
WOLFFORK NEWS

MARCH 2025



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Wolffork Baptist Church is in need of a volunteer to

assist with the **Prayer Requests List**—To assist with keeping the list updated, contacting those on the list, and keep the church updated on their condition or need.

If you feel God is leading you to volunteer, please talk with the pastor.

Completely Devoted

Beware of anything that competes with your loyalty to Jesus Christ. The greatest competitor of true devotion to Jesus is the service we do for him. It is easier to serve than to pour out our lives completely for him. The goal of the call of God is his satisfaction, not simply that we should do something for him. We are not sent to do battle for God, but to be used by God in his battles. Are we more devoted to service than we are to Jesus Christ himself?

—Oswald Chambers



Join us!

Saturday Mar 1st 5:30PM

We will have lots of great chili, cornbread, and all the fixings...

With special music from

Oldies Band, Just in Time

No Cost! Come and Enjoy!

**Wolffork Baptist Church
453 Wolffork Church Road
Rabun Gap**



**Youth Sponsored
Spaghetti
Lunch
Fundraiser
Sunday, March 16
Following the
Morning Service**

**By Donation
All proceeds go to help
Sponsor Youth Camp**

Come join us for a youth sponsored fundraiser located in Fellowship Hall immediately following Sunday's Service. All are welcome!

Luncheon includes spaghetti and meatballs, bread, salad, dessert, and drink. All proceeds go to help sponsor summer youth camp.

Dine in or take out is available.



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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www.Facebook.com/Wolffork

Webpage:

www.Wolffork.org

For current updates
of the church calendar:
www.Wolffork.org/events

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Wolffork.org/sermon.

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365 Bible Reading Through the Bible in 3 Years

March 2025 Readings

- 1. Psalms 83-84
- 2. Psalm 85-86
- 3. Ezekiel 1
- 4. Ezekiel 2-3
- 5. Ezekiel 4-5
- 6. Ezekiel 6
- 7. Ezekiel 7
- 8. Ezekiel 8
- 9. Ezekiel 9
- 10. Ezekiel 10
- 11. Ezekiel 11
- 12. Ezekiel 12
- 13. Ezekiel 3
- 14. Ezekiel 14-15
- 15. Ezekiel 16
- 16. Ezekiel 17
- 17. Ezekiel 18
- 18. Ezekiel 19
- 19. Ezekiel 20
- 20. Ezekiel 21
- 21. Ezekiel 22
- 22. Ezekiel 23
- 23. Ezekiel 24
- 24. Ezekiel 25
- 25. Ezekiel 26
- 26. Ezekiel 27
- 27. Ezekiel 28
- 28. Ezekiel 29
- 29. Ezekiel 30
- 30. Ezekiel 31
- 31. Ezekiel 32



BIRTHDAYS

John Stanley—6

Earl Theus—8

Every McCracken—8

Verna Howard—14

Arlene Barker—16

Roberta Hicks—17

Don Page—19

Jo Thurmond—26

Shanon Gross—27

Ruby Whitmire—30

Amelia McCracken—31

ANNIVERSARIES

Mike and Patricia Hood—1

Earl and Martha Theus—18

Ryan and Kim McIntire—23

Joe and Wanda Buchanan—29

Kevin and Dee Anne McDade—30

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



March 2—Rosa Miller and Linda Page

March 9—Ivy Westbrook and Amelia
McCracken

March 16—Alicia McCracken and
Margaret Howard

March 23—Judy McCracken and
Ashley Whitmire

March 30—Arlene Barker and Kim
McIntire

To Know Christ and to Make Him Known



10 Reasons Jesus Becomes Routine to Us

If you've read my book, *Nobodies for Jesus*, you know I believe that most believers "get over" Jesus too easily. He becomes the norm for us, and we lose our passion that at one point drove us to tell everybody about Him. Here are some reasons we lose that passion:

1. **The years between our conversion and now are many.** The more time between our first encounter with Jesus and the present, the more likely it is that He's just routine to us. Most of us find our most fervent times with Jesus in the past – closer to our conversion.
2. **We've had no plan to keep our fire burning.** The fire we experienced when we first met Jesus requires fuel to keep it burning. When we have no strategy to be re-fueled, it's no wonder the fire dies down.
3. **Our sin gets in the way.** Disobedience always does that, you know – it causes us to miss the glory of Christ and creates distance between Him and us.
4. **We spend no real time with Christ through Bible study or prayer.** I know this reason is basic, but it's nevertheless a cause for settling for the routine. When we spend little time reading His Word and talking to Him, we forget just how incredible our Redeemer is.
5. **We direct our fascination elsewhere.** Sometimes it's another person, or a job, or a goal, or dollars, or power, or a position, or fame. It's hard to stay fascinated with Jesus when we're fascinated with something else – including ourselves.
6. **We take God's blessings for granted.** When we first met Jesus, grace was fresh and alive. It was unbelievable. Amazing, even. When those blessings become routine to us, so does the Jesus who gives us the blessings.

7. **Church becomes more about us than about Him.** We get caught up in our positions and responsibilities, or we get focused on the events and activities. We leave church on Sunday talking more about other stuff than we do about Jesus.
8. **We sometimes carry unconfessed – even unrecognized – anger toward God.** Maybe He didn't answer our prayers like we wanted, or He allowed suffering in our lives. It's tough to be fascinated by Jesus when you're mad at Him.
9. **We're increasingly ignoring the local Body of Christ.** God didn't create us to be loners, and He doesn't give us permission to be Christians apart from His church. We miss the wonder of Christ in other believers when we separate ourselves from His church.
10. **Nobody's ever challenged us to consider if Jesus is now just "routine" to us.** I hope this post serves as that challenge for you. If you'd like us to pray for you, let us know in the comments section.

By Chuck Lawless, Professor at Southeast Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Hungry for Jesus

Many residents of first-world countries avoid true physical hunger, grazing at the slightest stomach rumble. Spiritually, the opposite is common. Many people run on empty, unaware of or rejecting Jesus' free gifts of grace, love and abundant life.

In her Magnificat, Mary proclaims, "He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty" (Luke 1:53, NIV). To be filled with Jesus, first we must empty ourselves and hunger for him. But what does that look like?

At Bible.org, pastor Steven J. Cole writes, "Starving people aren't interested in new smart phones or computers, unless they can somehow sell them to buy food. Hungry people have one focus — where to find food. It consumes their whole existence. ... That's how we should hunger for God!"

Spiritual hunger leads to a feast of God's blessings. He generously gives us gifts that overflow into the lives of others. So let's share Jesus with people who are starving for him!

Learning From Peter's Mistakes

In Mark 9:2-10, Jesus takes three disciples up a mountain, where his clothes become dazzling white and Moses and Elijah speak with him. Terrified, Peter starts babbling. He offers to construct three “dwellings” — presumably, worship structures. But Peter makes two common mistakes.

First, he fails to treat Jesus as the unique object of worship. Just as Peter would have worshiped Moses and Elijah alongside Jesus, we sometimes act as though money, work, another person or even church and Scripture are coequal with Christ. Obviously, family and friends are important, but Jesus is the only Son of God. The church and the Bible, though worthy of devotion, are only vehicles that bring us to Christ.

Second, Peter would have stayed on that mountain indefinitely. Spiritual highs are tempting that way. We resist going back “down” to daily life. Ecstatic glimpses of Jesus’ glory are one way God strengthens us to continue serving in Christ’s name.

HOW MANY WORDS CAN YOU MAKE FROM THIS WORD?

DEREGULATION

DIRECTIONS: The words have to be at least THREE letters long. And you can’t use any letter twice in the same word, unless the letter appears twice in “DEREGULATION.” So, for example, you can’t make the word “latte” because there is only one T in “DEREGULATION,” but you can make the word “deer” because there are two E’s. List all the words in your answer. Use the space below, the back of this page or another sheet for scratch paper. See possible answers below. Ready? Set? Go!

[scratch space]

**Answers to
Are you
getting
ANT-sy?:**
 giant,
 recant
 vagrant
 relevant
 stimulant

Answers: There are more than 1,800 possible words of three or more letters to be found in DEREGULATION. Here are some of them: delegation, goaltender, regulation, delegator, denigrate, elongated, engrailed, entourage, ideologue, interlude, longitude, outlander, realigned, regulated, unaltered, unrelated, altering, dateline, deleting, deletion, derogate, dialogue, enlarged, entailed, idolater, integral, ligature, lingered, loitered, oriental, aged, arid, auto, dale, dare, darn, dart, date, deal, dear, deli, dial, diet, earl, earn, edge, edit, euro, gain, gait, gale, gate, gear, gene, gent, idea, idle, idol, laid, land, lane, lead, lean, elder, elite, elude, enter, erode, etude, genie, genre, giant, glade, gland, glare, glean, glide, glint, gloat, glued, gored, gourd, grade, grail, grain, grand, grant, grate, great, greed, green, greet, grind, groan, groin, grout, gruel, grunt, guard, guide, guild, guile, guilt, ideal, inert, ingot, inlet, laden and hundreds more!

Are you getting ANT-sy?

All answers end with ANT. Using the clues provided, fill in the spaces. Solution below.

		A	N	T				
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CLUES (from top row to bottom row):

- ▶ An 8-foot man would be one
- ▶ To take back one’s testimony
- ▶ A bum, often homeless
- ▶ Pertaining to, germane
- ▶ A drug to reduce sluggishness

