



## So, Where Did Labor Day Come From?

Growing up, my self-employed parents used to joke with us kids that our family worked harder on Labor Day than any other day of the year. It really did seem like we were trying to catch up on stuff.



We thought Labor Day meant you work! And it did! Well, sort of.....During the Industrial Revolution (the late 1800's) it was common practice for people (the poor and immigrants) to work 12-hour days, seven days a week toiling away in mills, factories and mines across the country. This brutal schedule often included children as young as 5 or 6 years old who earned only a fraction of what little the adults were getting. The work was often extremely unsafe, with little fresh air, no sanitary facilities or breaks.

There were protests and violent riots where people died. Labor unions organized strikes and rallies to try to push employers into renegotiating hours and pay. It all fell on deaf ears until finally, on September 5, 1882, ten thousand workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square in New York City. This was the first unofficial Labor Day parade in U.S. history. It sparked the idea that caught on across the country that the first Monday in September should be a "workingmen's holiday". States with large industrial centers passed legislation to recognize it. But the country as a whole struggled on.

Twelve years later the Pullman Palace Car Company of Chicago went on strike protesting wage cuts and the firing of union representatives causing such chaos that the Federal government got involved. Congress finally passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories and President Grover Cleveland signed it into law on June 28, 1894.

So, this year on Labor Day take a minute to be grateful for those who's persistence resulted in the fair wages and good working conditions we Americans so easily take for granted.

### Here's What's Coming Up:

- Each Sunday—Sunday School at 9:45 am. Worship Service at 11am
- Each Sunday during September & October Dr. Mark Custalow Speaks
- Sep 6th— Labor Day
- Sept 11th—Patriot Day
- Sept 15th—Quarterly Business Meeting
- Sept 20th—Impact Hunger Deliveries
- Sept 25th—Church Work Day
- Oct 11th—Columbus Day
- Oct 16th—Church Work Day
- Oct 18th—Impact Hunger Deliveries
- Oct 31st—The Lord's Supper

# SEPTEMBER 2021

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Study & Prayer 6:30p /Youth 6:30p	2	3	4
5 Sunday School 9:45a Worship Service 11a Dr Mark Custalow	6 <b>Labor Day</b>	7	8 Bible Study & Prayer 6:30p Youth Group 6:30p	9	10	11 <b>Patriot Day</b>
12 Sunday School 9:45a Worship Service 11a Dr Mark Custalow	13	14	15 <b>Quarterly Business Meeting 6:30p</b>	16	17	18
19 Sunday School 9:45a Worship Service 11a Dr Mark Custalow	20 Impact Hunger Deliveries Noon—1p	21	22  Youth Group 6:30p	23	24	25 <b>Church Work Day 9a</b>
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# OCTOBER 2021

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# From the Pastor

There are not too many churches in North America with a 231-year history, yet Hollies Baptist Church in Keller, VA stands among a select few that do. To consider the sermons preached here, those who exercised faith in Christ for salvation, and those who grew in their walk with Jesus under the ministries carried out at Hollies throughout its history is nothing short of amazing. Lest we be too quick to take pride in such history, the glory for all the good done here belongs wholly to God.

With all of the amazing elements of the story of Hollies Baptist Church, it is critical to consider its history against the backdrop of God's eternal story and His redemptive plan. We must not fall into the trap of looking for our best days and ministries in our past. Paul's perspective in his letter to the Philippians is the very one we must also possess, "<sup>13</sup>...*But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead,* <sup>14</sup>*I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus*" (Phil. 3:13b-14).

It has been my privilege to walk alongside of you as your interim pastor in these past few weeks and those yet to come. As I have sought the Lord for how He would use me in our time together, He led me to focus on resetting our lives individually and together as a church to conform to His purposes and plans. With that orientation settled anew, I believe God wants to do a new work in this community and on the Shore through Hollies Baptist Church. Why else would He sustain this church for so many years? Consider the word of God through the prophet Isaiah, "*Look, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see it? Indeed, I will make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert*" (Is. 43:19).

I am praying that God will send fresh winds of revival in every heart, stirring up the embers of faith, joy, and wholehearted devotion in every member. May we commit ourselves to reflecting the image of God with crystal clarity, to the disciplines of walking continually with Jesus, and to the work of advancing the mission of God by way of making disciples and even starting new churches.

Oh church, keep your eyes set on Jesus, and your hearts committed fully to His purposes and plans in your life!

To that end, I want to personally invite you to the business meeting on Wednesday evening, September 15<sup>th</sup>. That meeting will feature discussions about several initiatives that will help to define our future and set us on a course that will lead to the best days in our history.



Dr. Mark Custalow  
Interim Pastor – Hollies Baptist Church  
Regional Catalyst – SBC of Virginia

# Mission Projects

*Our Youth Wanted to Thank our Law Enforcement Officers!*



So, they created a Service Project to give \$5 Gift Bags to every Accomack County Sheriff's Dept Officer...All 52 of them...to show their appreciation for the difficult and dangerous job they do to keep us safe. Thank You to all who contributed to cover this expense!

## *Annual School Supplies Drive*



School Supplies

Thanks for your Contributions!  
Backpacks &  
School Supplies  
were delivered to  
Pungoteague  
Elementary School  
on August 23rd.



Treats for Teachers Too!



***Many Hands Make Lite Work!***

Saturday, September 25th  
& Saturday, October 16th  
At 9 AM  
Tithe a Few of Your Hours  
To Take Good Care Of  
The Lord's House!



Quarterly Business Meeting!

Wednesday,  
September 15th  
At 6:30pm

Be There!

*Let's Stay Healthy*



Sunday services are on-going with Adult & Children's Sunday School at 9:45am and Worship Service at 11am. Wednesday Night Bible Study & Prayer and Kids & Youth Meetings have also resumed. Here are the guidelines the deacons have established for a safe ministry time together.

1. Practice social distancing. Seat spread out throughout our sanctuary.
2. Try not to sit in front of or behind someone.
3. Wearing a mask is optional, but everyone in the church should have a mask in their possession just in case. Masks and hand sanitizer are available at both doors.
4. Offering plates are on the front table to receive your tithes and offerings before or after the service.
5. Our traditional Pot Luck Suppers are suspended until things improve. This will help us avoid passing things between people.
6. If you bring children to the worship service you are responsible to control them. No roaming is allowed.
7. If you do not feel well, please stay home until you are feeling better.
8. If you do not feel comfortable coming out, stay home. God is not sitting in the heavens judging your church attendance during this time and neither are we.

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Deacons: Jimmy Campbell, Nat Atkinson  
& Brooks Wallace

**Standard Hours of Worship  
& Meetings**

**Sunday Morning**  
Sunday School 9:45am  
Worship Service 11:00am

**Wednesday Evening**  
Adult Bible Study & Prayer 6:30pm  
Kids & Youth Meetings 6:30pm