

Balfour Baptist Church News



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1642 North Fayetteville Street
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APRIL 2022

From Pastor Gary

It has been a busy time here at Balfour. The Lord is greatly blessing our church as we appear to be coming out of a couple of years of stressful times with the pandemic. Our prayer of Jabez initiative has really opened a lot of doors of blessing for our church. Just last week a lady accepted Christ here at my office and we are continuing to have new members joining our fellowship. I am thrilled that the church has hired Brother Gary Jones to be our Minister of Music. I'm excited with the prospects of having our choir active once again. Now our focus is on the Easter Season with worshipping our Lord for what He has accomplished for each of us. Please pray that Pastor Mark and I will present the gospel message in a powerful way. May God continue to bless our church and lead us through these exciting times.

EXTENSION MEMBERS – PRAYER LIST

Nursing Homes

Linda Cockerham & Betsy Glasgow (Clapp's)
Martha Gazaway (Brookdale)
Brenda Williams (Brookstone Haven)
Marshall McMasters (TerraBella)
Virginia Coley (Westchester Harbour)

Live at Home

Uzina Morris Betty Dyer
Juanita Moody Virginia Cole
Raeford 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.

Gary & Katie Jones	Natalie Small
1291 Cliffwood Dr.	1174 Lazell Ave.
Asheboro, NC 27205	Asheboro, NC 27203

Henry & Sonya Manor	Kwesi Roberts
2140 Tot Hill Farm Rd.	1901 N. Fayetteville St.
Asheboro, NC 27205	Apt 5G
	Asheboro, NC 27203

From Pastor Mark

Greeting's folks, first, Thank You for all your cards, well wishes, phone calls and texts about the loss of my father. We were so blessed by so many of you for our trip. Wanda and I just wanted to let you know we felt the love and prayers as we travel to Texas and back home. Now I'm excited to talk about the Easter Egg Hunt that is coming up and our Sunrise Service and breakfast. April 6th at 1 PM will be our egg hunt and we're inviting all the kids from toddlers through the 5th grade to come and enjoy the egg hunt. We will be starting at 1 PM in the sanctuary and then head outside to have the egg hunt. If it rains, we will have it on the 16th at 1 PM. Now on the 17th we will have our Easter services starting at 7 AM with sunrise service then breakfast at 7:30, then Sunday school at 8:30 then preaching at 9:45 in the sanctuary. There will be no evening service as you spend time with your family! Praise God from whom all Blessings flow! Love you all, Pastor Mark

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CUOC ITEM: The month of April is **Canned Potatoes.**

WMU MEETING: The WMU will meet Tuesday April 12th, at 11:00am in the fellowship hall.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Wednesday, April 13th, at 42 Diner. All men are welcome to come enjoy food, fellowship, and fun.

DEACONS MEETING: Thursday, April 14th, at 6:30pm in the office.

OFFICE CLOSED: Friday, April 15th, Easter Holiday.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Please send in all thank you notes, announcements, etc., no later than Monday, April 18th.

WEDDING: Sandra Spivey & Harold Ayers will be getting married Saturday, April 23rd, at 2:00pm at Balfour Baptist Church. Reception to follow.

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING: Our monthly Business Meeting will be Sunday, April 24th, at 7:00pm immediately following the evening worship service.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Roy & Sally Barnes in the birth of their granddaughter, Amelia Makara Jessup born March 11, 2022. She weighed 6-lb 10-oz and 20in long.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

From Jonah Serva

Behold He is ALIVE! What a great blessing to be reminded of as we are entering this season where we celebrate Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. There are many blessings in our lives, none perhaps more special than salvation that comes through Jesus. That even in our wickedness and sin He still chose us to become part of the family of God. I am encouraged as the youth continue to invite their friends and are asking important questions during our Bible study. One of my favorite part of being in ministry is watching people draw closer to God and seeing Him transform their lives into true followers of His Word. Who can sense the Spirit of the Lord leading them in the way they should walk. "Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel, "I am the Lord your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go." Isaiah 48:17

Youth Meetings are every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in the Annex.

AWANA MINISTRIES

Awana Ministries are 6:30pm – 7:30pm every Wednesday.

EASTER EGG HUNT



Saturday, April 9th, at 1:00pm.
Rain date April 16th, at 1:00pm.

We need donations of individually wrapped candy to fill the eggs.



Please leave your donations in the welcome center or drop off at the church office. More details, contact Pastor Mark.

EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunrise Service: 7:00AM

Breakfast: 7:30AM Sunday School: 8:30AM

Worship Service: 9:45AM

NO PM SERVICES

VBS

June 12th thru 16th.

Anyone willing to volunteer to work during VBS please sign up in the Welcome Center.



MISSIONS

ANNIE ARMSTRONG IN-GATHERING: Our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering In-gathering is April 3rd during the AM Services. Our goal is \$5,000.00. We will receive this offering the entire month of April.

LADIES! The annual WMU MISSIONS EXTRAVAGANZA for 2022 is set for April 22-23 at Snyder Memorial Church in Fayetteville NC. Anyone who would like to attend this event, please let me, Carolyn Santanella, know as soon as possible. I will have details available.

ALL LADIES OF BALFOUR

Ladies Conference at Balfour Baptist Church

May 13 & 14, 2022

“Refreshed” - Jeremiah 31:25

(Phyllis Elvington)

Cost is \$10.00 per person.

Friday Night

6:30-8:00

(Light Desserts)

Saturday Morning

8:30-12:00

(Continental Breakfast & Boxed Lunch)

Contact person is Leondia Leonard.

SYMPATHY

A heartfelt sympathy goes out to **The Family of Mary Lee Routh**, to **Chris Bunting** in the loss of his dad, Bruce Bunting, to **Stacy Ashworth** in the loss of her grandfather, George Williams, to **The Family of Faye Dunning**, to **Pastor Mark Wilburn** in the loss of his dad, Jesse Wilburn and to **Patricia Spencer** in the loss of her brother, Gene Hopkins.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the cards, text messages, emails, phone calls and most of all your prayers during the loss of my brother, Gene Hopkins. I really appreciate all acts of kindness that were shown to me. Thank you also for the memorial donation sent in memory of him to his church's building fund. He loved his church and His Lord and Savior. Love, Patricia Spencer

Thank you for all the prayers, calls and everything that was done to help me. I appreciate all you have ever done for me. Betty Dyer

Thank you for the cards, phone calls and visits during my recent sickness. Freddie Moore

I want to thank my dear friends at Balfour for all the calls, cards, visits, and prayers since I have been sick. I have a herniated disc that causes much pain. I will see the neurosurgeon on Tuesday. Please continue to pray for me. I miss seeing everyone at church. Bonnie Davenport

We can't thank you enough for the beautiful flower arrangement, the cards, and most of all for your prayers during the loss of my dad, Donnell Garner. Love, Donna Underwood and family

It is such a comfort to experience the love of my church family through your prayers, cards, texts, and phone calls. When Dr. Evans expressed his surprise at how perfect everything went, Tom and I were quick to express how God answered the prayers of many. Thank you all for your continued prayers as I walk the path of recovery. Bobbie Frazier

Dear Balfour family, Thank you all for the cards, calls, gifts of food, gift cards and especially your prayers during my surgery and recovery. I am blessed to be part of such a caring church. I look forward to being able to worship with you all soon. Sandra Allen