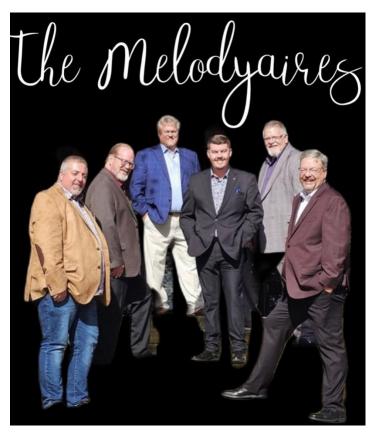
# WOLFFORK NEWS

**OCTOBER 2025** 



# Homecoming 2025 October 19, 2025

No Sunday School

Morning Service begins at 10:30

With the Melodyaires in Concert Southern Gospel at its best

Bring your favorite vegetables, salads, and desserts Fried chicken and meatloaf will be provided by the church.

Invite a friend to join you



# Speaker:

**Dr. Buck Burch** 

Missions Catalyst with the
Georgia Baptist Mission Board
Former IMB Missionary
To European Russia

Wolffork Baptist Church
Constituted as a church in 1912



# 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—PrayerMeetingand

### Wednesday:

BibleStudy

6:00 PM—Wonderful Wednesday 6:30 PM – Diving Deeper

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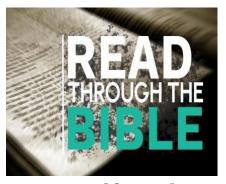
Webpage:

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.



# 365 Bible Reading Through the Bible in 3 Years

October 2025 Readings

- \_ 1. Psalm 132-133
- 2. Psalm 134-135
- 3. Psalm 136-137
- 4. Job 1
- 5. Job 2
- 6. Job 3
- 7. Job 4
- 8. Job 5
- 9. Job 6
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- 29. Job 26
- 30. Job 27
- 31. Job 28



#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Jennifer Darnell - 1

Jerry Moody - 3

Ron Lawson - 4

John Howard - 4

Anna Raye Darnell - 18

Alicia McCracken – 19

Cvnthia Moody - 25

Finn McCracken - 27

Micah McCracken - 28

Mary Lucas - 29

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

If your birthday or anniversary isn't listed, please inform Pastor Bill.



October 5 – Rosa Miller and Judy McCracken

October 12 – Ashley Whitmire and Ivy Westbrook

October 19 – Arlene Barker and Alicia McCracken

October 26 – Amelia McCracken and Margaret Howard

Rabun County Baptist Association
Annual Meeting

October 12 at 5:00 PM

Tiger Baptist Church

Speaker: Dr. Thomas Hammond State Executive Director Georgia Baptist Mission Board

### To Know Christ and to Make Him Known



## Celebrating Homecoming 2025

Homecoming is a time when former members and friends return to visit and enjoy fried chicken. It's also a period when people bring a covered dish to church for a noon meal and fellowship. It's said that you might be a Baptist if you think you should bring a covered dish to heaven when you pass away. Usually, a church's homecoming is celebrated around its anniversary.

Scripture teaches us to focus on the future (2 Peter 3:13), but homecomings are also times to reflect on the past. Celebrating your church's history is vital because what God has done in the past truly matters. Joshua 4:6-7 says, "In the future, when your children ask, 'What do these stones mean to you?' you should tell them." When Israel crossed the Jordan River into the Promised Land for the first time, twelve stones were chosen as a memorial of God's guidance for the Twelve Tribes.

Church homecomings have been celebrated since colonial times. fostering community pride. renewal, shared history, and fellowship with fellow church members and God. Typically Southern in character, they often take place in small towns and rural areas, remaining a vital part of the church's religious heritage.

The church should honor its history while actively working towards the future.

Churches and ministries evolve over time, and programs that worked well in the past may not be effective by 2025. Despite these changes, churches must continue reaching their communities for Christ.

I recently spoke with a church member in a congregation facing declining attendance. He believes the church might close within a few years but hopes to leave gracefully. It's unfortunate because it seems the church has already given up on God's plan to revitalize congregation. Understanding your church's history and planning for its future are essential. While culture and people change, God remains the same, and the Gospel stays relevant. The main goal of the local church is to glorify God through disciple-making and evangelism.

Our church has a consistent history of guiding people to a relationship with Christ.

A great way to connect with our community during homecoming is to reach out to everyone who has recently visited and those who haven't attended, inviting them to participate. Show appreciation for their visits or membership and remind them about the upcoming homecoming service and the dinner that will follow. Another option is to invite your friends and neighbors who do not attend anywhere to come.

And... sooner than many of us expect, we will be attending that wonderful Homecoming with the Lord. What a day that will be! I wonder if we'll get to eat anything that tastes like fried chicken.

## Old Friends

The Gaither Homecoming Group loves to sing "Old Friends." Homecoming has a way of reminding us of old friends.

Old friends after all of these years. Just old friends through laughter and tears.

Old friends, what a priceless treasure.

Old friends are like a rare piece of gold, My old friends make it great to grow old.

Old friends through it all, I will hold To old friends.

Now God must have known
That there'd be days on our own.
We would lose the will to keep

trying to go on.

That's why He sent friends like you along.

Old friends, you've always been there.

My old friends, we've had more than our share.

Old friends, I'm a rich millionaire in old friends.

A phone call, a letter, or just a pat on the back,

Or, hey, I just dropped by to say.

A hand when we're down or a loan when we just couldn't pay.

A song or a story, a little rose from the florist.

Or a special note that you just happened to send.

Somehow, just out of the blue, to tell me you're still my friend.

Old friends after all of these years. Just old friends through the laughter and tears.

Old friends, what a priceless treasure.

Old friends are like a rare piece of gold.

Old friends make it great to grow old with.

Old friends through it all, through it all, I will hold

To old friends,

God's always known that some days are on our own.

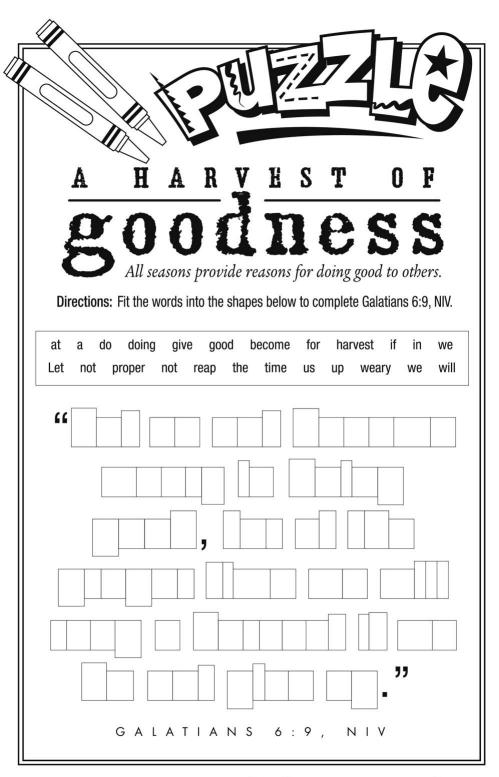
We'd lose the will to go on.

And that's why He sent friends like all of you along.

Old friends, you've always been there.

My old friends, we've had more than our share.

Old friends, we're all millionaires in old friends.



Answer: Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Calatians 6:9, NIV)



Join us each Sunday
Morning at 9:30 for a
continental breakfast,
followed by Sunday
School/Bible Study for all

ages at 9:45.