
WOLFFORK NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2024

September Events

September 1—Baptism of Ruby Whitmire

September 8—Rev. John Cauble speaking (AM)

September 15—Church Conference following the AM service. 24/25 Budget and Nominating Committee reports will be presented.

September 17—Ladies Bible Study at 10:00 AM with a new study on the Sermon on the Mount.

September 18—Wonderful Wednesday kicks off for 24/25 at 6:00 PM. All children and youth welcome—Grades 1—12.

September 29—Fifth Sunday Night Singing with area churches—6:00 PM. A time of fellowship will follow.

A Prayer on Behalf of Teachers

O Lord, You who have called and equipped the teachers in our community, we pray for them today. Watch over them, provide for them, guide them, sustain them. May You be their sun and shield, so that they might do the work that You have entrusted to them and sense Your care in these uncertain times. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Encouragement to Participate in Worship in a Local Church

Hear David Mathis' words about the importance of worship:

Corporate worship is the single most important means of grace and our greatest weapon in the fight for joy, because like no other means, corporate worship combines all three principles of God's ongoing grace: his word, prayer, and fellowship. It is corporate worship, with its preaching and sacraments and collective praises, confessions, petitions, and thanksgivings, which most acutely brings together the gifts of God's voice, his ear, and his body. . . .

One important distinction between public worship and the "private worship" of personal Bible intake and prayer is the place of our initiative. Corporate worship reminds us that our faith is fundamentally receptive, not of our own initiative. In private devotions, we lead ourselves in some sense. In corporate worship, we're made to receive the leading of others.

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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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365 Bible Reading Through the Bible in 3 Years

August 2024 Readings

- 1. 2 Chronicles 4
- 2. 2 Chronicles 5
- 3. 2 Chronicles 6
- 4. 2 Chronicles 7
- 5. 2 Chronicles 8
- 6. 2 Chronicles 9
- 7. 2 Chronicles 10
- 8. 2 Chronicles 11
- 9. 2 Chronicles 12
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- 11. 2 Chronicles 14
- 12. 2 Chronicles 15
- 13. 2 Chronicles 16
- 14. 2 Chronicles 17
- 15. 2 Chronicles 18
- 16. 2 Chronicles 19
- 17. 2 Chronicles 20
- 18. 2 Chronicles 21
- 19. 2 Chronicles 22
- 20. 2 Chronicles 23
- 21. 2 Chronicles 24
- 22. 2 Chronicles 25
- 23. 2 Chronicles 26-27
- 24. 2 Chronicles 28
- 25. 2 Chronicles 29
- 26. 2 Chronicles 30
- 27. 2 Chronicles 31
- 28. 2 Chronicles 32
- 29. 2 Chronicles 33
- 30. 2 Chronicles 34

SEPTEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Patricia Hood—11

Bill Lisenby—15

Bill Barker—16

Charles Thurmond—24

Ryan McIntire—27

Linda Couey—27

Noland Page—27

Nancy Haban—30

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill and Daphne Lisenby—3

Mike and Amy Hicks—13

John and Verna Howard—15

Michael and Angie Dickerson—19

Ken and Shannon Gross—29

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



September 1—Rosa Miller and Alicia
McCracken

September 8—Kim McIntire and Linda
Page

September 15—Margaret Howard and
Arlene Barker

September 22—Alicia McCracken and
Ashley Whitmire

September 29—Ivy Westbrook and
Amelia McCracken



To Know Christ and to Make Him Known

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In private worship, we're in the driver's seat, in some sense. We decide what passage to read, when to pray, what to pray, how long to linger in Bible reading and meditation, what songs to listen to or sing, what gospel truths to preach to ourselves, and what applications to consider. But in corporate worship, we respond. We follow. Others preach and pray and select the songs and choose how long to linger in each element. We're positioned to receive.

It is a wonderful thing in our personal devotions to make such choices, but it is also good for us to practice engaging with God when someone other than ourselves is making the calls. Corporate worship demands that we discipline ourselves to respond, and not only pursue God on our own terms. It is an opportunity to embrace being led, and not always taking the lead.

David Mathis, Habits of Grace: Enjoying Jesus through the Spiritual Disciplines (pp. 156-157, 162). Crossway.

8 Things to Do if You Don't Want to Go to Church this Weekend

By Chuck Lawless

It happens. Even believers sometimes struggle with wanting to go to church on any given weekend. The reasons for that can be numerous, but gathering to worship with believers really does matter. Here are some things to do if you don't want to go this weekend:

Be honest with God about your feelings. Don't hesitate to talk to God about this concern. He already knows your heart, but it does us good to have a conversation with Him.

Recognize that feelings can be fleeting. What you are feeling right now might not be what you're feeling

tomorrow or Sunday. Pray as suggested in this post. Serve somebody today. Sing some praise choruses or hymns. Get some rest. You might be in a better mindset tomorrow.

Consider believers around the world who long to gather with other believers. I start here not to create guilt, but to remind us that some believers cannot go to worship without threat on their lives. We who can go freely too often take that privilege for granted.

Begin now asking God to help you want to worship Him with His children. Believers can drive us crazy some days (and we can drive others crazy, too), but they're still God's sons and daughters. Pray daily that God will move your heart to want to be with them.

If you are frustrated with your pastor, pray for him to preach the Word this week. It's the Word you need to hear this weekend—not the voice of your pastor. If he preaches the Word, there is something for you to hear.

Plan to look for "glimpses" of God's work in your church this weekend. Even if you see a bunch of things that need correction, ask God to show you some little things that He's doing among your congregation. Look for them, and you'll find church more enjoyable.

Go to be a blessing rather than to be blessed. If you already don't want to go, you're likely not thinking much about what you have to offer to the congregation. Go – but plan to offer a kind word to somebody, to say "thank you" to somebody, to listen for needs among other believers, to pray for somebody. Plan to bless—and you can look forward to being God's instrument of grace.

Just go—and trust the Lord. It's His church. You're His child. Trust that He wants to show You something even if your church is messy right now.

Bible Cryptogram

Try to fill in the answer key (alphabet row) with numbers. We have given you one vowel and one consonant. For example, everywhere you see the number 1, you know it is an O and can fill in the squares above all number 1 boxes with an O. Hint: Look for two- and three-letter words. These common words are a good place to start.

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ISAIAH 40:8



WONDERFUL
WEDNESDAY

Grades 1 to 12

Begins on Wednesday, September 18
6:00 PM

Bible Study—Supper—Games—Fun



Sunday, September 29 at 6:00 PM

Community Event