

# WOLFFORK NEWS

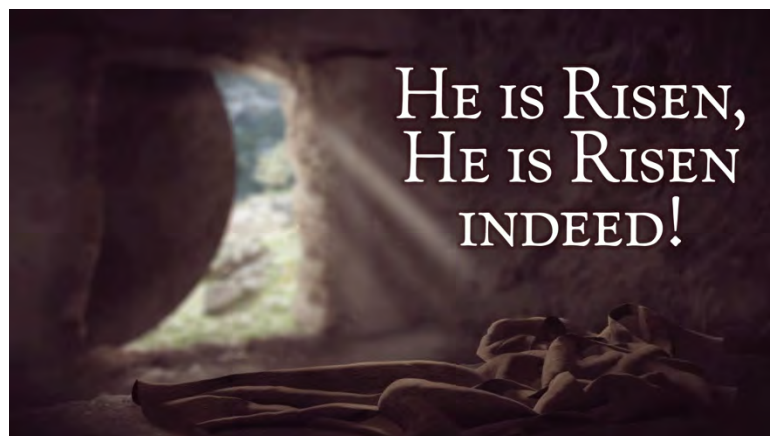
April 2025



Each year, Wolffork Baptist Church sends young girls to Camp Pinnacle. Donations are needed to send a girl or teen to Camp Pinnacle this summer, costing \$300 per girl. For more information, contact Judy McCracken at 706-490-3283 or Tammy Whitmire at 706-490-3570.



Every year, Wolffork Baptist Church collaborates with other churches in Rabun County to serve migrant workers who arrive in the Valley in April. Donations are needed for T-shirts, gloves, and work hats. For more information, please contact Judy McCracken at 706-490-3283 or Tammy Whitmire at 706-490-3570.



**The Sermons in April will focus on events surrounding the last days of Christ and the Resurrection. Clips for the upcoming season of Chosen will be shown.**



## 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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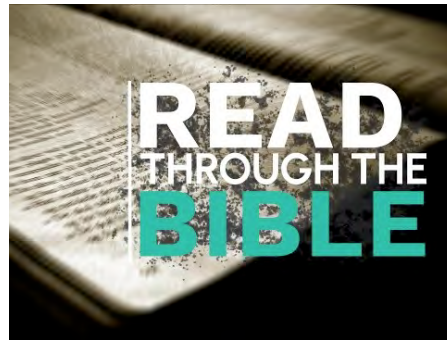
**[www.Wolffork.org](http://www.Wolffork.org)**

**For current updates  
of the church calendar:  
[www.Wolffork.org/events](http://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](http://Wolffork.com/Video-devotion)  
or [Facebook.com/Wolffork](http://Facebook.com/Wolffork).

Listen to the Sunday Sermon at  
[Wolffork.org/sermon](http://Wolffork.org/sermon).



## 365 Bible Reading Through the Bible in 3 Years April 2025 Readings

- \_ 1. Ezekiel 33
- \_ 2. Ezekiel 34
- \_ 3. Ezekiel 35
- \_ 4. Ezekiel 36
- \_ 5. Ezekiel 37
- \_ 6. Ezekiel 38
- \_ 7. Ezekiel 39
- \_ 8. Ezekiel 40
- \_ 9. Ezekiel 41
- \_ 10. Ezekiel 42
- \_ 11. Ezekiel 43
- \_ 12. Ezekiel 44
- \_ 13. Ezekiel 45
- \_ 14. Ezekiel 46
- \_ 15. Ezekiel 47
- \_ 16. Ezekiel 48
- \_ 17. Psalms 87-88
- \_ 18. Psalm 89
- \_ 19. Psalms 90-91
- \_ 20. Galatians 1
- \_ 21. Galatians 2
- \_ 22. Galatians 3
- \_ 23. Galatians 4
- \_ 24. Galatians 5
- \_ 25. Galatians 6
- \_ 26. Daniel 1
- \_ 27. Daniel 2
- \_ 28. Daniel 3
- \_ 29. Daniel 4
- \_ 30. Daniel 5
- \_ 31. Daniel 6



### BIRTHDAYS

Maggie Bedingfield – 4

Daphne Lisenby – 6

Derrick Westbrook – 17

Elizabeth Luker – 18

Mike McCracken - 25

### ANNIVERSARIES

Dale and Babs White – 4

Tony and Tammy Whitmire - 12

**Please let Pastor Bill know if  
your birthday or anniversary is  
not listed.**



Arlene and I want to express our  
deepest appreciation to the church  
family for everything you have done  
during her surgery. Your prayers,  
thoughts, and meals have been  
greatly appreciated. It is a joy and a  
privilege to serve the wonderful  
Wolffork Church family.



## Easter Matters

Does the resurrection of Christ really matter? The apostle Paul certainly thought it did. In his letters to the Corinthians, he learned that some people doubted the concept of life after death. This was a common belief in the Greco-Roman world, which often viewed death as the end of everything. Surprisingly, many people today share similar doubts about faith.

What's striking is that even some Christians during Paul's time believed in Jesus's resurrection but rejected the notion that believers would also be resurrected in the future. Paul boldly challenged this mindset, arguing that one cannot separate the resurrection of Jesus from the hope of believers being raised again. If believers won't rise after death, then that implies Jesus hasn't risen either! And if Jesus hasn't risen, everything changes for us. Let's explore why Jesus's resurrection is so significant for our lives as Christians.

First, the resurrection of Jesus is essential to the Christian message. In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul reminds the believers of the good news he shared with them—news that is vital for their salvation. This message is based on Jesus's death, which happened “for our sins.” But Paul doesn't stop there; he emphasizes that Jesus didn't remain dead; He was raised on the third day, just as the Scriptures foretold.

Have we, as believers, sometimes overlooked the importance of the resurrection? I know I have. Recently, I missed an opportunity to convey this part of the story while talking to someone who doesn't believe. I think this is something many of us encounter. Paul teaches us that when we share the good news, we cannot separate Jesus's resurrection from His death. Doing so diminishes the resurrection's significance for our salvation. Jesus' death and resurrection are inseparable when it comes to salvation.

Second, the resurrection of Jesus drives our efforts to share this news with others. Think about it: Would your message change if Jesus hadn't returned to life? If you believe it wouldn't, that's a major concern. For Paul, the resurrection transformed everything about how he preached. If Jesus hadn't risen, he argued, “then our preaching is useless.”

The logic is clear: if we proclaim that God raised Jesus, but that's not true, we are deceiving others. Without the resurrection, we don't have any real hope to share—no good news.

Third, the resurrection of Jesus is central to our salvation. Paul makes a crucial point in 1 Corinthians 15: “If Christ hasn't been raised, your faith is worthless, and you are still trapped in your sins.” Too often, we view salvation solely in terms of Jesus's death. While His death is essential, as Paul explains in Romans, it is only part of the narrative. Jesus's

resurrection is equally important. Paul emphasizes that we are declared right with God because we believe in the one who raised Jesus from the dead.

By bringing Jesus back to life, God demonstrated His satisfaction with Jesus's sacrifice for our sins. For those who believe in Christ, God's acceptance of Jesus' death—evidenced through His resurrection—also extends to us. When we trust in this, we receive God's favor. Thus, our justification with God is directly linked to Jesus's rising from the dead. It's not an exaggeration to say that without the resurrection, our faith would be meaningless, and our sins would still weigh us down.

The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our future hope. Think about how significant Jesus's resurrection is—because He's alive, we can comfort those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, reassuring them that this isn't the end.

If our loved ones believed in Christ, even if they've “fallen asleep,” they are resting “in Christ.” United with the resurrected Jesus, they don't disappear; instead, their souls go to be with Him, waiting for the day when they will receive new, resurrected bodies. Paul encourages the Corinthians and reminds us that the resurrection gives us great hope.



# NAME GAME

Some words we use, such as those described below, come from people's names. Identify the words and transfer the circled letters to the corresponding spaces in the diagram below to form a set of words in both directions.

1. 1. A candy bar named after President Cleveland's daughter: **B** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
2. A type of button-up sweater named after an English earl: **C** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
3. A tight-fitting garment with long sleeves and a high neck that is worn by a dancer — named after a French trapeze artist:
4. **L** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
5. A Christmas flower named after a botanist: **P** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
6. A type of engine named after its German inventor. Many pickup trucks use fuel with this same name:
7. **D** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
8. 6. A method for sterilizing milk named after a French chemist: **P** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
9. 7. A beef dish containing sour cream named after a Russian count: **S** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
10. 8. A unit of electrical power named after a Scottish inventor: **W** \_ \_ \_ \_
11. 9. A device found in amusement parks that consists of a huge wheel with seats on it is named after what American inventor? **E** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
12. 10. Denim trousers named after a German immigrant who participated in the California gold rush: **L** \_ \_ \_ \_ ' \_
13. 11. A hoisting device used on oil wells named after an English hangman: **D** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
14. 12. A type of thin, crisp toast named after an Australian opera star: **M** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
15. 13. A kind of driver used on a four-slotted screw named after its inventor: **P** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

## Your Guess Is as Good as Mine!

1. America's first automobile parking meter was installed in Oklahoma City in  
a) 1835, b) 1935, c) 1899, d) 1765.
2. The world's first postage stamp was issued in the U.K. in  
a) 1653, b) 1753, c) 1840, d) 1904.
3. The first American policewoman began work in  
a) 1908, b) 1760, c) 1955, d) 1980.

## DOUBLE UP

This puzzle consists of four five-letter words that use 10 different letters exactly twice. Since there are already two S's, you cannot use another S. But there is only one F. Try to think of a word that has an F in it.

1. S \_ \_ A \_ \_ K      2. \_ \_ L \_ \_ K \_ \_

3. S \_ \_ O \_ \_ L      4. \_ \_ F \_ \_ E \_ \_

I can do  
*all things*  
through Christ  
who  
*strengthens*  
me.

Philippians 4:13, NKJV

**Answers to Double Up:** SPARK, ALIKE, SPOIL, OFFER. **Answers to Your Guess:** 1. b; 2. c; 3. a.

**ANSWERS:**  
1. Baby Ruth  
2. Cardigan  
3. Leotard  
4. Poinsettia  
5. Diesel  
6. Pasteurization  
7. Stroganoff  
8. Watt  
9. Ferris  
10. Levi's  
11. Derrick  
12. Melba  
13. Phillips

