



# Balfour Baptist Church News

*Balfour Baptist Church*

1642 North Fayetteville Street  
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## From Pastor Mark

Greetings Folks, praying you are doing well, and the Lord is blessing. First of all, let me say a big THANK YOU for all the prayers, cards, and food that you all sent along with the many phone calls, text messaging and your love as I went through knee replacement and recovery. Our hearts were overjoyed with your kindness. As we continue to march through this hot summer let us check on those who may need help in this type of heat. Thank you to the committees for working on the new year that is coming up and getting folks in place to serve this coming year. Thank You to the building and grounds committee on their continued work on improving the facilities and keeping the house of God in tip top shape. Wow, what a wonderful report from the Youth as they had an amazing time at The Wilds summer camp. May the Lord continue to bless and inspire the youth as they serve Him and grow into young Christian adults. The new college and career small group is growing in its first month, so much so, that they now are moving from the church office on Wednesday nights to the fellowship hall to have more room to grow even further as the Lord continues to add to their number. I'm so convinced that we must move more folks and students into a lifestyle of Bible study and with small groups to grow as a community of believers and for the foundation on God's Word to be solid under them as they grow and go into all the world to share the good news of Jesus Christ. May the Lord find us Faithful as we continue in this journey of life to reach others for His Kingdom! Blessings, Pastor Mark

## EXTENSION MEMBERS – PRAYER LIST

### Nursing Homes

Betsy Glasgow, Peggy McKenzie (Clapp's)  
Mozelle Hunt, Martha Gazaway, Billie Jarrett (Brookdale)  
Virginia Coley (Westchester Harbour)  
Nancy Mason & Steve Hedgpath (Cross Road)

### Live at Home

Virginia Cole	Hilda Handley
Rosalyn Scheid	Fannie Sherron
Mike & Nancy Meekins	Nancy Williams

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CUOC ITEM FOR AUGUST: "Tuna & Tuna Helper"

ASHEBORO PRAYER WALK: The Asheboro Prayer will be Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:00am beginning at the Courthouse.

AWANA MINISTRIES: A signup sheet is now in the welcome center. Please consider serving in this rewarding ministry. A worker interest meeting will be held Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30pm.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30am at Jed's. This is for all men and boys to come out and enjoy the food and fellowship.

WMU MEETING: Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am in the fellowship hall.

DEACONS MEETING: Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm in the church office. Contact is Andy Smith.

COURTHOUSE PRAYER: Every Thursday morning at 7:20am. For details, please see the bulletin each week.

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING: Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the PM Service.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Please send in all thank you notes, announcements, etc. by Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.

## DEACON AFFIRMATION VOTE

The deacon affirmation vote will be on Sunday morning August 3<sup>rd</sup> at both morning services. During the covid-19 scare the church body was not able to vote in person and Deacons that were supposed to rotate off were asked to extend their term an extra year. This caused an imbalance in the Deacon rotation cycle. In order to get the rotation back in line with the church Constitution and By-laws the church body will be voting on 4 Deacons at this time. These Deacons are as listed below.

**Mike Macon, Steve Smith, Larry Draughn and Kenny Miller.**

**Kenny Miller (at his request) will be serving a 1-year term.** The others will serve for 3 years. Thank you so much for your prayerful participation in this. Andy Smith, Deacon Chair

### SYMPATHY

A sincere heartfelt sympathy goes out to Becky Brown in the loss of her sister, **Gale Oakes**, to Craig Hames in the loss of his sister, **Linda Carter** and to Lucy Slone in the loss of her mother, **Carmen Perez-Cruz**.

### THANK YOU NOTES

**Thank you** for all the calls and prayers!!! Our daughter, Jill Tyler Rogers, is doing great. Bill & Janet Tyler

**The Family of Marion McIntosh** would like to thank Balfour Baptist Church for the beautiful peace lily you sent to her memorial service. We are also grateful for your cards, calls and other expressions of sympathy.

**Dear Church Family**, thank you so very much for all the cards, calls and visits during my recent knee replacement surgery. We are blessed to have a caring church like Balfour. Love, Becky Brown

**Thank you** so much for your continued support of NAMS. Your generosity has meant so much to the staff and students through the years. The people in your church community demonstrate what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus. The kindness you have shown through manning our school store, providing meals for the staff, while also providing backpack pal bags on a weekly basis is deeply appreciated. We are fortunate to have your church as our faith partner and please know we are forever grateful for you. You have demonstrated the willingness to help in times of need and please know that it is very comforting to know you are praying for our school. Thank you, Steve P. Watson, Communities in Schools Student Success Coach

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Now is the time, with all the "Back to School" specials, to start getting supplies to fill shoeboxes. The items below are NOT to be included in the shoeboxes. A suggestion list of items is in the foyer & welcome center!

#### **DO NOT INCLUDE**

- Soap
- Food, candy, or gum
- Toothpaste
- Used or damaged items
- Scary or war-related items
- Wearable traditional camouflage
- Seeds or organic matter
  - Liquids
- Medication
- Money
- Breakable items
- Matches, fire starters, or aerosols
- Knives, saws, or razor blades

### RESERVING THE CHURCH FACILITIES

The church calendar is filling up fast with family and Sunday School Class gatherings for the rest of the year. Now is the time to plan and reserve your spot on the calendar.

### FINANCIAL CASH REPORT

Copies of the Financial Cash Reports for business meetings are available, by request, at the church office the week before the meeting.

### BALFOUR BAPTIST CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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#### Ministerial Staff

##### Senior Pastor

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##### Associate Pastor/Director of Music

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Phone Number 336-301-4910

##### Part-Time Youth Director

Chris Oakes [youth@balfourchurch.com](mailto:youth@balfourchurch.com)  
Phone Number 336-402-1510

#### Music Staff

##### Organist

Frances M. Spivey

##### Pianists

Sally L. Barnes  
Katie Jones

#### Children & Nursery Staff

##### Nursery/Children's Director

Patricia Underwood - Sunday AM Services & VBS Director  
[children@balfourchurch.com](mailto:children@balfourchurch.com)

##### Nursery Support Staff

Misty Bunting - Sunday & Wednesday PM Services

#### Support Staff

##### Digital Media Coordinator

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