



Wolffork News

December 2025



Children's Christmas
Program
December 14
11:00 AM Service



Following the
Morning Service
December 14th
Catered by Veronia's Restaurant.
Bring your favorite
Christmas Dessert



Community
Christmas Eve
Carol and Candlelight
Service
December 24
5:30 PM

Merry Christmas



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
 No Sunday PM Activities or
 Services in December

Wednesday:

6:00 PM—Wonderful Wednesday

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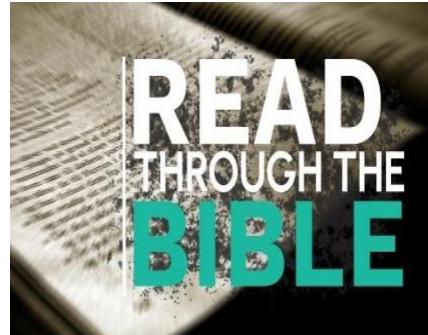
www.Wolffork.org

**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 December 2025 Readings

- 1. Ecclesiastes 6
- 2. Ecclesiastes 7
- 3. Ecclesiastes 8
- 4. Ecclesiastes 9
- 5. Ecclesiastes 10
- 6. Ecclesiastes 11
- 7. Psalm 144-145
- 8. Psalm 146-147
- 9. Psalm 148-150
- 10. Song of Songs 1
- 11. Song of Songs 2
- 12. Song of Songs 3
- 13. Song of Songs 4
- 14. Song of Songs 5
- 15. Song of Songs 6
- 16. Song of Songs 7
- 17. Song of Songs 8
- 18. 1 Timothy 1
- 19. 1 Timothy 2
- 20. 1 Timothy 3
- 21. 1 Timothy 4
- 22. 1 Timothy 5
- 23. 1 Timothy 6
- 24. 2 Timothy 1
- 25. 2 Timothy 2
- 26. 2 Timothy 3
- 27. 2 Timothy 4
- 28. Titus 1
- 29. Titus 2
- 30. Titus 3
- 31. Jude 1



BIRTHDAYS

Gavin Page – 1
 Donna Walker – 4
 Rosa Miller – 9
 Joanie Teel – 12
 Brady Darnell – 13
 Harper Westbrook – 18
 Allen Howard – 20
 Stan Coouey – 22
 Noah McCracken – 22
 Allen Hurd – 23
 Oscar McCracken – 25
 Pawnee O’Neal - 30

ANNIVERSARY

Bill and Arlene Barker – 7
 Ron and Mary Lucas – 14
 Ron and Elaine – 19
 Jim and Jan Whitmire – 21
 Don and Linda Page - 31



December 7 – Rosa Miller and

Linda Page

December 14 – Ashley

Whitmire and Amelia
 McCracken

December 21 – Margaret
 Howard and Alicia
 McCracken

December 28 – Ivy Westbrook
 and Judy McCracken

**MERRY
 Christmas**



What Is Advent? And Why Is It Important for Believers?

What is Advent? Advent is a four-week season in the church calendar leading up to Christmas, ending on December 24. Each Sunday, a candle is lit, with the service focusing on a specific theme. Christians see Advent as a time of expectation and preparation for Jesus's coming—initially through his incarnation (birth) and again at his return. Typically, the first two Sundays highlight the second coming of Jesus, while the last two focus on his first arrival.

The Advent season encourages Christians to step away from Christmas commercialism to focus on what truly matters, preparing their hearts and minds to remember Christ's first and second comings.

Where Did Advent Originate?

Although the Bible does not explicitly mention Advent, this tradition has been part of the global Christian church for centuries. Its origins trace back nearly to the church's founding, with the earliest records from around 380 AD during the Council of Saragossa. Even though the council addressed beliefs and practices that had shifted from traditional Christianity, the practice of

observing a period of anticipation before Christmas has remained a meaningful and cherished tradition.

What Is an Advent Celebration? How do people Celebrate Advent today?

Many evangelical churches observe the season with Advent services, Scripture readings on the incarnation, and the lighting of candles that symbolize the traditional themes of waiting. These readings usually take place on Sundays, starting four weeks before Christmas. While families might feel nervous as a young child lights a candle, the significance of these readings and the quiet tradition deepens as the season advances. Each of the five candles has a specific meaning. Different traditions may use various colors, but a common color and order for the Advent candles is as follows.

First Sunday candle: Purple. This is known as the "prophecy candle," or the candle of HOPE.

Second Sunday candle: Purple. This is known as the "Bethlehem candle," or the candle of PEACE.

Third Sunday candle: Pink. This is known as the "shepherd candle," or the candle of JOY.

Fourth Sunday candle: Purple. This is known as the "angel candle," or the candle of LOVE.

Christmas Eve candle: White. This is known as the "Christ candle," and it symbolizes PURITY, LIGHT, RESTORATION, HOLINESS, and VICTORY.

The Angels' Song in Three Words

On that initial Christmas Eve, scared shepherds were suddenly encircled by bright light and music. A choir of angels lit up the night sky, singing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14, KJV).

Nineteenth-century pastor Charles Kingsley noted that the three simple words — glory, peace, and good will — continue to embody the true meaning of Jesus' birth and the hope it offers.

Glory. God's greatness isn't expressed through spectacular displays of power but through humility and compassion. The baby in the manger demonstrated God's majesty by humbling himself, forgiving others, and expressing love.

Peace. True peace is more than just the absence of conflict. It occurs when we follow God's example of selflessness, relinquishing pride and selfish ambition to live in harmony with others.

Good will. God's good will toward us is a gift that changes our lives. Through Jesus, God invites us away from selfishness and sin into a life filled with love, kindness, and community.

The angels' song wasn't meant only for shepherds long ago. It still sings to us today, calling each of us to live with glory, peace, and good will.



**CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING
FUNDRAISER**

Hosted By:
Wolffork Baptist Youth Group

Gift Drop Off Dates:
Sunday December 7th - 9:30 AM - 12 PM
Wednesday December 10th - 6 PM - 7:30 PM
Sunday Morning December 14th - 9:30 AM - 12 PM

Drop Gifts Off In Youth Room

**Funds will go towards a
youth outreach event at
The Highlands Outpost
scheduled in January 2026**

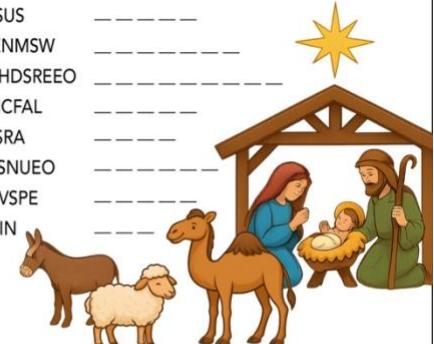
Our goal is to raise: \$1400

Puzzle!

The Christmas Story

Unscramble each set of letters to form a word from the Christmas story. One letter in each set doesn't belong. Write each extra letter below, on the line above the correct number. Then answer the question: What did we all receive at Christmas?

- (1) TGLBEHHEME _____
- (2) NEAGLO _____
- (3) NRMEDAG _____
- (4) ODEKSNY _____
- (5) AMGYR _____
- (6) OHESJIP _____
- (7) EFJSUS _____
- (8) ITEENMSW _____
- (9) SPHHDSDREEO _____
- (10) EMCFAL _____
- (11) TLSRA _____
- (12) CSSNUEO _____
- (13) HEVSPE _____
- (14) ENIN _____



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
9 10 11 12 13 14

Answers: Bethlehem (F), Shepherds (G), Camel (E), Star (L), Census (O), Sheep (V), Inn (E), God's gift of love (A), Wise men (T), Magi (Q), Angel (O), Manger (G), Donkey (S), Mary (G), Joseph (L), Jesus (F).



Christmas Prayer: The True Gift

Dear Lord,

You've brought us again to Christmastime. Help us stay focused on the true glory of Your Son's birth, beyond the glitter and glow. Guard our hearts from becoming overly attached to parties, gifts, and decorations, and instead direct our gaze to Christ — who reflects Your image and carries Your message of love and hope.

We pray in the glorious name of Christ. Amen.

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Our Church Offering Goal: \$11,000