# **WOLFFORK NEWS**

#### **JUNE 2024**



June 24-28



Youth Camp
June 3—7
Centrifuge at Ridgecrest



3 Great Services Dr. Randy Kennedy



Sunday, June 16



Congratulations to

AnnaRaye Darnell,

2024 Graduate of

Rabun County High School

AnnaRaye is the daughter of Dexter and Jennifer Darnell. She is planning to attend Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, GA.

#### The Father in the Son

A group of alumni gathered together for their 50th-year class reunion. After dinner, the master of ceremonies suggested that the group engage in a guessing game. First, one person was to stand up and wait until someone called out the name of the graduate. Then the next person was to rise and wait for identification. The game began, but some of the people had changed so much over the years that it took awhile to identify them.

One rather quiet fellow in particular had suffered from the ravages of ill health and age. No one seemed to recognize him. His identity was a mystery. As the minutes ticked by it became almost embarrassing. Who was this man?

Finally, the unidentified man decided to help out the class. "Let me give you a clue," he said to the puzzled group. "My son drove me here tonight. He's out in the lobby. Give me a minute to find him. When you see him, you may remember me." Well, when the son entered and stood by his father's side, people immediately called out the father's name. The son's face and body looked much like his father's had 50 years before.

This story brings to mind several extremely relevant New Testament verses that are rarely read. The Letter to the Hebrews begins: "In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son .... He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature ..." (Hebrews 1:1-3).



# 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

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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 June 2024 Readings

- \_ 1. Isaiah 30
- 2. Isaiah 31
- 3. Isaiah 32
- 4. Isaiah 33
- 5. Isaiah 34
- 6. Isaiah 35
- 7. Isaiah 36
- 8. Isaiah 37
- 9. Isaiah 38-39
- 10. Isaiah 40
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- 12. Isaiah 42
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- 17. Isaiah 47
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- 23. Isaiah 53
- 24. Isaiah 54
- 25. Isaiah 55
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- \_ 26. Isaiah 56
- 28. Isaiah 58

27. Isaiah 57

- 30. Isaiah 60



#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Tammy Whitmire—9
Gina Stanley—10
Josie Darnell—18

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Derrick and Ivy Westbrook—7

Marc and Sherri LaRose—10

Micah and Alicia McCracken—10

Walt and Cel Stancil—11

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



# **NUrsery Schedule**

June 2—Rosa Miller and Sherri LaRose

June 9—Kim McIntire and Margaret Howard

June 16—Ivy Westbrook and Ashley Whitmire

June 23—Arlene Barker and Alicia McCracken

June 30—Linda Page and Amelia McCracken

# To Know Christ and to Make Him Known

# II've Heard It Said, "Once Saved, Always Saved"

By: Andrew David Naselli

#### **Beware of Apostasy**

I've heard it said, "Once saved, always saved." It's true, but I think it's misleading. It's misleading because it may imply that once you're saved, it doesn't matter how you live; you're "in" no matter what. But that's not how the Bible speaks.

The Bible repeatedly warns us that God will not finally save you if you don't persevere in the faith and good works. So, not everyone who claims to follow Christ actually follows Christ. What seems to be genuine faith may actually be spurious. And that's why the Bible repeatedly warns those who claim to be Christians to beware of apostasy.

# If you're genuinely saved, then you will persevere in faith and good works.

Here are three examples. Romans 8:13 says, "For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live." So, if you characteristically live according to your sinful nature, you'll experience eternal death.

Here's another passage. Colossians 1:21-23 says, "And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard...."

So Paul warns that persevering in the faith is a condition for final salvation. And here's the third passage in 1 Timothy 4:1: "Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons . . . ." Departing from the faith is apostatizing. And there are many more examples, especially in the book of Hebrews.

Warning passages are a God-ordained means to a God-ordained end. They're one of the ways God ensures that all genuine believers will persevere. And that's why I think the bumper sticker line "once saved, always saved" is misleading. A more accurate way to say it is "once saved, always a believer" or "once saved, always persevering."

In other words, if you're genuinely saved, then you will persevere in faith and good works. And the reason we persevere is that God preserves us. As Philippians 2 says, we "work out our salvation" because God works in us—the willing and the working.

## Why Flag Day is important

America was founded as a "nation under God," and has been looked up to by other nations for over two hundred years. Unfortunately, other countries — and some of our own citizens — are disgruntled with America today. Even though our reputation has taken some hits, we're still a strong country with high ideals and proud people.

There's a simple way you can help show that to the world — by flying the flag. Every time you put a flag out, you're saying, "I'm an American and proud of what this flag represents." The flag stands for "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," for religious freedom, and for other rights that many nations lack. The flag represents our history and our goals for a better future for all. Flag Day is celebrated each year on June 14. Fly your flag high!

# Word Search: Life of Christ

This word search focuses on the life of Christ. Find the words listed be-low in the word search box. Words can be found horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backward and forward.

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# Verse to Remember

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

-John 10:11

## WORD LIST

baptism Bethany children demoniac disciples faith fasting

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Jesus John Jordan

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miracles parables Peter

Pharisees Sabbath Simon

sower temple temptation transfiguration

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# COMPOUND INTEREST!

Directions: Each of the two sets of letters has two compound words hidden. Can you find the compound words? Example: AEGTWAY: gateway, getaway

BFHILOSW

DOOOPRST

Solution:
Top —
fishbowl or
blowfish;
Bottom —
doorpost o

#### Come glorify God together

Don't use summer as an excuse to skip church! By gathering in corporate worship, we obey God's command, become equipped for Christian living, and minister to our fellow pilgrims. Consider these tips for engaging in corporate worship.

First, show up — in person if you can. Examine your heart and your motivation for attending church. Lift up your eyes from earthly matters to focus on God.

Come prepared. Do you need to confess anything or remove any hindrance? As you worship, consider how each part of the service displays the gospel: greeting, singing, confessing, reading Scripture, hearing Bible-based teaching, praying, and giving.

Be careful not to compartmentalize corporate worship as separate from the rest of life. Instead, consider how you'll carry the experience into the coming week. Come ready to receive; then let that overflow fuel you for the days ahead. Come prepared to participate, knowing that worshiping together is a rehearsal for heaven. But most importantly? Just come.