



# Balfour Baptist Church News

*Balfour Baptist Church*

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## From Pastor Gary

This will be my last article in our newsletter. It brings a lot of mixed emotions. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at Balfour. The good times far out-weigh anything negative. I know God sent me here and I have truly enjoyed being here. There have been many divine appointments made here and I guess it won't be until I get to heaven and stand before the Lord to give an account of my life and work, that I will find out what impact I have had for the Kingdom of God while at Balfour. The only thing that will matter and will stand are those things done in the power of our Lord. I will always be interested in watching how Balfour Baptist Church will grow and progress in the coming months and years. If the church will follow and heed the Word of God, if the church has a passion for winning the lost to Christ and if the church will follow the Great Shepherd's voice, Balfour will be just fine. Asheboro needs a strong presence in this city with the influence of Balfour Baptist. Thanks again for the privilege of being your Pastor and all the support and prayers that I have received. It has been my honor to work for and serve each of you. I will dearly miss the folks that make up this church. May God bless Balfour Baptist Church as you move forward.

## 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
Raeford Routh	Hilda Handley
Fannie Sherron	
Mike & Nancy Meekins	

## Pastor Mark

Greetings, praying that you are doing well, and the Lord has blessed you. As we begin a new chapter here at Balfour Baptist Church, I hope that you are praying for the Deacon Board and the Pulpit Committee as they are seeking God's will for our church and the Kingdom of God. Let us join hearts together as the Holy Spirit moves us in the direction that God is wanting for us here at Balfour. There are a lot of things already planned for the rest of the year and please keep checking the calendar along with your bulletins as things will be announced concerning the holiday season that's just around the corner. Thank you all so much for coming out and supporting Pastor Gary's retirement meal at AVS. I pray that the Lord will continue to use Pastor Gary for HIS KINGDOM WORK and to bless his family as he helps tend with his mother. Please pray for me as I begin to preach more and to help keep us on the right track with the Holy Spirits leading for Balfour Baptist Church and for God to be high and lifted up for HIS GLORY. Blessings, Pastor Mark

## WMU NEWS

Thanks everyone for your generous donations to the NAMS School Store! It seems to be a big success!

We need volunteers for a 2-hour time span on Wednesdays to man the store. Contact Sandra Ayers or Carolyn Santanella if you might be willing.

Right now, we could use donations of wired earbuds, earbud cases, pencil boxes/cases, and individual packets of sticky notes. The box for these will be in the Welcome Center. Thank you again!

Kids on Missions meet every Sunday Evening at 6:00pm in the children's area.

## SYMPATHY

A heartfelt sympathy goes out to the **Family of Ronald Beasley**, and to **Lynn Myers** in the loss of her mother, Ann Yates.

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

**Donations** have been given in memory of **Ronald Beasley** by Donald & Janet Beasley, Randy & Dawn Pugh and Friends at Asheboro Municipal Golf Course for the general fund.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CUOC ITEM:** The month of October is **TBA**.

**PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH:** October is Pastor Appreciation Month. If you would like to send our Pastors a card of appreciation their addresses are:

Rev. Mark Wilburn, **Associate Pastor**

1134 Heathwood Rd.

Randleman, NC 27317

Jonah Serva, **Youth Pastor,**

2946 Forest Park Dr. Apt. A

Randleman, NC 27317

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

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

**DEACONS MEETING:** Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in the office. Contact person is Andy Smith, Deacon Chairman.

**RBA ANNUAL NIGHT OF ENCOURAGEMENT:** Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, afternoon session begins at 4:30pm, dinner at 5:30pm and evening session begins at 6:30pm at Franklinville Baptist Church.

**STAFF MEETING:** Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm in the office. Please plan to attend.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Please send in all thank you notes, announcements, etc., no later than Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**PATRICIA'S VACATION DAYS:** Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> –Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING:** Our monthly Business Meeting will be Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00pm immediately following the evening worship service.

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, at the annex beginning at 6:00pm. We need donated bags of individually wrapped candy and people to sign up to decorate their trunks for this event. This is a community event and a great time to be a witness to someone in our community and invite them to church.

### AWANA

Awana Ministries meet every Wednesday beginning at 6:30pm for children ages 2 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Awana will continue through May 2023. Contact persons are John & Jessica Serva and Dwight Ayers.

### YOUTH

The Youth meet every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm and every Sunday evening at 6:00pm in the annex and Sunday Morning at 9:45am for Sunday School upstairs in the church.

### **From Jonah Serva**

Philippians 2:2

"Fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord of one mind."

As followers of Jesus, we are to walk in unity and have the same mindset. That of love and the kingdom of the Gospel. I ask that you continue to pray for each other and for the youth group. Everyone needs prayer, encouragement, and love. What a blessing it is to walk in fellowship with our Creator and what a gift to be the one used to reach other people. Just as Paul reminds us in the book of Romans 12:15 "Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep." No matter the age or background of an individual, whatever happens to one member of the church happens to all the members of the church.

I would also like to encourage you to join in on the fun for trunk or treat on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm we are needing volunteers to decorate their trunks and give out candy to the children. It will be an opportunity to show the love of Christ to our community and be a witness to those in need. Please reach out to me and let me know if you are able to help out or donate some candy.



## **THANK YOU**

**Thank you** for the lovely purple and white funeral spray and for all the prayers, calls and cards during Ronald's sickness and passing. Cleve & Susan

**Balfour Baptist Church**, thank you Rev. Gary Mason and Rev. Mark Wilburn for the beautiful going home service for Ronald Beasley. It was truly from the heart. Also, thank you kind ladies for providing our family the most delicious lunch. It was greatly appreciated. Donald & Janet Beasley

**To our church family**, we are humbled and so thankful for all the beautiful cards, phone calls, food and texts that encouraged us. Most of all we appreciate all the prayers that have been lifted up on our behalf. We have felt your love and prayers during our surgeries. Our Balfour Family sure have been a blessing to us! We love you all, Rick & Patricia Walker

**Balfour Baptist Church**, we as a family would like to thank Balfour Baptist Church for all the love given to us during the passing of Hinton. All your calls, texts and hugs have meant so much to our family. We also would like to thank the church for the wonderful meal that was prepared for our family the day of the funeral. We are blessed with wonderful church. Blessings, Mark & Janet Poole, Zack & Haley Coltrane & The Family of Hinton Poole

**Thank you so much** to my Christian brothers and sisters for making my birthday celebration so special. So many well wishes, cards and if you were able, stopping by and spending time. Thanks to the ladies who helped my daughter-in-law. She saw Christian love in action. A special moment was the choir stopping by to sing. Many hugs and kisses. I love you all. Donna Jones Colossians 3:14 "And over all these virtues put on love which binds us all together in perfect unity."

## **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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#### **Ministerial Staff**

##### **Pastor**

##### **Associate Pastor**

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##### **Youth Pastor**

Rev. Jonah Serva

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##### **Music Staff**

##### **Director of Music**

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##### **Organist**

Frances M. Spivey

##### **Pianist**

Sally L. Barnes

##### **Nursery/Children's Director**

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##### **Nursery Support Staff**

Misty Bunting - Sunday & Wednesday PM Services

##### **Support Staff**

##### **Digital Media Coordinator**

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