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# WOLFFORK NEWS

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SEPTEMBER 2025

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## Important Dates



### Baby Shower

Saturday,  
September 13  
12:00—2:00 PM  
For Kim McIntire  
Fellowship Hall  
Ladies are asked to  
bring Salads

Registry:  
[My.babylist.com/kim-mcintire](http://My.babylist.com/kim-mcintire)

## DIVING DEEPER

Into the Word of God  
Adult Discipleship  
Starting September 24  
6:30 PM

A discipleship process  
designed to help you  
grow spiritually and in  
your knowledge of the  
Bible, God's Word.

## Wonderful Wednesday

Begins September 17 at 6:00 PM



is for KIDS and TEENS!

Each Wednesday we start with a light  
meal, then activities and games,  
mission study, Bible study and music.  
Grades 1 to 12 ... All are welcome!

**Volunteers are needed!**





## 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  
6:30 PM—Diving Deeper

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**[www.Facebook.com/Wolffork](http://www.Facebook.com/Wolffork)**

**Webpage:**

**[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/](http://Wolffork.com/)  
[Video-devotion](http://Video-devotion) or [Facebook.com/](http://Facebook.com/Wolffork)  
[Wolffork](http://Wolffork).**

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



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

- 1. Zechariah 2-3
- 2. Zechariah 4
- 3. Zechariah 5
- 4. Zechariah 6
- 5. Zechariah 7
- 6. Zechariah 8
- 7. Zechariah 9
- 8. Zechariah 10
- 9. Zechariah 11
- 10. Zechariah 12
- 11. Zechariah 13
- 12. Zechariah 14
- 13. Malachi 1
- 14. Malachi 2
- 15. Malachi 3-4
- 16. Psalms 126-128
- 17. Psalms 129-131
- 18. 2 Corinthians 1
- 19. 2 Corinthians 2
- 20. 2 Corinthians 3
- 21. 2 Corinthians 4
- 22. 2 Corinthians 5
- 23. 2 Corinthians 6
- 24. 2 Corinthians 7
- 25. 2 Corinthians 8
- 26. 2 Corinthians 9
- 27. 2 Corinthians 10
- 28. 2 Corinthians 11
- 29. 2 Corinthians 12
- 30. 2 Corinthians 13



### BIRTHDAYS

Dart Fifer—5  
James McDade—5  
Patricia Hood—11  
Bill Lisenby—15  
Bill Barker—16  
Charles Thurmond—24  
Ryan McIntire—27  
Nolan Page—27  
Linda Couey—27  
Kevin McDade—29  
Nancy Haban—30

### ANNIVERSARIES

Bill and Daphne Lisenby—3  
Mike and Amy Hicks—13  
John and Verna Howard—13  
Ken and Shanon Gross—29

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



September 7—Rosa Miller and Linda  
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September 14—Ashley Whitmire and  
Amelia McCracken

September 21—Alicia McCracken and  
Margaret Howard

September 28—Ivy Westbrook and  
Judy McCracken

# To Know Christ and to Make Him Known

School is back in session, and we need to be praying for both students and teachers. Recently, I read an article by Chuck Lawless, a professor at Southeastern Theological Seminary, that I thought was appropriate as we begin a new school year in a changing culture and world.

## Seven Reasons We Need to Pray for Teachers and Five Steps to Take

Adapted from an article by Chuck Lawless

I acknowledge my bias here. I'm a teacher, so this post might seem like I'm speaking only to people like me. At the same time, I teach at a graduate-level institution that prepares students for ministry; therefore, I don't claim to fully understand what public school teachers experience daily. However, I do know that I owe those teachers my prayers as many of them are starting a new school year. Here are some reasons why:

**They might be the most reliable adults in some students' lives.** Only God knows everything some students deal with at home. In their lives, a dedicated teacher may be the steadiest adult present.

**Many are striving to be Christian witnesses in a lost world.** They aim to inspire their colleagues and students, but they often find themselves outnumbered by non-believers. They need our prayers.

**Many are working multiple jobs to pay their bills.** They work other jobs just because they love teaching. That vocational reality makes it harder for them to focus on and improve their work as educators.

**Many feel a genuine calling to teach.** They remain in the public school system out of duty to that calling, even when the work is difficult. They sincerely want to be a light in the darkness. My work is in a Christian institution, but I understand that calling.

**Teaching can be a dangerous profession.** Just think about the school shootings that have happened over the last several years, and you'll see the point. I doubt any teachers went to school that day expecting their lives would be at risk.

**Teaching can be a lonely job.** Especially when your students' parents don't seem to care, and your teaching colleagues have lost their joy.



**Many of us can point to a teacher whose influence changed our lives.** I know I can. I realized I wanted to be a teacher since kindergarten—and I had only one teacher by that point. Two more teachers in high school later reminded me why I was so passionate about teaching.

I challenge you today to take these steps:

If you are a parent or grandparent, say a prayer for the teachers of your family members.

Pray for at least one other Christian teacher you know today.

Send a note of prayer to a teacher.

Challenge your church or small group to join you in these prayers for teachers.

Pray for more Christian laborers among public school systems in your area.

Thank you, teachers. You have my respect.



# Puzzle!

Fill in the blanks with the correct words. Then transfer the letters to the numbered boxes below to complete Psalm 107:1, NIV.

Shape that symbolizes love

31 15 7 18 5

Part of a stove used for baking

12 3 24 39

Color made by red and yellow

28 42 7 8 27 37

A present

1 32 20 11

Clothing a girl wears

19 22 43 44 33

Something you open to go into a room

40 29 17 47

Opposite of soft (sound)

34 17 41 30

To take a long walk

14 2 9 38

A high body temperature

45 50 49 48 42

Items used to build or fix things

13 35 21 16 26

Edge of the sea

10 23 46 51 4

Home for a bee

6 25 36 4

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8
9	10		11	12		13	14	15
	16	17	18	19		20	21	22
	23	24		25	26		27	28
29	30		31	32	33		34	35
36	37		38	39	40	41	42	43
44		45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Answer: heart, oven, orange, gift, dress, door, loud, hike, fever, tools, shore, hive; Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1, NIV

## HOMECOMING

Sunday, October 19

10:30 AM

Covered Dish

Special Music by the MelodyAires  
Gospel Quartet



### When Life Gets Out Of Control

In September 2024, a North Dakota teen's car malfunctioned, becoming unstoppable and reaching 113 miles per hour. For 40 minutes, 18-year-old Sam navigated a bridge into Minnesota, intersections with train tracks and highways, small towns and — almost — the road's dead end.

But after Sam called his mom and 911, multiple first responders gathered. Police drove near him, staying on the phone and calmly asking about the accelerator, emergency brake and remaining gas. Ambulance crews were ready. The highway patrol laid speed sticks to puncture the tires (it didn't work) and cleared intersections ahead of the runaway vehicle. All the while, Sam's mom prayed. Finally, an officer sped ahead so Sam could run into his squad car, bringing his own to a halt.

Not making light of what could have turned tragic, sometimes our lives get out of control too. We speed through work, school, relationships, parenting — trying to accomplish, achieve and gain faster than others. We cram as much in each day as possible, seemingly unable to slow down. The harried pace can endanger our physical, mental and spiritual health.

Often, we're "saved" only as people who care come alongside us to help. Perhaps family members express concern, professionals suggest remedies, loved ones pray for us. Finally, when all we can do is crash into the loving care of God, we come to rest. It may take time to recover emotionally, to dare get back "behind the wheel," to trust life to carry us at a safe speed again. But thanks be to God for placing support systems around us when we need them most.

—Heidi Hyland Mann