

Wolffork News

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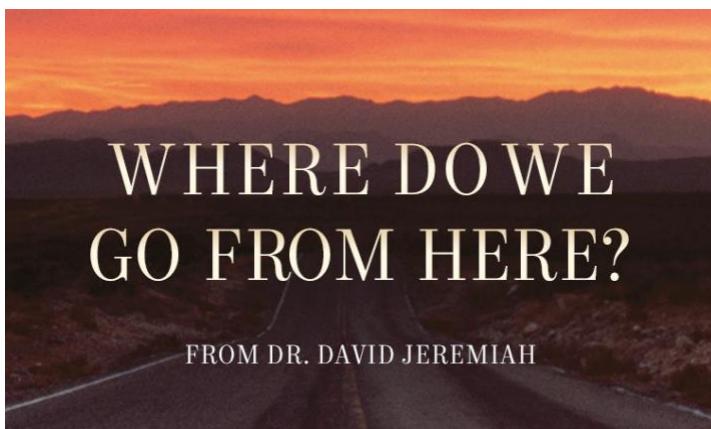


Sunday Morning , January 18
9:15-9:45 - Breakfast
9:45-10:45 - Combined Youth and Adult Sunday School Class with our Missionary Speaker
11:00 - Worship Service and Missionary Speaker



Thanks for joining us in supporting the Lottie Moon Offering®!

Our church's involvement in giving to Lottie Moon is essential to sending and supporting missionaries through the IMB so they can be steadfastly present among those who have never heard the gospel.



Sunday Evening at 5:00

January 4 - A Cultural Prophecy - Socialism
January 11 - An International Prophecy - Globalism
January 25 - A Biological Prophecy - Pandemic



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

5:00 PM - Bible Study

Wednesday:

6:00 PM—Wonderful Wednesday

6:30 PM - Diving Deeper (Adult Bible Study)

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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.



January Bible Readings

Reading Key Chapters Each Day

- 1. Genesis 1
- 2. Genesis 3
- 3. Genesis 4
- 4. Genesis 6
- 5. Genesis 7
- 6. Genesis 8
- 7. Genesis 9
- 8. Genesis 11
- 9. Genesis 12
- 10. Genesis 15
- 11. Genesis 18
- 12. Genesis 21
- 13. Genesis 22
- 14. Genesis 24
- 15. Genesis 27
- 16. Genesis 28
- 17. Genesis 37
- 18. Genesis 39
- 19. Genesis 40
- 20. Genesis 41
- 21. Genesis 42
- 22. Genesis 43
- 23. Genesis 44
- 24. Genesis 45
- 25. Genesis 50
- 26. Exodus 1
- 27. Exodus 2
- 28. Exodus 3
- 29. Exodus 4
- 30. Exodus 5
- 31. Exodus 6



BIRTHDAYS

Jason Whitmire - 1

Aubree Whitmire - 3

Marc LaRose - 5

Derick Ragsdale - 13

Mike Cook - 18

Dillon Darnell - 23

Sheri LaRose - 27

Judy McCracken - 31

ANNIVERSARY

Bill and Kathy Groover - 10



January 4 - Rosa Miller and
Judy McCracken

January 11 - Ashley Whitmire
and Ivy Westbrook

January 18 - Arlene Barker and
Alicia McCracken

January 25 - Amelia McCracken
and Margaret Howard



January 4 - Don Page - Psalm
1:1-6

January 11 - Joanie Teel -
Matthew 28:16-20

January 18 - Brady Darnell -
Psalm 47:1-9

January 26 - Susan Daenen -
Psalm 107:1-9



The Woman Behind the Name Lottie Moon

Lottie Moon, how much do you know about her? We know we take up the Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions, but have you ever considered what she was like, her dreams, her goals, and her desires? Although we think of her as larger than life, she was a real person with the same dreams and ambitions as other women throughout history.

Lottie Moon sailed for China in 1873. Do you think she left a special someone behind because he did not share her call to missions? Did she grow lonely for companionship, someone to grow old with? There was no eHarmony.com in China in 1873. Intermarriage across cultures was not accepted. There were millions of men in China, but none for her. Did Lottie look longingly at newborn babies and know that motherhood would never be in her future?

Did she find the customs, smells, and food of her new land foreign to her senses? Did the strange food make her stomach queasy? When I was a teenager, I attended an International Youth Conference in Switzerland. One night for supper, the main dish was goat tongue. I lived on chocolate bars (fortunately, the Swiss are famous for their

chocolate). After just one week, I was starving for some good old mom's cooking. Lottie served in China for 39 years. Do you think she yearned for some familiar foods of her youth?

Did Lotte grow homesick as the years passed? During the 39 years she served in China, she returned to America only three times! She missed many family milestones – weddings, birthdays, and funerals. She could not hear her family's voices – there were no cell phones. Communication was slow because letters were sent by ship across the many miles of ocean, taking months to reach their destination.

Lottie grew up in a privileged home. She was well educated, earning a Master of Arts degree. Besides English, she was fluent in four languages – French, Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. She could have had anything she wanted, but she left it all to travel around the world to tell the people of China the good news!

Lottie Moon gladly adopted her new homeland's customs, food, and dress. She lived as any native Chinese person lived.

Lottie suggested that an offering be taken at Christmas time, "when hearts are tender," for foreign missions. Therefore, it was fitting that years later the offering would be named for her to honor her sacrifice.

Ironically, Lottie Moon arrived at her mission field on Christmas Eve and died on Christmas Eve, 1912, on a ship bound for America. She weighed only 50 pounds at the time of her death. China was experiencing war and famine during those years. It is said that she gave her

own food to the starving Chinese people; she loved them more than she loved herself.

As the time for the Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions approaches, remember the person behind the name, Lottie Moon.

By Arlene Barker

Cookies Open Doors for Gospel Conversations

The people in China were suspicious of missionary Lottie Moon. Lottie turned to a favorite Christmas activity to build relationships with her new neighbors — baking cookies. Children flocked around her to try the sweet treats. Soon, mothers within the community invited Lottie into their homes, where she told them about Jesus.



Lottie Moon's Plain Tea Cake

Adapted recipe for today's cooks:
2 cups of flour
1/2 cup butter
1 heaping cup of sugar
1 well-beaten egg
1 tablespoon cream

Cream the butter and sugar. Add the egg and mix well. Add the flour and cream. Dust a board with flour. Roll the dough very thin. Cut cookies with a round cookie cutter. Place on a buttered or nonstick cookie sheet. Bake at 475 degrees for about 5 minutes.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering



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7 Reasons to Read the Bible Every Day

You can probably point to about a hundred reasons why you don't have time to read the Bible every day. Sometimes we all need a reminder to prioritize daily Bible reading, even if it's just for a few minutes, because this fundamental habit of the Christian life is transformative to our lives as busy parents, workers, and children of God.

Planning a reliable time every day to open your heart to what God has to say to you through the Holy Scriptures. The consistent time investment will yield powerful results in your personal and family spiritual life.

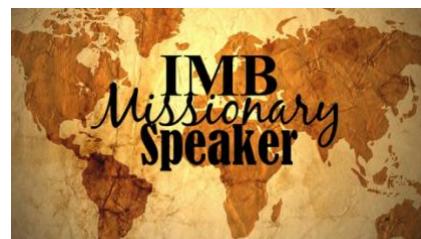
Why should you take time to read the Bible every day? Here are just a few reasons:

1. It strengthens your relationship with God, the most important relationship in your life. Bible reading is a daily conversation that helps you get to know Him better and experience His love.
2. It feeds and transforms you. The Holy Bible is like a mirror before our mind's eye. In it we see our inner face and learn our spiritual deformities, beauties, progress, and distance from perfection. It guides you toward becoming the person God created you to be.
3. It provides wisdom for living. God's Word is active and meant to help you live out your vocation. The lessons from parables, the beatitudes, and other sacred texts are practical tools for daily life.
4. It sets an example for loved ones. Seeing someone in your family read the Bible encourages children and

others to develop their own love for Scripture.

5. It reveals your role in God's plan. Reading the Bible helps you understand salvation history and your place in it.
6. It grows your prayerfulness, fruitfulness, and discipleship. Bible reading yields significant spiritual fruit and strengthens one's connection with God.
7. It expands your sense of wonder. The Bible reveals God's grandeur, inspiring awe and deepening your longing for Him, ultimately fulfilled in heaven.

Read the Bible daily, even a little — it will change your life.



Rabun County Baptist Association Missions Fair
January 18

Head of Tennessee Baptist Church

4:30 – 6:00 PM
Mission Fair and Free Hot Dogs with the Trimmings

6:00 PM
IMB Missionary Speaker