

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

# DECEMBER 2022

## **Pastor Mark**

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!

# **EXTENSION MEMBERS – PRAYER LIST**

### Nursing Homes

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

# <u>Live at Home</u>

| Uzina Morris         | Jewel Applewhite |  |
|----------------------|------------------|--|
| Juanita Moody        | Virginia Cole    |  |
| Raeford Routh        | Hilda Handley    |  |
| Fannie Sherron       | Rosalyn Scheid   |  |
| Mike & Nancy Meekins |                  |  |

## **From Jonah Serva**

Tis the season to celebrate!!!

We have now entered the holiday season and what great blessings the Lord has done for us. When you take time to think about everything that has been going on at our church you can't help but celebrate what God is doing. From the start of this year with the prayer of Jabez, asking God to spread His influence to our community. The continual growth of our church with salvations, baptisms, new members, and growing numbers in all our ministries, not to mention the amazing door the Lord has opened into our local school system. God has answered our prayers!!! What a joyous time to be called His child. This CHRISTmas may we endeavor to make sure we are obeying the great commission by telling everyone we come into contact with about our loving God and how He fulfilled His promise to save us by sending His only son

Jesus Christ. Thank you to all of our volunteers that are a part of the kingdom work here at Balfour. It is only by working together that we learn to depend on God and make it through the good and the bad times. We are one body in Christ and one great big family of believers.

With deep Godly love for every one of you, Merry Christmas, Rev. Jonah Serva

### 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.

# AWANA

Awana Ministries meet every Wednesday at 6:15pm - 7:30 pm for children ages  $2 - 5^{th}$  grade. Contact persons are John & Jessica Serva and Dwight Ayers.

NO Awana meeting Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> & December 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **CONGRATULATONS**

Congratulations to Montana Knight in her doctorate degree from NC State University on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Montana's parents are Mark & Patricia Knight and proud grandmother is Bonnie Davenport.

#### **SYMPATHY**

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



#### A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Frances SpiveyTuesday, December 20th,1555Shady Drive, Asheboro, NC 27203Sally BarnesTuesday, December 27th,

423 Cliff Road, Asheboro, NC 27203

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**<u>CUOC ITEM:</u>** The month of December is **Manwich**.

**LADIES OF BALFOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Complete details are in the bulletin.

**DEACONS MEETING:** Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in the office. Contact person is Andy Smith, Deacon Chairman.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00-2:30pm for ages 4 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

<u>WMU MEETING</u>: The WMU will meet Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am in the fellowship hall.

<u>MEN'S BREAKFAST</u>: Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30am at 42 Diner. All men are welcome to come enjoy food, fellowship, and fun.

<u>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</u>: Please send in all thank you notes, announcements, etc., no later than THURSDAY, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

<u>CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA:</u> Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am service. Come and enjoy worship in hymns.

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS PLAY:** Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm service. Come and support our youth as they honor the birth of our Savior.

# **CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE:**

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00pm.

# CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE:

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am Service Only.

<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>: Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, for the Christmas Holidays.

# MEMORIAL DONATIONS

**Donations** have been given in memory of **Michael Hunt** by Lisa & Scott Alley & girls for the general fund.

# **HONORARIUMS**

**Donations** have been given in honor of **Jonah Serva & family and Ben Kinder & Megan** by Jean Davis for the missions and donations have been given in honor of **Mike Macon** for the Baptist Men.

# THANK YOU

**Dear Friends**, thank you for the beautiful spray you sent for Max's funeral. He loved flowers and would have been grateful for your kind gesture. Max loved the people at Balfour and enjoyed worshipping there. So many of you showed him much kindness during his life and he appreciated all of you so much. Sincerely, Michael Taylor

<u>**Thank you**</u> for your extremely generous donation of snacks. All I can say is thank you x100! Jill Cofer, Director of Volunteer Services, Randolph Health **We want to thank you** for all the prayers that have been lifted up for us. We could not have made it through the last several months without all the prayers of our church family. God has answered our prayers and we both are doing really well. Love, Rick & Patricia Walker

**Dear Church,** Rev. Wilburn, Rev. Serva, Patricia Spencer, Dwight Ayers, Glenda Smith, Sandra Allen, Sandra Patterson, and <u>all</u> ladies of the bereavement committee, as well as <u>all members</u> of the church, our family can't thank you enough for how you surrounded us with love and compassion during a heart-breaking time. Everyone was so helpful as we celebrated the life of our son and brother, Michael (Mike) Brent Hunt. Patricia, Dwight, and all the ladies worked so hard to provide a beautiful service and delicious meal! Also, the fall mum from the members is beautiful! God bless you all, Mozelle Hunt, and Family

#### 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**

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Misty Bunting - Sunday & Wednesday PM Services

Support Staff

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