all of Balfour Baptist Church has shown me and Joline's family at this time! Knowing people care and that the love of God has taken this lovely woman is heartwarming, I am still grieving but God is in control, and she is now celebrating with her family in God's presence! All I can say is I am overwhelmed and thankful for all you have done, it is indeed, appreciated! With much Love, Gary Miron

**Thank you** for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and beautiful flowers that were sent when my brother Roy passed. It is so great to have such a caring body of Christ. In Christ Love, Ruth Ann Allred

**Thank you** for all the calls, cards, visits and especially for the prayers while recuperating from my fall. Janet McElreath

**Thank you** to the people at Balfour Baptist Church for the prayers, cards and flowers while I am going through radiation for squamous cancer of the larynx and vocal chords. Max Bell

**Dear Balfour Baptist Church Congregation,** thank you so much for the beautiful mixed spray floral arrangement you sent for Mom's funeral. Mom & Dad loved you all, and your support both during this time and through the years has been cherished. Thank you for all you've done. The Booker Girls, Hope, Joyce, Jeanne, & Jennifer

**Dear Balfour Family** how blessed I have been to receive over 80 cards for my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. I ask God to bless each of you every day & I miss you but I watch the service online every week! Thank you, Linda Cockerham

**Balfour Baptist Church,** Thank you for the awesome snacks for the Surgical Services. We appreciate your support to Randolph Health. Dottie Lewis, Volunteer Services at Randolph Health

### SYMPATHY

**A heartfelt sympathy** goes out to The Family of **Joline Mills**, The Family of **Debbie Shope**, The Family of **Joe Church**, The Family of **Harry Kassel**, to **Will Hudon** in the loss of his brother, Edward Hudon, to **Mary Hobson & Pauline Williams** in the loss of their sister, Judy Mosko, and to **Brenda & Dwight Ayers** in the loss of their brother-in-law, John Woodell.

### HONORARIUMS

**Donations** have been given in honor of **Gary Miron** by Joe & Toppie Kearns for the general fund.

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

**Donations** have been given in memory of **Joe, Kat & Betsy Church** by Bill & Janet Tyler for the general fund.

**Donations** have been given in memory of **Joe Church** by Monroe & Patsy Kidd, Bonnie Davenport, Johnny Gatlin, Becky Howard, Lyndon & Ann Beane, Tom & Hilda Marley, The Staff at Pinewood CC, James & Betty Moran, Phyllis Garner, Joe & Topy Kearns, Jack & Nancy Cagle and Jerry Hill for the general fund.

**Donations** have been given in memory of **Joline Mills** by Joe & Topy Kearns, Bonnie Davenport, Monroe & Patsy Kidd, Phyllis Garner, and Lyndon & Ann Beane for the general fund.

**Donations** have been given in memory of **Joline Mills** by the Fidelis Sunday School Class for The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

## 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.



*We would like to wish you  
and your family  
A Very Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year.  
Love each one of you!  
The Balfour Church Staff  
Pastor Gary Mason  
Pastor Mark Wilburn  
Rev. Jonah Sewa  
Patricia Spencer  
Frances Spivey  
Sally Barnes  
Patricia Underwood  
Misty Bunting  
Harold Ayers*



## FINANCIAL CASH REPORT

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

## BALFOUR BAPTIST CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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### Church Address

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### Ministerial Staff

#### Pastor

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#### Associate Pastor

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#### Youth Director

Rev. Jonah Serva

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### Music Staff

#### Temporary Music Director

Dianne Auman

#### Organist

Frances M. Spivey

#### Pianist

Sally L. Barnes

#### Nursery/Children's Director

Patricia Underwood - Sunday AM Services

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#### Nursery Support Staff

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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# December 2021

**SERVICE TIMES:**

**SUNDAY: 9:00AM & 11:00AM MASK RECOMMENDED**

**5:30PM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**WEDNESDAY: 6:30PM AWANA MINISTRIES YOUTH MINISTRIES 6:30PM**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Awana 6:30pm Youth 6:30 pm	2 6:00pm F-Hall Ladies of Balfour "Stuff the Mug" Christmas Party	3	4 Children's Christmas Party F-Hall 2-3:30pm
5	6	7 Annex reserved	8 8:30am Men's Breakfast Awana 6:30pm Youth 6:30 pm	9 Deacons Meeting 6:30pm	10 F-Hall Reserved	11 F-Hall Reserved
12 Lottie Moon Speaker	13 Pastor Gary's Birthday	14 WMU 11am	15 Awana 6:30pm Youth 6:30 pm	16	17	18 F-Hall Reserved
19	20 Frances Spivey's Birthday	21	22 NO AWANA OR YOUTH	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24 OFFICE CLOSED Christmas Eve Communion 8:00pm	25 Christmas Day
26	27 OFFICE CLOSED Sally Barnes Birthday	28	29 NO AWANA OR YOUTH	30	31	

# January 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2	3 OFFICE CLOSED For New Year's	4	5 Awana Resumes 6:30pm Youth Ministries Resume	6	7	8
9	10	11 WMU 11:00am F-Hall	12 8:30am Men's Breakfast Awana 6:30pm Youth 6:30 pm	13 Deacons Meeting 6:30pm	14	15 Annex Reserved 11:00am –2:00pm
16	17	18	19 Awana 6:30pm Youth 6:30 pm	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Awana 6:30pm Youth 6:30 pm	27	28	29
30	31					