

Wolffork News

May 2026



Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Thomas Hammond
Executive Director, Georgia Baptist Mission Board
Sunday, May 3 at 11:00 PM

Church Wide
Youth Sponsored Spaghetti Lunch
Salad, Beverages, Desserts
May 3, Following the Morning Service
Donations will be accepted for
youth activities and summer camp.



Mother's Day Sunday
May 10 at 11:00 AM

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us
as we celebrate Mother's Day

Memorial Day Sunday
May 24 at 11:00 AM

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us
as we celebrate the brave men and women who
have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.





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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of the church calendar:**

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Word for the Day

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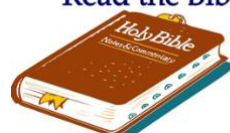
**Listen to the Sunday Sermon
at Wolffork.org/sermon.**



May Bible Readings Reading Key Chapters Each Day

- 1. Nehemiah 1
- 2. Nehemiah 2
- 3. Nehemiah 4
- 4. Nehemiah 5
- 5. Nehemiah 6
- 6. Nehemiah 8
- 7. Nehemiah 9
- 8. Esther 1
- 9. Esther 2
- 10. Esther 3
- 11. Esther 4
- 12. Esther 5
- 13. Esther 6
- 14. Esther 7
- 15. Esther 8
- 16. Esther 9
- 17. Job 1
- 18. Job 2
- 19. Job 38
- 20. Job 39
- 21. Job 40
- 22. Job 41
- 23. Job 42
- 24. Psalm 1
- 25. Psalm 19
- 26. Psalm 23
- 27. Psalm 37
- 28. Psalm 90
- 29. Psalm 100
- 30. Psalm 103
- 31. Psalm 104

**Daily
Read the Bible**



MAY Birthdays & Anniversaries

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 3 - Don Page, Psalm 127:1-5
May 10 - Margaret Howard,
Psalm 128:1-6
May 17 - Ken Gross, Psalm 150:1-6
May 24 - Linda Page, Psalm 130:1-8
May 31 - Mike Cook, Psalm 131:1-3



May 3 - Judy McCracken and Rosa
Miller
May 10 - Ashley Whitmire and
Amelia McCracken
May 17 - Alicia McCracken and
Linda Page
May 24 - Margaret Howard and
Arlene Barker
May 31 - Ivy Westbrook and Amelia
McCracken

Memorial Day: A Time for National Unity and Christian Reflection



Memorial Day is one of America's key federal holidays, honoring courageous military personnel who sacrificed everything for the country. While it fosters national unity and reflection on the price of freedom, it also carries special significance for Christians, who view these sacrifices as a reflection of Christ's love—"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

A Day Rooted in History

Memorial Day originated after the Civil War as "Decoration Day," a respectful tradition of adorning the graves of fallen soldiers. What was once a local practice has grown into a national symbol of remembrance. Today, Americans across the country observe Memorial Day through meaningful traditions:

- **Cemetery visits** to honor fallen heroes with flowers and flags.
- **Community parades** that bring neighborhoods together in remembrance.

- **National moment of remembrance** at 3 PM, uniting the country in silent tribute.

A Christian Perspective on Sacrifice

For Christians, Memorial Day offers a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the biblical concept of sacrificial love. The ultimate sacrifice of our service members aligns with Jesus' teaching in John 15:13, deepening our understanding of faith and patriotism. Jesus said, "No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends" (CSB).

Many Christians see military service as a metaphor for the Christian life: struggling in the 'good fight' and wearing the 'armor of God.' This link elevates Memorial Day beyond a simple national holiday, turning it into a time for:

- **Grateful stewardship** of the freedoms secured at such great cost.
- **Prayerful reflection** on the tragedies of war and hope for eternal peace.
- **Comfort and support** for families who continue to grieve their losses.

Join Us in Remembrance

As we approach Memorial Day, Wolffork Baptist Church will honor veterans and remember the fallen in our special service on **Sunday, May 24 at 11:00 AM**. We invite you

to join us as we blend national gratitude with Christian reflection, creating a meaningful bridge between patriotic duty and spiritual calling.



Death is not the End

Loren Eiseley, an anthropologist who died in 1977, requested this epitaph for himself and his wife: "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.

Honoring Women: A Biblical Foundation for Mother's Day

As we prepare to celebrate Mother's Day on **May 10, 2026, at 11:00 AM**, we reflect on the profound biblical truth that women are created in God's image, possess equal spiritual worth to men, and are to be honored, dignified, and respected. Scripture mandates love and understanding in marriage, recognizes women's strength and value, and highlights their essential roles in spiritual, family, and ministry leadership.

Biblical Foundations for Honoring Women

Key aspects of biblical respect for women include:

- **Equal Standing Before God:** Both men and women are created in God's image and are equal heirs of the grace of life (Genesis 1:27, Galatians 3:28).
- **Marriage and Honor:** Husbands are commanded to love their wives as Christ loved the church and to honor them, living with them in an understanding way (Ephesians 5:25, 1 Peter 3:7).
- **Strength and Dignity:** The Bible praises women for their strength, wisdom, and dignity, particularly in Proverbs 31, which portrays a woman whose value is far beyond jewels.

- **Jesus' Example:** Jesus disregarded the restrictive cultural norms of his time by teaching women, having them as part of his traveling ministry team, and appearing to them first after his resurrection.
- **Protection and Dignity:** The biblical, holistic view of womanhood calls for treating women with honor rather than as inferior, and it protects their right to flourish (1 Peter 3:7, 1 Timothy 5:2).

Join Us in Celebration

This Mother's Day, **May 10, 2026, at 11:00 AM**, we invite you to join us for a special service honoring the women in our lives. We will celebrate the mothers, grandmothers, mentors, and female leaders who have shaped our faith and communities through their strength, wisdom, and love.

Come as we recognize the invaluable contributions of women in our church family and reflect on God's beautiful



design for womanhood. All are welcome as we give thanks for these precious gifts from God.

Why Christians Should Celebrate Mother's Day

Mother's Day sparks debate among Christians about whether it's appropriate to celebrate, given its secular origins. However, there are biblical reasons for Christians to honor mothers. The Fifth Commandment instructs, "Honor your father and your mother" (Exodus 20:12), a commandment that remains relevant and can be especially fulfilled on Mother's Day. Jesus demonstrated respect for his mother throughout his ministry, even on the cross, when he entrusted her to John (John 19:26-27), underscoring that honoring mothers is crucial even in challenging times.

Motherhood reflects God's nurturing nature, as mothers exemplify divine love through sacrifice. The Bible often portrays God's relationship with His people through maternal imagery (Isaiah 66:13, Matthew 23:37). Celebrating mothers allows us to honor God's work through women, giving life, nurturing, and shaping future generations, and highlights His beautiful design for family and motherhood.

Mother's Day also offers an opportunity to express gratitude and demonstrate Christian virtues. It is a moment to express love and thanks and to share the gospel, as maternal love often resonates with many, serving as a bridge to show that God's love surpasses all.

In conclusion, rather than viewing Mother's Day merely as a secular holiday, Christians can see it as an opportunity to honor God. Celebrating with gratitude and a biblical perspective turns Mother's Day into a reflection of faith.