

The Bethany Beacon

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Birthdays

01 Todd Martin	14 April Keister
03 Tina Elmore	15 Silas Nixon
05 Phillip Elmore	18 Jayden Ferrell
07 Ruth Turner	21 Mike Whitley, Sr.
08 Skylar Felts	22 Allison Jordan
08 Sheila Bowes	25 Brooklyn Keister
09 Matt Felts	26 Evelyn Deveau
09 David Marden	27 Ashley Bryant
09 Steve Winfree	29 Brenda Hall
10 Brice Marden, V	29 Neal Felts
10 Diane Ornduff	30 Bonni Grubbs
12 Brittany Ornduff	30 Carmen Bertram
14 Eleanor Felts	30 Jessica Payne



Anniversaries

3	Steve & Margie Nelson
4	Owen & Debbie Tate
10	Silas & Gisela Nixon
17	Nathan & Judy Hackler
18	Al & Laurien Jeffers
30	Matt & Eleanor Felts

Love God ♦ Love People ♦ Share Jesus

This upcoming Monday is Labor Day. It has always been a holiday I never really knew much about when I was younger. In Hampton roads, we went back to school right after Labor Day. For many, it is the last trip to the beach celebrating the end of summer and the beginning of the new school year. The history behind the holiday makes it an interesting holiday compared to the other national holidays that we celebrate. According to History.com, "Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894."

Working conditions at the height of the Industrial Revolution was the backbone for the holiday. The working condition, time, and pay is what influenced the first Labor Day parade, which was technically a march. During this time people, even kids, worked 12-hour shifts 7-days a week! On September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square in New York City, holding the first Labor Day parade in U.S. history (History.com). It was a holiday for the workingman. Pop quiz: does anyone (without cheating) know who was the president that signed it into law 12 years later?

So, what's the point in one of the five holidays that always falls on Mondays? Well, work and rest! Both are vital. The word labor means work. I know, it's weird we have a holiday that celebrates work by not working...ok I guess that makes sense. I know it's the rest from work or labor that we celebrate. We were created to work and rest. *Ephesians 2:10, For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.* And yes, it can be a struggle to find a good balance for both. God even understood both. *Exodus 20:11, For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day.*

Work is important but so is rest. Hebrews 4 tells us that as Christians our rest is not found in a day off but in our Creator. I pray that you find physical, emotional, and mental rest in God. Recharge to charge! As a Christian work and work hard but also rest and yes, rest hard, too. Have a great and safe Labor Day weekend!

-Kyle Hayden



American Red Cross

Bethany Christian Church will host a Blood Drive on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 from 2 - 6 PM. To schedule an appointment please call 1.800.REDCROSS (1.800.733.2767), visit RedCrossBlood.org, or call the church office.

Come to give and we'll say thanks with a limited-edition Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last! Good things happen when you give. In fact, every time you give, you may help save more than one life. Spread the word!