

# WOLFFORK NEWS

May 2025



## SPRING MISSION OFFERING

The WBC Mission's Committee has elected that our spring mission offering goes to Kristi Carr, missionary to Guatemala. **Our goal is \$5,000.**

In my role, I will always use my greatest gifts and skills to encourage people to grow closer to God, to celebrate the differences in other cultures, and to discover their own unique purposes. These things are true, whether I am working with mission teams in the U.S. or serving on the foreign field with impoverished communities.





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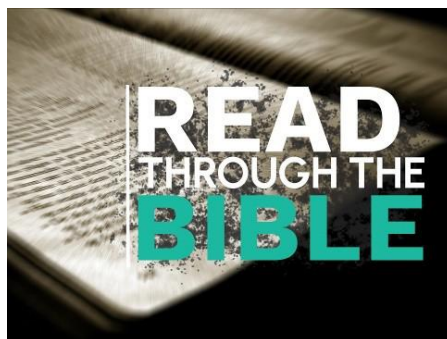
**[www.Wolffork.org](http://www.Wolffork.org)**

**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 Wolf-  
fork Baptist Church at Wolf-  
fork.com/Video-devotion or Fa-  
cebook.com/Wolffork.

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



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

- \_ 1. Daniel 6
- \_ 2. Daniel 7
- \_ 3. Daniel 8
- \_ 4. Daniel 9
- \_ 5. Daniel 10
- \_ 6. Daniel 11
- \_ 7. Daniel 12
- \_ 8. Psalms 92-93
- \_ 9. Psalms 94-95
- \_ 10. Psalms 96-97
- \_ 11. Revelation 1
- \_ 12. Revelation 2
- \_ 13. Revelation 3
- \_ 14. Revelation 4
- \_ 15. Revelation 5
- \_ 16. Revelation 6
- \_ 17. Revelation 7
- \_ 18. Revelation 8
- \_ 19. Revelation 9
- \_ 20. Revelation 10
- \_ 21. Revelation 11
- \_ 22. Revelation 12
- \_ 23. Revelation 13
- \_ 24. Revelation 14
- \_ 25. Revelation 15
- \_ 26. Revelation 16
- \_ 27. Revelation 17
- \_ 28. Revelation 18
- \_ 29. Revelation 19
- \_ 30. Revelation 20
- \_ 31. Revelation 21



## BIRTHDAYS

Ashley Whitmire – 2

Lishea Chastain – 8

Celia Stancil – 14

Elaine Lawson – 17

Rob Searcy – 22

Kim McIntire - 25

Faith McDade - 25

Amos Whitmire – 26

Cleo Fountain – 29

Bill Groover - 29

## ANNIVERSARIES

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



May 4 – Linda Page and Rosa Miller

May 11 – Ashley Whitmire and  
Amelia McCracken

May 18 Alicia McCracken and Kim  
McIntire

May 25 – Margaret Howard and Ar-  
lene Barker





## Death Is Not The End

Loren Eiseley, an anthropologist who died in 1977, requested this epitaph for his wife and himself: “We loved the earth but could not stay.” No one can stay, of course. We’re all moving toward that final day when “the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over, and our work is done” (The Book of Common Prayer).

On Memorial Day, we remember people who have perished in war, making the ultimate sacrifice to protect others. May God hasten the day when humans can solve disputes peacefully. We also remember loved ones whose stay on earth is over.

A memorial stone at Ohio’s College of Wooster, placed by a class years ago, reads: “United in time / Divided in time / To be reunited / When time shall be no more.” Christians believe that death does not end all. When our earthly life is over, we have the promise of eternal life — and joyful reunions — in heaven.



## SANCTIFICATION

To sanctify means to set apart for God. Traditionally, this setting apart involves moral and ritualistic aspects. Objects can be used for everyday use or temple rituals and are thus deemed holy. More importantly, sanctification signifies a person’s separation from sin and consecration to God. A sanctified individual is called a saint, highlighting sanctification’s moral and theological significance.

Sanctification is crucial; without it, no one will see God (Hebrews 12:14). Addressing sin is essential for associating with a holy God who cannot tolerate sin.

God is holy and supremely loving. His ultimate desire is for humanity to restore full fellowship with Him, hindered by sin. Complete unity requires harmony of spirit, shared purposes, and lifestyle. A sinful person cannot truly unite with a holy one. Thus, to live in loving communion with God, the sin barrier must be removed through sanctification, which occurs in three stages of God’s grace.

1. The first step, positional sanctification, sets a sinner apart as God’s possession in three ways:
2. A person is forgiven, removing the eternal punishment of sin.
3. A person is justified, erasing guilt and expunging the guilty record. God sees the person as pure as His holy Son, Jesus.

These aspects are judicial transactions between the Father and Son, declaring the sinner forgiven.

The regenerated person is freed from sinful disposition, often considered part of experiential sanctification. This transformation, akin to birth or death (John 3; Romans 6), signifies entering a new dimension of life characterized by righteousness rather than sin.

Every believer has been sanctified by Christ’s atoning death (Hebrews 10:10) and made holy (Ephesians 4:24), called a saint (1 Corinthians 1:2; 6:11). While not all true believers embody saintliness, they are all saints, freed from condemnation and the tyranny of sin. This is called positional sanctification—reflecting the true condition of every child of God.

The second element is experiential sanctification, which impacts daily life. Holiness transcends legal standing; it means salvation from sinful actions and attitudes. Believers are disciplined to experience God’s holiness (Hebrews 12:10) and strive to perfect their holiness (2 Corinthians 7:1) through God’s grace as they live set apart for Him.

Finally, complete sanctification, or glorification, occurs when believers are transformed into Christ’s likeness— “we shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2). This final state indicates total freedom from sin.

Although sanctification has three meanings or stages, the doctrine mainly addresses experiential sanctification—how believers find freedom from sinful thoughts and actions. Why do many Christians struggle to be distinctly saintly, reflecting Christ’s character less than the morally upright unbelievers around them?

# Puzzle!

Unscramble the names of these biblical mothers. Look up the verse if you need help. Then use the letters on the numbered blanks to complete the message below.

VEE (Genesis 3:20)

6 11

NNAHAH (1 Samuel 1:20)

14

RBAHEOD (Judges 5:7)

18 3

KREEHAB (Genesis 27:5)

16 5

EHLA (Genesis 30:14)

1

CLEHRA (Genesis 30:22)

7 12

MOIAN (Ruth 1:22)

10 17 13

RAAHS (Genesis 17:19)

8

AMYR (Matthew 2:11)

2

ZEBLEHATI (Luke 1:13)

9 15 4

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

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13 8 14 15 4 16 10 17 3 18

## The Greatest Preacher

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan had four sons. They all became ministers. At a family reunion, a friend asked one of the sons, "Which Morgan is the greatest preacher?" While the son looked at the father, he replied, "Mother!"

## The Statue Of Liberty

For the past ninety years, the majestic statue "Liberty Enlightening the World" has towered above Bedlow Island, near the entrance to New York Harbor, as a symbol of the freedom we enjoy here in America.

The famous sculptor Bartholdi dedicated twenty years of effort to the work, overseeing the raising of the subscription of \$4,000,000, with which the French nation gifted the statue to the United States. When the subscriptions lagged, Bartholdi pledged his own private fortune to cover the running expenses and nearly impoverished himself over the project.

When Bartholdi sought a model whose form and features he could reproduce as "Liberty," he received much contradictory advice. One of the leading art authorities advised him that the statue should depict "figures of thought which are grand in themselves." After examining outstanding heroes, Bartholdi chose his mother as the colossal masterpiece's model.