

Balfour Baptist Church News



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JULY 2022

From Pastor Gary

It has certainly been an interesting month here at our church. We were able to have a very successful Bible School. Several other churches near us also had Bible School going on, but we were still able to average 76 kids a night. We also had a bunch of workers who helped do this important ministry. Because of their willingness to give of their time, twelve children received Christ as their Lord and Savior. We are now working with several of our men to provide greater security around our church on Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesday Worship Services. Hope you will recognize a greater presence at the church's front door and rear door. We will also be patrolling the parking lot. Sad we have to take these extra security measures, but this world we're living in dictates that we must do this. Finally, Sunday, June 12, 2022, I announced my stepping down as Pastor. It has become imperative that I make myself more available to help my brother and sisters take care of our mother. It's a situation that is demanding more of my time. After much prayer, I do feel like God has allowed me to step down as Pastor. I love our church and am proud of how God has blessed this church over the past seven years. I know God wants to continue to bless Balfour. Please be in much prayer about our process of replacing my position. I am willing to be here through September to provide ample time to start the new church year and get our committee positions filled. Pastor Mark is not going anywhere and will continue to work with me side by side, day by day, allowing God to direct the future of Balfour Baptist Church.

EXTENSION MEMBERS – PRAYER LIST

Nursing Homes

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

Live at Home

Uzina Morris	Betty Dyer
Juanita Moody	Virginia Cole
Raeferd Routh	Hilda Handley

Pastor Mark

Greetings folks, praying you are well and that you're ready for summer? What an amazing week we had at Balfour Baptist Church last week at VBS! To watch what God did and how HE used so many of YOU for His Kingdom! It was so wonderful seeing our folks team up with each other and pull together as one team and see 12 kids give their heart to Jesus was nothing but God working through the team for His KINGDOM! THANK YOU to each and every one of you who had a hand in it and to Patricia Underwood and Jonah Serva leading the team here at Balfour. May we all pray together over the next few months and ask the Lord to use us in reaching more folks for His Kingdom here at Balfour Baptist Church. Blessings and prayers to you all, Pastor Mark

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CUOC ITEM: The month of July is **Chef Boyardee**.

ICE CREAM FELLOWSHIP: Next Sunday, July 3rd, at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. If you would be willing to donate a freezer of ice cream, please sign up in the welcome center. Contact is Pastor Mark.

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

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

DEACONS MEETING: Thursday, July 14th, at 6:30pm in the office. Contact person is Gary Brown, Deacon Chairman.

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Please send in all thank you notes, announcements, etc., no later than Monday, July 25th.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

From Jonah Serva

What a blessed time to be able to serve the Lord with a loving heart. The week at VBS was amazing with 12 children accepting Christ as their Savior! Thank you to all the hard workers that were willing to use the gifts that God has blessed you with and thank you for all the prayers that were sent up. The summer has taken off with a roaring start and I can tell the youth are enjoying the extra fellowship and unity that have been made available to them. There might be times that we feel overwhelmed or too busy for everything that is set before us, but all we have to do is remember that if you are a child of God you have the Holy Spirit living with you, you are able to walk with God and receive help from the one who created you and knows everything about you. God wants to hear from you so why not express everything to Him? John 14:26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR JULY

Friday, July 15th, the Youth will be going to Ebenezer's Grace Haven Children's Home.

Thursday & Friday, July 21 & 22, the Youth will be having a cookie giveaway.

Monday, July 25th, the Youth will leave for summer camp and return on Saturday.

Wednesday, July 27th, for those who are not at camp will be going to the park with Harold & Sandra Ayers.

Youth Meetings are every Sunday evening at 6:00pm and every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in the Annex.

For more information on any of the above events, contact Youth Pastor Jonah Serva.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Brianna Serva
4278 Jess Hackett Rd.
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THANK YOU

Thank you for the kind memorial donation made in my mom's honor at her passing, Virginia Taylor, Bob Joyce's sister. Thanks, Jenny Taylor

Dear Balfour Family, Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards & phone calls. What a blessing you all have been during Johnny's recent knee surgery & recovery! Thank you for all the love you have shown us!

We love you all! Johnny & Dianne Auman

Balfour Family, I am very blessed to have such a great wonderful church family. Thank you for the prayers, food, visits, all the texts, phone calls and the gifts. I am grateful for everything that my church family did for me after my surgery. Love, Sandy McNeill

LADIES OF BALFOUR

FORT CASWELL LADIES RETREAT SEPT. 23-25

A reminder our retreat coming up in September, Bobbie Frazier will be one of the speakers at Caswell. I also rented that cottage for Thursday for the ones that would like to have an extra day. The cost will be an additional \$47.50 per person if you would like some extra time at Caswell. The regular price is \$182.00 per person. Half of the cost, \$91.00, is due by June 26th. **Make checks payable to Balfour Baptist Church and turn into Leondia Leonard.** Hope you can come and enjoy the experience with the fellowship and bonding with all the other ladies. May God Bless You, Leondia Leonard

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Donations have been given in memory of **Emily Bruner** by Roger & Carolyn Robbins for the general fund.

SYMPATHY

A heartfelt sympathy goes out to the **Cheryl McIntosh** in the loss of her mother, Sarah Grant and to **Charles & Sandra Allen** in the loss of their granddaughter, Emily Bruner (service will be held at a later date).

WMU NEWS

Sandra (Spivey) Ayers has presented our congregation with a wonderful mission's opportunity for the summer. She has had a request from NAMS, with whom we have been partnered in the past already, for school supplies to be gathered for use in the School Store by students. We have gathered supplies in the past, but not for this specific purpose.

Unlike what we have done in the past, these supplies will be placed in the school store "so that students could "purchase" these supplies with Comet Cash we give them the first week. This would hopefully help students take pride in their supplies since they had to choose them and buy them and if they have all their supplies then they can buy fun items or something that catches their attention (maybe like colored pens or post it notes or Sharpies to name a few). We also hope this will help students make use of our school store all year long." Necessities as well as "fun" items for the children to purchase are on the list.

We will place receptacles in the church beginning the first Sunday in June and will collect items thru the third Sunday in August. This is a marvelous way to give back to our local community.

THE WISH LIST

Needs for Students

Composition notebooks
(More teachers use these than the spiral)
Spiral notebooks Pencils
Pencil sharpener .7 Lead refills
Cap erasers Mechanical pencils
Colored pencils Pencil pouch
Highlighter Scissors
Glue sticks White glue
Markers 2 pocket plastic folders
Index cards
Earbuds (buy in bulk on Amazon to be about .60 cents apiece) or Headphones (buy in bulk on Amazon to be between \$2.25 - \$4ish per pair - can also be found at Dollar Tree for \$1.25)

Ideas for fun items

Gel pens Memo books
Regular pens (of any color) Sharpies
Small planners Journals
Shaped erasers Stickers
Post it notes (all sizes and shapes)

Teacher Wish List

Thin Expo Markers Regular Expo Markers
Sheet Protectors Kleenex
Hand Sanitizer Clipboards

We will post more as to other projects for the school soon. Thank you for your willingness to help!
In Christ, Carolyn Santanella, WMU Director

FINANCIAL CASH REPORT

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

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