

WOLFFORK NEWS

OCTOBER 2023

October is Cooperative Program Month in Southern Baptist Churches. Missions is what Southern Baptists were founded upon. If we fail to do missions and teach missions and give to missions, eventually we won't have missions. If we're going to be Southern Baptist and have a cooperative effort to send missionaries around the world and in North America, we have to have the Cooperative Program. On page 3 read about the Cooperative Program and on page 4 notice the ways Wolffork Baptist Church is engaged in missions. As we support CP Missions we are reaching around the world with the good news of Jesus.

Pastor Michael Taylor noted, "I don't see a way for us to do ministry better than through the Cooperative Program. Southern Baptists are holding the rope on this end so missionaries get to stay overseas, doing what they've been called by God to do and don't have to come home to raise funds."

The Servers

Homecoming
Wolffork Baptist
October 15, 2023

Service Begins at 10:30 AM

No Sunday School

Speaker: Rev. Mickey Caison

**Church is providing Watt's Famous Grilled Chicken
Bring your favorite Vegetable, Salad, and Dessert**

Wolffork Baptist Church was formally organized in November 1912 with 48 charter members. It was originally known as Wolffork Missionary Baptist Church. J. T. Swanson was called as the first pastor. In 1919 the Sunday School was organized. In the early 1940's the Women's Missionary Union was formed and the first Vacation Bible School was held. In the words of Edith Parker, "We thank God for those in the past who rendered such dedicated service and we give Him praise and glory for anything that we might accomplish."



Weekly Activities at Wolffork Baptist Church

Sunday:

9:30 AM—Continental Breakfast

9:45 AM—Sunday School—Bible study for all ages

11:00 AM—Morning Worship

6:00 PM—Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

Wednesday:

5:30 PM—Food Pantry Opens

6:00 PM—Wonderful Wednesday

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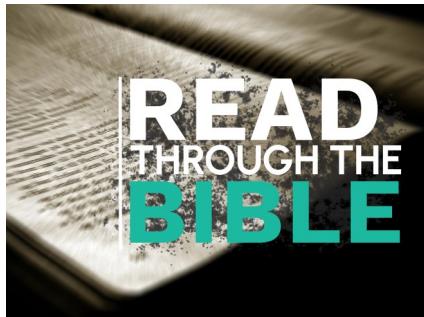
of the church calendar:

www.Wolffork.org/events

Word for the Day

Listen daily to "Word for the Day," the Daily Devotions from Wolffork Baptist Church at Wolffork.com/ Video-devotion or Facebook.com/Wolffork.

Listen to the Sunday Sermon at Wolffork.org/sermon.



365 Bible Reading Through the Bible in 3 Years

October Readings

- 1. Joshua 11
- 2. Joshua 12
- 3. Joshua 13
- 4. Joshua 14
- 5. Joshua 15
- 6. Joshua 16
- 7. Joshua 17
- 8. Joshua 18
- 9. Joshua 19
- 10. Joshua 20
- 11. Joshua 21
- 12. Joshua 22
- 13. Joshua 23
- 14. Joshua 24
- 15. Psalms 16-17
- 16. Psalm 18
- 17. Psalm 19
- 18. Proverbs 11
- 19. Proverbs 12-13
- 20. Judges 1
- 21. Judges 2
- 22. Judges 3
- 23. Judges 4
- 24. Judges 5
- 25. Judges 6
- 26. Judges 7
- 27. Judges 8
- 28. Judges 9
- 29. Judges 10
- 30. Judges 11
- 31. Judges 12

OCTOBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Jennifer Darnell—1

Ron Lawson—4

John Howard—4

Michael Dickerson—7

Sandy Cook—8

Anna Raye Darnell—18

Alicia McCracken—19

Fin MacCracken—27

Micah McCracken—29

Mary Lucas—29

Anniversaries

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please let Pastor Bill know.



October 1—Rosa Miller and Linda Pate

October 8—Amelia McCracken and Judy McCracken

October 15—Alicia McCracken and Holden McCracken

October 22—Kim McIntire and Sandra Thurmond

October 29—Ivy Westbrook and Ashley Whitmire



As a Southern Baptist congregation, Wolffork Baptist Church supports missions through the Cooperative Program. The Cooperative Program allows a church our size to combine with other churches to support full-time missionaries, which is hugely important. The Cooperative Program shows the power of being united in doing God's work.

The Cooperative Program

It is the financial fuel of Southern Baptists for reaching every person for Jesus Christ in every town, every city, every state, and every nation is the Cooperative Program.

What is the Cooperative Program?

The Cooperative Program is Southern Baptists' unified plan of giving through which cooperating Southern Baptist churches give a percentage of their undesignated receipts in support of their respective state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention missions and ministries

How Does The Cooperative Program Work?

It begins with you! You give yourself first to God (II Corinthians 8:5). Next, out of gratitude and obedience to God for what He has done for you, you commit to give back to Him, through your church, a portion of what He provides. This is commonly called a tithe and represents ten percent of your income (Leviticus 27:30, Malachi 3:10).

Each Church... decides the next step. Every year our church prayerfully decides how much of its undesignated gifts will be committed to reaching people in our state and around the world through The Cooperative Program. This amount is then forwarded to our State Baptist Convention, the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Messengers at the State Convention Annual Meetings

From your church and other churches across the state we decide what percentage of Cooperative Program gifts contributed by local congregations stay in your state to

support local missions and ministries. The percentage to be forwarded to the SBC for North American and international missions and ministries is also determined at this time.

Messengers at the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting

From across the country messengers decide how the gifts received from the states will be distributed among SBC entities. These gifts are used by SBC entities to send and support missionaries, train pastors, and other ministry leaders; provide relief for retired ministers and widows; and address social, moral, and ethical concerns relating to our faith and families.

The bottom line – people around the world hear the Gospel and receive Christ!

The Cooperative Program is doing together what we cannot do separately.

Why Southern Baptists Embrace The Cooperative Program

- _ It presents a unified and comprehensive budget, throwing a funding blanket over statewide, national and international missions and ministries.
- _ It provides a long-term sustainability for our entities. When a church makes their missions giving as a percentage of their church budgets, it provides consistency and stability.
- _ It adheres to our long term Baptist principle that "we can do more together than alone."
- _ The Cooperative Program mitigates competition between entities thereby allowing a balanced Acts 1:8 Strategy.
- _ It levels the playing field, and makes a place at the table for small and ethnic churches. Every church can stand hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder, on level ground, as partners in the gospel (large churches, small churches, new churches, growing churches, graying churches, and ethnic churches).

The Cooperative Program is essential to how the SBC brings good news for the whole world.

Missions Giving and Involvement Worksheet for 2022/23

Wolffork Baptist Church

Mission Team Report

Missions in SBC Life				
Jerusalem	Judea	Samaria	World	
Rabun County	Georgia	North America	Around the World	Other
Rabun County Baptist Association	Georgia Baptist Mission Board	North American Mission Board 2,469 Missionaries Partially funded	International Mission Board 3,532 Missionaries Fully funded	SBC Agencies
Dental Clinic Hispanic Work Back to School Backpacks WMU Projects Afgan Project Assit Schools with clothing for needy children Children's Mission Day Project	CP Missions (60%)* Mission Georgia (100%) Global Hunger Relief (20%)+ Georgia Baptist Children's Home	CP Missions (9.1%)* Annie Armstrong Offering (100%) Global Hunger Relief (16%)+	CP Missions (20.2%)* Lottie Moon Offering (100%) Global Hunger Relief (64%)+	CP Missions (10.7%)* SBC Executive Committee (1.2%) Six Seminaries (8.8%) ERLC (.7%)
Church Involvement: Christmas Backpacks Food Pantry/Community Pantry Deacons Benevolent Fund Fire Department Literacy Fund Sid Weber Cancer Fund Camp Pinnacle (GA Camp) Blessing Bags for Migrant Workers Blessing Bags for the Homeless	Church Involvement: Esther Fund (Camp Pinnacle) Disaster Relief (Donation) GA and WKY	Church Involvement: Christmas Backpacks CBs to WV, EKY, and ETN Mission Trip to EKY God's Love from a Diaper Bag Mission Trip to West Virginia Lochgelly Baptist Church	Church Involvement: Moses Family Offering Missionary Housing Kristy Karr - Guatemala Intrigity Ministries	
Church Involvement Other: VBS Outreach Events Wonderful Wednesday Easter Egg Hunt Gideons				

*Breakdown of each CP Missions Dollar given.

+Breakdown of each Global Hunger Relief Dollar given.

The History of the Cooperative Program

Since its inception in 1845, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) has always had one mission—the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20). To fulfill its assigned part of this divine mandate, each SBC entity made special offering appeals to the churches. This method was referred to as the “societal” approach to missions and resulted in severe financial deficits, competition among entities, overlapping pledge campaigns, and frequent emergency appeals which greatly hampered the expanding ministry opportunities God was giving Southern Baptist. Some entities took out loans to cover operating costs until pledges or special offerings were received.

In 1919, the leaders of the SBC proposed the 75 Million Campaign, a five-year pledge campaign that, for the first time, included everything – the missions and ministries of all the state conventions as well as that of the Southern Baptist Convention. Though falling short of its goals, a God-given partnership of missions support was conceived – **The Cooperative Program**. Since its launch in 1925, the effectiveness of the Cooperative Program has been dependent upon individuals, churches, state conventions, and SBC entities cooperating, working toward a common goal of sharing the gospel with every person on the planet.