



## Holiday?.... What Holiday!

Labor Day... My Mom and Dad used to say we worked harder on Labor Day than all the rest of the year. My whole life it was always the same. We were 'Do-it-Yourselfers', and Labor Day meant we had a three day weekend and (with only a minor delay for Sunday services) that cannot be wasted! But, by Monday (Labor Day) the deadline for completion was looming over our heads and the action became frantic! Then the next year would come and we'd be doing it all over again.

Where did Labor Day come from anyway? Well, as a matter of fact, it was the late 19th century in New York City when there was a parade and picnic to "celebrate the social and economic achievements of American workers". It was organized by the Central Labor Union in 1882. Then several states adopted the holiday, so Congress passed a law in 1894, signed by President Grover Cleveland, making Labor Day a Federal holiday on the first Monday of September to honor workers and the harsh conditions of the Industrial Revolution. Think you've got it rough? Twelve hour days and seven day work weeks were common at that time. That day off was their only break!

So, enjoy your picnic and take the day to kick back and relax. It was earned by your forefathers and is yours, by Federal Law, for almost 150 years! Enjoy!!!

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

- ◆ Sundays—Sunday School at 9:45 am.  
Worship Service at 11am
- ◆ Wednesdays—Prayer Mtg & Bible Study 6 pm
- ◆ Thursdays—Ladies Bible Study 10 am
- ◆ Saturdays—Every Other-Craft Bunch 10am
- ◆ Sept 1st—Labor Day!
- ◆ Sept 7th—Grandparents Day
- ◆ Sept 11th—Patriot Day
- ◆ Sept 15th—Impact Hunger Del 11 am—1 pm
- ◆ Sept 17th—Quarterly Business Meeting 6 pm
- ◆ Sept 19th—POW/MIA Recognition Day
- ◆ Sept 22nd—Autumn Begins
- ◆ Sept 28th—Gold Star Mother's Day
- ◆ Oct 13th—Columbus Day
- ◆ Oct 18th—Fall Festival 2 pm
- ◆ Oct 20th—Impact Hunger Del 11 am—1pm
- ◆ Oct 31st—Halloween












# SEPTEMBER 2025

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| Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|---|
|  | 1 <br>LABOR DAY              | 2   | 3 Prayer Mtg &<br>Bible Study 6p  | 4 Ladies Bible<br>Study 10a  | 5   | 6   |
| 7 <b>Grandparents Day</b><br>Sunday School 9:45a<br>Worship Service 11a  | 8                            | 9   | 10 Prayer Mtg &<br>Bible Study 6p   | 11 Ladies Bible<br>Study 10a<br><b>Patriot Day</b>  | 12  | 13 Crafty<br>Bunch<br>10a  |
| 14 Sunday School 9:45a<br>Worship Service 11a  | 15 Impact<br>Hunger De-<br>liveries 11a-  | 16  | 17 <b>Quarterly<br/>Business<br/>Mtg 6p</b>  | 18 Ladies Bible<br>Study 10a   | 19 <b>POW/MIA</b><br>Recognition<br>Day  | 20  |
| 21 Sunday School 9:45a<br>Worship Service 11a  | 22 <b>Autumn<br/>Begins</b>  | 23 <b>Leadership<br/>Training 2025<br/>5:30 p</b> | 24 Prayer Mtg &<br>Bible Study 6p   | 25 Ladies Bible<br>Study 10a   | 26  | 27 Crafty<br>Bunch 10a     |
| 28 Sunday School 9:45a<br>Worship Service 11a<br><b>Gold Star Mothers Day</b>  | 29  | 30  |   |  |   |   |

# OCTOBER 2025

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|   |  |     | 1 Prayer Mtg &<br>Bible Study 6p  | 2 Ladies Bible<br>Study 10a  | 3  | 4  |
| 5 Sunday School 9:45a<br>Worship Service 11a  | 6  | 7   | 8 Prayer Mtg &<br>Bible Study 6p  | 9 Ladies Bible<br>Study 10a  | 10   | 11 Crafty Bunch<br>10a                |
| 12 Sunday School 9:45a<br>Worship Service 11a | 13 <br>COLUMBUS DAY | 14  | 15 Prayer Mtg &<br>Bible Study 6p | 16 Ladies Bible<br>Study 10a | 17   | 18 <b>2pm</b><br><br>FALL<br>FESTIVAL |
| 19 Sunday School 9:45a<br>Worship Service 11a | 20 Impact Hunger<br>Deliveries 11a-1p  | 21  | 22 Prayer Mtg &<br>Bible Study 6p | 23 Ladies Bible<br>Study 10a | 24   | 25 Crafty Bunch<br>10a                |
| 26 Sunday School 9:45a<br>Worship Service 11a | 27   | 28  | 29 Prayer Mtg &<br>Bible Study 6p | 30 Ladies Bible<br>Study 10a | 31 <br><b>Halloween</b> |  |



# Reflections and Encouragement For a New School Year

As we embark on another school year, it is important to reflect on the truths and promises found in Scripture. The book of Job (chapters 1-42) shows us the depth of faith and perseverance through suffering. Similarly, Romans 8:28 reminds us that “we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” This assures us that, regardless of our circumstances, God is at work for our good.

James 1:2-4 encourages us to “consider it all joy...when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.” These difficult moments are opportunities for growth so that we may become complete, lacking nothing. Psalm 34:19 acknowledges that “many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all,” reminding us that God is our deliverer.

In John 16:33, Jesus offers reassurance: “These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation but take courage; I have overcome the world.” Likewise, Romans 5:3-5 teaches us to rejoice in our tribulations, for they build perseverance, character, and hope—a hope that does not disappoint because God’s love fills our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

First Peter 1:6-7 and Hebrews 12:5-11 further encourage us to see the refining purpose in our trials, while Psalm 73 honestly expresses the struggle of witnessing the prosperity of the wicked. The psalmist confesses feeling envious and troubled until entering the sanctuary of God and understanding the ultimate fate of the wicked. This reminds us to maintain perspective and trust in God’s justice and goodness, even when life feels unfair.

Note From Pastor



Games, Hot Dogs, Snacks  
& Fun!

October 18th at 2 pm  
Bring Your Friends &  
Family!

This is a Joint Event with  
Shore Community Church  
at HBC

Eastern Shore  
**LEADERSHIP**  
 TRAINING 2025  
 LEADING  
*on*  
 MISSION

- Love Inc. - Pastor Chris Cartwright - 2nd Session
- How to Attract Young Couples - Dr. Lynn Hardaway - 1st Session
- How to Resolve Conflict - Dr. Kim Jessie - 2nd Session
- Preschool/Children's Ministry/Lifeway Update - Mrs. Karen Burton - 2nd Session
- How to Start a Safety Team - Mr. Joe Andrews & Mr. Eric Sweigard - 1st & 2nd Session
- Family Discipleship - Pastor Clarence Bakery - 1st & 2nd Session

**TUESDAY**  
 SEPT. 23<sup>rd</sup>. 5:30pm  
 Dinner \$8

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REGISTER BY CALLING  
 757-442-9491

OR

[exmorebaptistchurch.com/fallleadership](http://exmorebaptistchurch.com/fallleadership)  
 Deadline to Register  
 September 17th

**6. BOOK OF GENESIS**  
*Example: Garden of Eden*

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 VKVC VVK DAD  
 XZVJ'H VWP  
 GZADXVXF  
 FZUDW ZO TVTDR  
 JSCVXPLXX  
 OWSLFOSRXDHH  
 KDHGDXXKVXFH  
 FUDRAD HZXH  
 VTWVJVC

Another Brain-Teaser  
 from Sonny!

Quarterly Business Meeting  
 September 17th at 6pm  
 You're Part of the Church Family!



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Pastor: Steven G. Miller  
Deacons: Nat Atkinson & Brooks Wallace

**Standard Hours of Worship  
 & Meetings**

**Sunday Morning**

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

**Wednesday Evening**

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6 pm