

# Balfour Baptist Church News



*Balfour Baptist Church*

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## **Pastor Mark**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I pray that you all have had a great Christmas and now my prayer turns to the New Year, may God find us Faithful as we enter into this New Year. First of all, I want to THANK YOU for the prayers, cards, and gifts for Christmas that Wanda and I have received and the gifts and prayers for our granddaughter, Mereighan Elizabeth Wilburn that was born on the 15th of December. Our hearts are overjoyed with the Blessing and Favor that God has granted to us as a family, would you pray with us also that God would place a hedge of protection around this gift and that HE would be a vital part of her life and use her for His Kingdom?

That brings me to this point for us here at Balfour Baptist Church, Ephesians 4:23- "and be renewed in the Spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness." Folks I believe that God wants us to be renewed to HIM and to work together for His Kingdom as we meet the needs of the lost folks that He sends our way and the needs of those who come and become a part of our fellowship here at Balfour. It's been a Blessing to baptize 7 people during this Christmas season and looking forward to see many more come and to join our church as God leads them here to Balfour. Also, I want to THANK YOU ALL for your encouragement as the Lord allows me to bring HIS WORD each week and please pray that HE will keep speaking to me as we move forward for His Kingdom. THANK YOU ALL again for coming each week and being faithful to the Kingdom, until next time Blessings and Prayers to you and your family, Pastor Mark

## **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**

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

## **From Jonah Serva**

I want to say a special THANK YOU to all the teens, parents, and friends who participated in the Youth Christmas Play "Here He Comes." I am so grateful for the work you have put in and the performance you all accomplished in sharing the story of Christmas and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As we enter a new year let us remember everything God has done for us this past year. The many blessings that He has bestowed upon you. The many sleepless nights you have cried out to your Father for help. All the times you had to gather with families and friends. Throughout everything that has taken place over this past year, God has always been right beside you. A friend who will never leave you. He is a companion when there is no one else.

My heart's desire for this year is that God will continue to give me a new spirit. A refreshed way of looking at the world, spending time with others, and my relationship with Him. I am asking God to send His Holy Ghost to revive His church, cleanse it of all sin and shortcomings and mold it into what He desires. And it is my prayer that it starts with me so that I may become entirely dependent upon our Lord in every aspect of my life.

Psalm 51:10-12 "Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit."

### **SUMMER CAMPS**

**This year we will be taking our children 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade** to South Mountain Baptist Camp on July 24-28. The total cost of the trip will be \$195 per person. A deposit of \$55 will be due on January 18th in order to secure your spot. We will also need a couple chaperones to go as well. Please let us know if you are planning to go with us. Contact person is Patricia Underwood, email is psunderwood6433@gmail.com, phone number is (336)302-0325

**The teens 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade** are also going to South Mountain Baptist Camp this year on July 17-21. The total cost of the trip will be \$210 per person. A deposit of \$75 will be due by January 18th to secure your spot. We will also need a couple chaperones to attend with our group. Please let us know if you plan to attend. Contact person is Jonah Serva, email is youth@balfourchurch.com, phone number is (336)301-6272.

### AWANA

Awana Ministries meet every Wednesday at 6:15pm – 7:30 pm for children ages 2 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Contact persons are John & Jessica Serva and Dwight Ayers.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**OFFICE CLOSED:** Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, for New Year's.

**WMU MEETING:** The WMU will meet Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am in the fellowship hall.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30am at 42 Diner. All men are welcome to come enjoy food, fellowship, and fun.

**DEACONS MEETING:** Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm in the office. Contact person is Andy Smith, Deacon Chairman.

**MERCY'S WELL IN CONCERT:** Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00pm. A love offering will be received.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Please send in all thank you notes, announcements, etc., Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING:** Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, following the PM Service

### CONGRATULATIONS

**Congratulations** to Mark & Wanda Wilburn in the birth of a granddaughter, Mereighan Elizabeth Wilburn, born December 15, 2022, weighing 6lbs.-9oz. and 19.5 inches long. Proud parents are Mark II. and Jessica Wilburn.

**Congratulations** to Keaton and Haley on the birth of their daughter, Elspeth Brooke Patterson, on November 18<sup>th</sup>. She weighed 6lbs-11oz. Also, congrats to her big brother Remy, grandparents Calvin and Sandra and great grandfather Tom Glass.

**Congratulations** to Steve & Suzanne Rumbley on the birth of a granddaughter, Louisa Jean Rumbley, born Christmas Day. She weighed 11lb.-7 oz. Proud parents are Chris & Jessica Rumbley.

**Congratulations** to Lauren Frances Glass on obtaining her undergraduate degree from UNC Chapel Hill. She is the daughter of John and Lisa Glass and granddaughter of Tom Glass.

### HONORARIUMS

**Donations** have been given in honor of **Carolyn Santanella** by the Friendship Sunday School Class, in honor of **Charles Allen & Gary Brown** by Roger & Carolyn Robbins and Joe & Topy Kearns for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

**Donations** have been given in memory of **Uzina Morris** by Tina Morris, Phyllis Garner, Bonnie Davenport, and Becky Howard for the general fund and Joe & Topy Kearns for the steeple fund.

**Donations** have been given in memory of **Betty Dyer** by Bonnie Davenport and Becky Howard for the general fund.

**Donations** have been given in memory of **Tony Concutelli** by Julian & Cheryl McIntosh for the general fund and by Joe & Topy Kearns for the building fund.

### SYMPATHY

A heartfelt sympathy goes out to the **Family of Betty Dyer, The Family of Uzina Morris and to the Family of Tony Concutelli.**

### THANK YOU

**Dear Balfour Friends of Children,** Thank you for your love, prayers, and support! Your generosity helps bring hope and healing to hurting children and families. Many come to know Christ because your church cares. Thank you for sharing hope...changing lives. Blessed to Serve, Karen Slate, NC Baptist Children's Home

**I want to thank you** Balfour Baptist Church for the card and gift certificate sent to me for Christmas. It was so thoughtful of all of you to do such a nice thing. God bless each of you. Love in Christ, Hilda Handley

### FINANCIAL CASH REPORT

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

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