

Balfour Baptist Church 1642 North Fayetteville Street Asheboro, North Carolina 27203-3709

NOVEMBER 2022

Pastor Mark

Balfour

Bantist Church

Greetings folks, I pray that all is well with each one. There's a lot of things happening here at Balfour, and it looks like it's even going to be a busy holiday season. I'm THANKFUL for you all with your cards, gifts and especially the words of encouragement that was given during Pastor Appreciation month may we continue to love one another and trust the Lord in leading us during this time of transition here at Balfour. Please be in prayer for the Pastor search committee and the Deacons as they work alongside of me in doing the will of God for our church. We have Operation Christmas Child happening here at the church and right after Thanksgiving we will host The Piedmont Bible Conference again this year, we have three mighty men of God speaking again this year starting with Dr. Don Whitt on Sunday night at 7:00 PM, Monday night Dr. Joe Arthur at 7:00 PM, Tuesday night Dr. David Gallamore at 7:00 PM. These men will bring the Word of God and you will not be disappointed in coming to this event. Please be in prayer for all our folk who have been sick and those who have had surgeries. I want to say THANK YOU to all who serve and help out in ministries here at Balfour, some may not know what you do but our Heavenly Father does, and it makes a difference in the Kingdom work. Please pray for me as I continue to preach the truth of God's word and that the Holy Spirit will lead and guide me in those areas. May the peace and presence of our Lord and Savior be with you all as we reach the lost and be the hands and feet of Jesus to a lost world. Blessings and Love to you all!

<u>MARK YOUR CALENDARS</u> OCC (OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD)





Shoebox packing party is November 13^{th,} at 5:00pm. Shoeboxes are in the front of the church for pickup.

We need volunteers for the trailer. See Dwight Ayers.

<u>AWANA</u>

Awana Ministries meet every Wednesday at 6:15pm - 7:30 pm for children ages 2 - 5th grade. Awana will continue through May 2023. Contact persons are John & Jessica Serva and Dwight Ayers.

NO Awana meeting Wednesday, November 23rd.

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 Me	ekins

From Jonah Serva

What an amazing God we are able to serve!

As we are entering the season to remember all the things to be thankful for, I want to let you know that in God's Word He has made 7,487 promises to mankind. We are filled with the hope of salvation but think about all the other things God said He would do for us. Promise to be with us, to protect us, to meet our needs, give us peace, comfort, rest, promise of a house in heaven, to be reunited with loved ones, to give us knowledge, bring unity, have a relationship with us, gives us the power to say no to sin. And so many, many more. I haven't even started to talk about the blessings in our lives yet and just this here is enough to make me smile and celebrate our great, wonderful, all-powerful, holy God.

As we continue to walk by faith together, I ask that you would pray for continued unity. That the presence of God will move in our lives and fill us with a passion for His Word, each other, and the lost in our community.

God wants us to share His message of love with everyone. How great an opportunity there is to tell someone just how awesome our God is.

May our Creator bless us all as we do His will and serve Him and each other.

YOUTH

The Youth meet every Wednesday evening 6:15pm – 7:30pm and every Sunday evening at 6:00pm in the annex. They meet upstairs in the church Sunday Morning at 9:45am for Sunday School.

NO Youth meeting Wednesday, November 23rd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CUOC ITEM: The month of November is Black-eyed peas. ALL SENIORS ARE INVITED: Thursday, November 3rd, there will be a Senior's Luncheon in the fellowship hall. Food & drinks will be provided. Come enjoy a time of food, fellowship, and fun. All seniors are invited to attend. Please sign up in the welcome center or front of the church. Contact persons are Becky Brown or Leondia Leonard.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Sunday, November 6th, to Patricia Underwood and to Wanda Wilburn Thursday, November 24th.

WMU MEETING: The WMU will meet Tuesday, November 8th, at 11:00am in the fellowship hall.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Wednesday, November 9th, at 8:30am at 42 Diner. All men are welcome to come enjoy food, fellowship, and fun.

DEACONS MEETING: Thursday, November 10th, at 6:30pm in the office. Contact person is Andy Smith, Deacon Chairman.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Please send in all thank you notes, announcements, etc., no later than Thursday, November 17th.

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING: Our monthly Business Meeting will be Sunday, November 20th, at 7:00pm immediately following the evening worship service.

OFFICE CLOSED: Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th, for Thanksgiving Holidays.

THANK YOU

I would like to express my appreciation for all the ways Balfour Baptist Church has blessed Joanna and I. The retirement dinner or church fellowship at A.V.S. was such a blessing. The many cards and gifts we received were beyond anything I imagined. Jeff Joyce told me at the conclusion of that evening, "do you realize what a blessing your church has given you? This was a powerful show of love and support. Most Pastors do not ever experience such a wonderful sendoff as you have received." I just want everyone to know that I love you and wish God's very best as you move forward as a church and as an individual Child of God. I have been blessed to have been your Pastor and I am truly grateful and thankful for my time spent here at Balfour. Pastor Gary

Thank you all for the prayers, the food and the beautiful plant. We appreciate everything! Benita & Family

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the cards, phone calls and most of all for the prayers on my behalf during my battle with pneumonia. I am so proud to be a part of this loving fellowship. In Christ, Sonja Maynor

With Heartfelt Thanks, Thank you for the use of the fellowship hall. In Honor of Balfour Baptist Church, 10 Bibles will be distributed by members of The Gideons International to help transform lives through the Word of God. Randolph North & South Camp

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Donations have been given in memory of Ronald Beasley by Ed & Sheree Menius for the general fund.

Donations have been given in memory of **Max Bell** by James & Betty Moran and Lyndon & Ann Beane for the general fund.

Donations have been given in memory of Ann Yates by Roger & Brenda Pritchard for the general fund.

SYMPATHY

A heartfelt sympathy goes out to the Family of Max Bell, and to Benita Macon in the loss of her mother. Carrie Greene.

FINANCIAL CASH REPORT

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

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