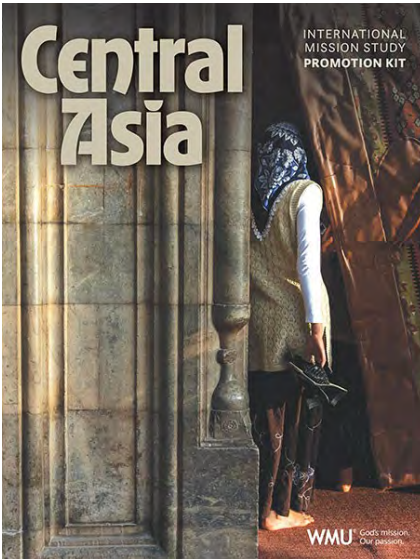


WOLFFORK NEWS

JANUARY 2025



Missions Study
Sunday, January 26
9:45—10:45 AM

Come and study with us how the gospel is being shared in Central Asia, a region that stretches from the Caspian Sea and Eastern Europe to western China and Mongolia and from Afghanistan and Iran to Russia.

100%
of the Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering
enables gospel
transformation
among the
unreached.

OUR CHURCH GOAL: \$8,000

Every dollar you give goes to the mission field to support gospel transformation among the lost. Thank you for your generosity!

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What is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?

Lottie Moon was sent as a Southern Baptist missionary to China from 1873 to 1912. She saw firsthand the world's greatest problem — LOSTNESS. Meeting so many people who had never heard the gospel compelled her to write letters to American churches describing the need for a greater missionary presence.

She pleaded for increased prayer and financial support to send and sustain more missionaries. This challenge became known as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®.

GOD'S WORK IN 2023

116,992
BAPTISMS

269,571
DISCIPLED

141,206
NEW BELIEVERS

3,515
MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

879,798
PEOPLE HEARD
THE GOSPEL





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
- 5:00 PM—Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

Wednesday:

- 5:30 PM—Food Pantry Opens
- 6:00 PM—Wonderful Wednesday

Bill Barker, Pastor

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Webpage:

www.Wolffork.org

For current updates
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.

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365 Bible Reading Through the Bible in 3 Years

January 2025 Readings

- 1. Acts 20
- 2. Acts 21
- 3. Acts 22
- 4. Acts 23
- 5. Acts 24
- 6. Acts 25
- 7. Acts 26
- 8. Acts 27
- 9. Acts 28
- 10. Psalms 70-71
- 11. Psalms 72-73
- 12. Psalms 74-75
- 13. Hosea 1
- 14. Hosea 2
- 15. Hosea 3-4
- 16. Hosea 5
- 17. Hosea 6
- 18. Hosea 7
- 19. Hosea 8
- 20. Hosea 9
- 21. Hosea 10
- 22. Hosea 11
- 23. Hosea 12
- 24. Hosea 13
- 25. Hosea 14
- 26. Joel 1
- 27. Joel 2
- 28. Joel 3
- 29. Joel 4
- 30. Amos 1
- 31. Amos 2

JANUARY Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

- Jason Whitmire—1
- Aubree Whitmire—3
- Marc LaRose—5
- Mike Cook—18
- Dillon Darnell—23
- Sherri LaRose—27
- Judy McCracken—31

ANNIVERSARIES

- Bill and Kathy Groover—10

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



January 5—Rosa Miller and Judy McCracken

January 12—Ashley Whitmire and Ivy Westbrook

January 19—Kim McIntire and Arlene Barker

January 26—Alicia McCracken and Margaret Howard



To Know Christ and to Make Him Known

All About Attitude



“The way you say ‘representative’ to an automated system reflects the real you,” a friend told me. After we laughed at that truth, I realized everything I say matters. Someone is always listening, whether the words and

tone are positive or negative.

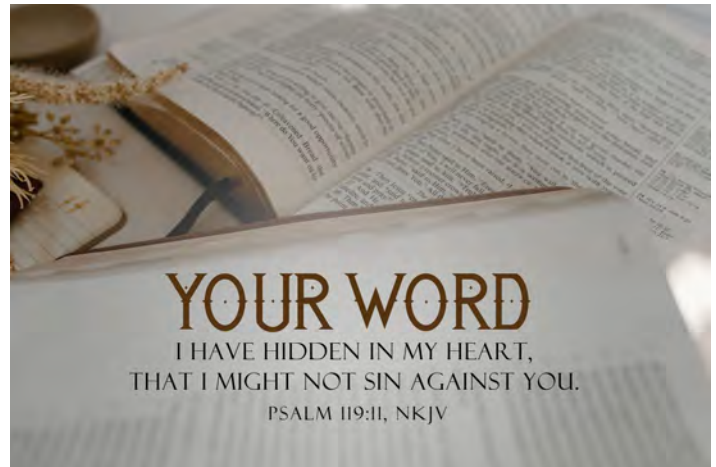
Ephesians 4:29 (NLT) says our language shouldn’t be “foul or abusive” but good, helpful and encouraging. Whether I’m peaceful, hurried, joyful, empathetic, frustrated, celebrating or hurting, I can carefully choose my words (and the attitude behind them). When I’m not ready to speak wholesomely, may God shut my mouth. When a friend needs encouragement, may I listen to God’s prompting. When I need to confront, may I do so lovingly.

Changing how we think — that is, how we speak to ourselves — can be tough. But God wants to transform our reactions and motives, dispelling pride, a lack of confidence and anxiety. In this new year:

- *I’m alone* can become God is with me.
- *I can’t do this* can become Anything is possible with God.
- *I’m failing* can become Just because I’m struggling, it doesn’t mean I’m failing.
- *I’m not enough* can become I’m God’s beloved child.
- *I’m tired* can become God will give me rest.

Don’t stop there. Consider the concerns in your heart and let God give you new words and attitudes.

—Janna Firestone



You’re Not Too Busy for the Bible

*Edited and Adapted from an article by Jen Pollock Michel
and published by Christianity Today*

Reading the Scriptures daily doesn’t require a special kind of person; it’s a habit I’ve maintained for over twenty years, despite common resolutions like eating better and exercising. Most people, like me, struggle to stick to their commitments, but daily Bible reading has been different for me.

At 16, I made a lifelong commitment to Jesus at summer camp, which led me to read the Bible every day for six months as advised by the preacher. This practice became a lasting habit, not out of obligation but out of a genuine desire.

Research shows that over half of Americans wish to read the Bible more often, yet only 15 percent do so daily, often citing "busyness" as an excuse. While there may be legitimate reasons to reconsider grand resolutions, claiming busyness as a reason not to read the Bible, as my son puts it, is a "dumb excuse."

In our noisy world, we’re often distracted by urgent content, making it harder to commit to daily reading.

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The formulation reminds me of 1 Kings 19, where Elijah, exhausted and feeling alone, hears God not in the wind, earthquake, or fire, but in a whisper. This emphasizes that to hear God, we must quiet the noise around us.

Every successful resolution requires a trade-off. In

Reading God's word does not earn his favor; that would make the sacrifice of Christ unnecessary. But habits that begin by discipline (even dread) can become our desire.

our busy lives, if we want to commit to reading the Bible, we need to give something up, whether it's time spent on social media or watching television. Greg McKeown, in "Essentialism," points out that the word "priority" was singular until the 1900s, highlighting our struggle with wanting to do it all.

We can't juggle everything—if reading the Bible becomes our priority, we'll find time for it. While it may feel like work and measure change slowly, spiritual growth is often imperceptible but real.

Some may worry about "legalism." God loves us regardless of our reading habits, and while our efforts don't earn His favor, discipline can lead to genuine desire. In the end, the time spent in God's presence is always worthwhile.



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Prayer Warriors

After tragedies, natural disasters and terrorism, people now commonly turn to social media to request prayers. Although it can feel "jarring" to see "so many references to the divine in spaces normally reserved for vacation photos," writes journalist Eleanor Barkhorn, it's a modern-day version of the New Testament's reminders to pray constantly and in all circumstances.

Over the years, churches have encouraged members to pray through letters, phone chains, prayer breakfasts and prayer groups. "With that context in mind," Barkhorn writes, "Facebook shouldn't cheapen prayer any more than the Postal Service or the telephone does."

Russell Moore noted, "Asking for prayer via Twitter or Facebook is no different than calling someone and saying, 'We should really pray for this.' ... Social media can be a tremendous force for good in alerting people to things they can be praying about right away."