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Bruce Lewis has been cutting my hair for the better part of 20 years. I look forward to my monthly trip to Bruce's barber shop because of the stories. Bruce has a gift for storytelling. On my last visit he told me the story of a friend of his that recently passed away, his name was Bernard. Bernard was born and raised in Richmond and had a tough childhood. He lost his dad at an early age and grew up without a father figure in his life. Somehow Bernard found his way into Pinehurst Baptist Church. The church had a softball team and Bernard loved playing ball. In order to play you had to attend church at least twice a month. So, Bernard attended church and he played ball. The softball team was coached by Bethel's own Bruce Lewis. Even though Bruce was only a few years older than most of the guys on the team, a number of the players looked up to Bruce as a father figure or mentor. Christ worked through that Church and through Bruce and somewhere along the way Bernard accepted the Lord into his life. After high school Bernard was shipped off to Vietnam where he was critically wounded. He actually flatlined on the operating table, but doctors were able to resuscitate him. Bernard's wounds healed and he returned to Richmond where he got married and worked for Wonder Bread until he retired. As the years ticked by, Bernard immersed himself in his family and career and he lost touch with his church and his old ball coach, until recently. In August of 2019 Bernard's wife Diana called Bruce. She said, "Bernard's got stage 4 kidney cancer and time is short. He's calling some important people in his life to tell them goodbye." Diana put Bernard on the phone and he was reunited with Bruce after many years. It was during the phone call that Bruce had an idea. He said, "Bernard, let me get some of the old ball players together and we'll meet for lunch, would that be ok?" That was fine. That group met once a month for lunch for the last year.



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Then Bruce encouraged Bernard and Diana to go to Myrtle Beach with him and his wife Shirley and their group of friends from Pinehurst. They accepted and they all had a wonderful time away. As time passed Bernard looked forward to those monthly lunches, but recently the cancer took its toll and in late July Bruce got another phone call from Diana. She said, "If you want to visit Bernard again, you may want to come soon." Bruce rearranged his schedule, called a friend and they got to Bernard's house on a Tuesday afternoon around 1:30. They stayed until 2:45 visiting, laughing and joking, then when it was time to leave Bruce suggested they pray. They held hands and prayed and Bruce said, "It was a sacred moment. I know the Lord was present and after we prayed, I told him I loved him and we left." Bruce got another phone call at 4:30 that afternoon saying that Bernard had passed away. Bruce said, "It was like Bernard was waiting for us to come and have that prayer and say goodbye. The Lord just ordained the whole thing." I want to affirm that the Lord was present. When Bruce told me this story, he had tears in his eyes and the story brought tears to my eyes. Where there are tears, there is usually something behind those tears, and in this case, it was love. Since God is love, I know God was present when Bruce prayed for Bernard and when Bruce told me the story. I want to take you back to a critical moment in the story. When Diana called to say that Bernard just wanted to say goodbye, Bruce could have said, "Well Bernard, I'm sorry for all you're going through. God bless you. It's been a real pleasure knowing you. You've meant a lot to me and I'm proud of the man you've become. I'll see you in heaven one day." That would have been just fine, but Bruce didn't say that, he went one better. Bruce got on the phone and called the old softball team and he arranged those lunches and he arranged the trip to Myrtle Beach. For the last year of Bernard's life there was a considerable amount of light in his life because of Christ working through Bruce.



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Plugging into Music

While COVID 19 continues to restrict the ways that we can sing, there are opportunities to plug into music this season.

Beginning in September, small ensembles will meet after the worship service to rehearse Christmas music. If you are interested, please contact Gayle Taylor now so that she can plug you into one of these groups. Each group will meet twice a month. Rehearsals will last approximately 30 minutes.

Also, Circle of Truth (praise team) is always seeking interested singers or musicians. This group rehearses twice a month on designated Saturday and Sunday mornings. If you are interested in participating in any of these music opportunities, please contact Gayle Taylor at revgayletaylor18@yahoo.com or call the church office at (804) 794-8590.



*A Note From Your Associate
Pastor and Music Minister by
Gayle Taylor*



Boldness: Taking the Risks and Asking for the Blessings
In my business women's prayer group, Prayer Pocket in Chesterfield, we have discussed various topics that center on "best practices." Recently, we shared our insights on the concept of "boldness." I asked the participants to answer the following two questions: 1) What has been your boldest move in your career? and 2) How would you advise your younger self about practicing boldness? The participants offered insights, some predicable and some thought provoking. As you might expect, phrases like "believe in yourself" and "be confident" entered into the discussion. More intriguing, however, surfaced these two ideas: "If you don't take risks, you don't grow" and "if you want something, ask for it." Both of these statements center on movement: moving away from a stationary faith, but what does this mean?

Taking risks might mean that you take on a new project or participate on a new team. Taking risks might entail that you make a move to repair and to restore a relationship in your family. Taking risks might just push you out of your comfort zone to do something that only God could give you the strength to do. Taking risks grants you the benefit of faith growth: to rely on God to hold you solidifies your confidence in His protection.

Isaiah 41:10 "Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."

Asking for the blessings also nudges you out of your comfort zone. Asking for the blessings might mean you petition God for a financial need like gaining a new client or a way to open doors to a better future. **Asking for the blessing might call for you to prayerfully seek God's** guidance for ways to navigate a troubled relationship at work or in the home. Asking for the blessings will get you out of your comfort zone because this requires that you actively and expectantly seek God's involvement into your life. Asking for the blessing also strengthens your faith: to trust that God will enter your situation acknowledges your certainty of His care.

James 1:5: "If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you."

As you enter the fall season, I hope that you will explore how taking risks and asking for the blessing will enrich your faith journey. Blessings for boldness!

Hoops! Coming Soon

Missing JIGSAW? Us too! We are **excited to announce a new children's** program that will meet during worship.

What is Hoops? In lieu of Jigsaw we will offer Hoops! during worship. Students will be dismissed from service and meet outside, weather permitting, or in the main lobby. We will have a fun and engaging lesson, but with safety as our top priority. Social distancing will be maintained by providing each student their own hula hoop (hence the name!) to sit in. This will provide a visual reminder of where they need to stay to maintain a safe distance from each other.

Why not Jigsaw? **We don't want any confusion, disappointment,** unmet expectations for our students. Jigsaw indicates interactive lessons, movement, high activity level, games, shared materials, and food/drink. While our goal is to provide fun and engaging lessons it cannot look like Jigsaw of the past. New times call for a new approach.

When will Hoops! start? ASAP! We are currently developing protocols and procedures. Stay tuned for an official start date. If you are not comfortable with your child attending Hoops during service, they are welcome to remain with you.



Ministry & Missions Celebration

Join us on September 9 at 7 p.m. for our Ministry and Missions Celebration (aka Business Meeting). You can join us in person, or stream the meeting online. You can also log into Zoom so you will have the ability to interact during the meeting. The log in information for Zoom will be coming soon in the weekly email.



Book Club News

The Book Club is now reading *Stories of Your Life and Others* by Ted Chiang. Goodreads says this about the book: "This collection of science fiction stories often presents characters who must confront sudden change with some sense of normalcy. Chiang examines what it means to be alive in a world marked by uncertainty, but also by beauty and wonder." **We will discuss this book on Sunday, November 15, after worship.** Please bring a bagged lunch and drink. We will meet in the People of Hope Center. If you would like to participate in the book club and need a copy of the book, please contact Gayle Taylor at revgayletaylor18@yahoo.com or call the church office at (804) 794-8590.



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Bruce's efforts made a difference in Bernard's life, in Diana's life, and for Bruce himself. Bruce said he was blessed to be reunited with Bernard after all those years. All of this is possible because Bruce invited Bernard to be a part of the softball team, invited him to those lunches and invited him to Myrtle Beach. Those **invitations turned out to be invitations to participate in God's Kingdom. I've found that when we open our lives up to others and extend grace and hospitality, God often shows up.** I believe Shirley Lewis would agree. She served Bethel for many years as our Care Team Coordinator and she has made a huge difference in the lives of many people as she has visited our homebound folks, often bringing them books, meals, and other treats. Shirley **told me, "Don't think about doing something, get up and do it! You can think about taking someone a pot of soup, or you can get up and make the soup and take it to someone."** I'm grateful for Bruce and Shirley and their ministry of care and compassion and **for the time they take to reach out to others. Let's take a page out of the Lewis' book and invite people into our lives. When we do, I suspect we will find that we have actually invited them to participate in God's Kingdom and for that we'll all be blessed.** May God bless Bruce and Shirley Lewis and may God bless Bethel Baptist Church.

Todd

Library News

Hello Bethel people, a few words from the Bethel Library. As all of you know our world came to a quick halt in early March. I am still trying to wrap my head around all of it. I am hoping the library will be open very soon. We will be helping the pre-school when they open in September. The library staff will do everything we can to follow the rules for keeping our kids safe.

There is some business I have left from March. I would like to say a big THANK YOU to the ladies who help me in the library. Mary Camden re-shelves all of the books and makes everything look so nice. Susan Younce does most of the technical work. She enters new books into the library system, removes out of date books, and checks books out to the pre-school teachers. This is a big job. Cindy Wight and I buy the new books and decide on the window displays. What she does with the display window is nothing but amazing! Cindy also takes care of our preschoolers. She reads to them and checks out the books to them. Mary Smith and Judy Barker give an extra hand whenever they can. What would I do without these beautiful ladies. They volunteer on Wednesday. This allows me to continue this ministry. Lastly I want to thank the Bethel people for supporting this special ministry in our church.

Barbara Bell
Media Director



By Carter Cosgrove
Preschool Director

The year 2020 has definitely brought its challenges. When we started this year, who knew the world we have known was going to change so drastically. After much deliberation, and navigating the regulations of multiple agencies, we are delighted to announce that BETHEL BAPTIST PRESCHOOL IS OPENING for our 3-year old and our Pre-K classes!

Our classes and activities will look very different from years past but we are committed to providing a fun, educational and safe experience for our children. We appreciate the efforts of the church and its members for supporting and encouraging our preschool. Please continue your support of Bethel Baptist Preschool with your prayers for a safe and happy school year. Thank you,

Carter Cosgrove
Director

FUN

Just for Fun – by Gayle Taylor
"School Days"

Test Your Knowledge on Songs about School
Name the artist/group who made the songs listed below popular
(See answers below)

1. "Be True to Your School"
2. "Another Brick in the Wall"
3. "Don't Stand So Close to Me"
4. "My Old School"
5. "The New Girl in School"
6. "Me and Julio Down by the Schoolyard"
7. "School Days"
8. "School's Out"
9. "Waiting in School"
10. "You Don't Learn that in School"

ANSWERS

1. The Beach Boys
2. Pink Floyd
3. The Police
4. Steely Dan
5. Jan and Dean
6. Paul Simon
7. Chuck Berry
8. Alice Cooper
9. Ricky Nelson
10. Nat King Cole

Bethel Care Team



Hello to our Bethel family and I am hoping everyone is doing well as we continue to journey through these difficult days not being together as before. I miss everyone very much and long for the day when we can once again greet each other with hugs and handshakes and worship together with singing and listening to the message of the week from our pastor.

I am writing this with a heavy heart because the time has come when I am going to step back and let someone else take over the leadership of this team. I feel the need physically and emotionally to end my time in this service. I feel we have so many new folks who may have fresh ideas and a new way of ministry to our homebound folks that I am not able to give them. I have been so blessed to have been able to connect with so many through the years, I was trying to think of all the names of ones who have honored me with some of their last years, some who have shared private thoughts and who I have had the gift of praying with them in the hospital, the nursing facilities, their homes and mine. I have been the one who has been blessed with knowing them and sharing time with them with laughter and tears. I am going to miss this ministry and there are a few that I consider almost family and I will continue to visit them going forward. I am so in hopes that someone will step up and take on this role, we have a call center, lead by Barbara Hale who is the most faithful person ever in her calling ministry. We have Madeline Talley who sends out our cards to our shut-ins and is always in prayer for our people. They are ready to continue to serve, I plan to make fall baskets and deliver them this month and ask your prayers for me as I "try" to regroup and refresh and renew my own purpose in serving my Lord. My heart is full of the memories of precious souls and special moments that have and always will be with me. I searched the scriptures for something to end this message to you all and of course this one has the perfect text...Ecclesiastes 3: 1 There is a time for everything , and a season for every activity under heaven. I am praying that I am understanding that it is time for a new person to lead us going forward.

I would ask each of you to remember those who are no longer able to attend church, pray for them, but also, it would be so nice to remember them with a phone call and a quick conversation or a card once in awhile to let them know we miss them and are thinking of them. It only takes a kindness here and there to make a difference in someone's day.

Thank you for allowing me to serve these many years, it has been an honor to go in the name of Bethel Baptist Church.

Shirley Lewis/ team lead

Missions News by Frances Morris

Women's Missionary Union Meeting—WMU will meet on Tuesday, September 8, at 10 a.m. in the People of Hope Center. Please note the day changed due to the Labor Day holiday. Also, please remember to bring your mask.

Bethel Preschooler Cards: If you have signed up to send a card to a preschooler, please be sure to remember his/her birthday and any upcoming holidays.

Kroger: Please register your Kroger card so Bethel can continue to receive reward points toward Missions. Go to www.Kroger.com and sign in. Then click on "Community" on tab bar and click on "community Rewards." The church member number is QW701. You will still get your points toward gas, Bethel will just get credit for any amounts you spend at Kroger.

Wednesday Night Programs in September



- September 2 — No Sacred Circle
- September 9 — Ministry & Missions Celebration (Business Mtg)
- September 16 — Sacred Circle (Zoom) 6:30 p.m.
- September 23 — Sacred Circle (Zoom) 6:30 p.m.
- September 30 — Sacred Circle (Zoom) 6:30 p.m.

4 Ways to Give at Bethel

1. In Person: Drop your check in the offering plate as you enter or leave the People of Hope on Sunday morning.
2. Send a check to our secure mailbox: The address is: Bethel Baptist Church, 1100 Huguenot Springs Rd. Midlothian VA, 23113
3. Online Giving: On our Website there is a link to give. Once you click on the link you'll be prompted to give through either your bank account or a credit card. **Here's the link for online giving:** <https://www.bethelchurchmidlothianva.org/giving/>
4. Text Giving: **Simply text the dollar amount you'd like to give to (804) 361-8590 and follow the prompts. You'll be asked to enter a debit card or credit card number. The minimum amount for text giving is \$10. The platform we're using is safe and secure and you'll be given the option of an email receipt at the end of your transaction. As always, we are grateful for your contributions to the church and we thank you for your gifts.**

Youth News Connect

by Lauren Moore



I shared these back to school prayer prompts with our parents a few weeks ago and I'd like to share them with you in the event you'd like to use them to pray for your grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors, etc. May God bless our students, teachers, staff, and parents as we head into this school year whether it be in person, virtually, or home school.

Back to school blessings prayer prompts

For the school year: Luke 2:52 – **God, help [child's name] grow in wisdom (mentally) and in stature (physically), and in favor with God (spiritually) and men (socially).** Guide their development, Lord, just as you guided their creation.

Sunday: Proverbs 1:5 – **Father, Your Word tells us that a wise man will listen and add to their learning and that the discerning will attain wise counsel. Lord, give [child's name] godly teachers who can provide wise counsel and inspire them to search after learning. And once they have learned, give them understanding and discernment in how to apply what they know. Make them wise.**

Monday: Philippians 4:6-7 – **Lord, I pray that [child's name] will not be anxious for anything as they go back to school. Call them to Yourself in prayer so that they will submit their requests to You with thanksgiving. Grant them Your peace in their hearts and minds, and blow them away with your calming presence.**

Tuesday: Psalm 133:1 – **Lord, according to Your Word, it is good and pleasant when Your children live together in unity. Father, give [child's name] godly friends with whom they are united. Provide friends who share the same beliefs and interests so that they will have strength in numbers to stand against the schemes and temptations of the Enemy.**

Wednesday: Colossians 3:23 – **Father, help [child's name] to understand that whatever work they do is not to please teachers or even to please their parents, but it is ultimately to please You, their Heavenly Father. Help them remember they work for You and not for anyone else and instill an attitude of hard work in them.**

Thursday: 2 Corinthians 12:9 – **Lord, help [child's name] rest in the fact that Your grace is sufficient to carry them through, even and especially when they fail. When challenges arise that are too much for them, carry them by Your great strength. Let Christ's power rest on them and be the source of their strength.**

Friday: Romans 12:2 – **Father, help [child's name] not to be conformed to this world. Help them to set their minds on the fact that we live this life for a greater purpose than ourselves. Renew their minds and help them live constantly and consistently in your good, pleasing, and perfect will.**

Many Thanks

Dear Bethel Believers,

I pray that you all know what a caring and devoted pastor you have. Pastor Todd has ministered to our family unconditionally. We also truly appreciate your Seniors Ministry. Everyone has been so faithful with phone calls and cards and goody baskets during these last years of our **parents Anne and Irving's lives. Shirley and Bruce Lewis have also** been a tremendous Godsend to our family with so many visits, prayers and delicious meals. We thank each one of you from the bottom of our hearts.

Blessings,

Sandra, Doug and the Jamerson Family

Romans 10:14-15

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!"

Everyone heard the gospel preached during our father's Celebration of Life in the beautiful sanctuary where we worshiped so many years ago. Please pray for the seeds of Good Hope to be planted in the hearts of the unsaved!

Dear Bethel Baptist Church and the Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for the money toward college and for being there for me since I was born.

Heath Humphreys

Dear Bethel Baptist Church,

Thank you for making my graduation so special! Thank you for the thoughtful gift box and online tribute. I am very blessed to call Bethel my home. I have grown in faith and so many other ways from the love and family Bethel has given me.

Olivia Meyerhoffer

Dear Bethel Baptist Church,

Thank you guys so much for the scholarship! It is very much appreciated and will go to good use as I continue working on my **Master's degree. Thank you for sending Katie's message as well. It** was very sweet. I look forward to continuing to be a part of the Bethel church family and help out where I can.

Megan Luck



The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7, due to the Labor Day Holiday. Happy Labor Day!

September Birthdays



1	Noah Moseley	14	Ellen Moseley
1	Ian Weir	14	Linda Redmond
2	Parker Mead	14	Karen Smith
2	Sarah Moschler	15	Teresa Troncali
3	Burnette Elam	16	Peggy Heath
3	Rodney Smith	16	Heath Humphreys
4	Jaydah Sanchez	16	John Stinson
5	Janet Goodman	16	Lisa Wilkerson
5	Melanie Hansen	17	David Ellis
5	Robert Tansey	17	Elliemae Mead
8	Michelle Stine	18	Tammie Butler
9	Susan Brown	19	Paul Kiiffner
9	Mary Camden	20	Martha Vaughan
9	Page Chauncey	21	Gayle Rogers
9	Benjamin Cody	22	Bill Carlson
11	Brian Hardy	22	Christina Brock
11	Rachel McClellan	23	Faye Brown
12	Jon Hansen	24	Gray Bradbury
12	Cathy Williamson	25	Gloria Jamerson
12	Greg McLeod	25	Mike Garland
12	Olivia Moss	28	Cheryl Grubbs
13	Amanda Brownson		

Ladies Lunch Canceled

The Ladies Fellowship Lunches have been canceled until further notice due to Covid-19.



Puppet Team Needs YOU!

The Puppet Team is recruiting new members. We need puppeteers and behind the scene volunteers. No experience necessary. If you are interested in trying your "hand" with our puppet team, but don't have a lot of time to commit, think about joining us for just our mission trip (date to be announced later). Please contact Andrea Hale at 804-920-4648 to join us or to find out more about our team.



Charlotte's Pantry Schedule

Upcoming pantry schedule:

September 9, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

September 25, 9 to 11 a.m.

October 14, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

October 23, 9 to 11 a.m.

If you would like to help on any of these dates, please contact Brenda Peck.



Opportunities for:

Mission/Ministry

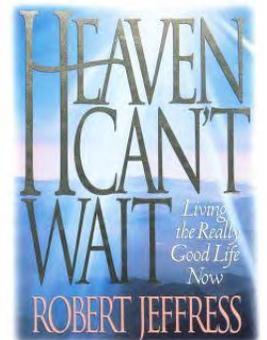
- Music Ministry/Choir (See Gayle Taylor)
- Adults on Mission (Meets the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m.)
- **Charlotte's Pantry** (See Brenda Peck)
- Backpack Ministry (See Vera Caniglia)
- Sunday Morning Nursery Ministry (See Lauren Moore)
- Friends of the Homeless (5th Mondays at 8:30 a.m. (See Gayle Rogers))
- AA Meeting every Thursday at 5:30 p.m.
- Puppet Team (See Andrea Hale)
- Media Center (See Barbara Bell)
- Care Team Ministry (See Shirley Lewis)

Fellowship/Discipleship

- **Men's Fellowship Lunch 1st** Thursday of each month at noon (See Bruce Lewis)
- **Women's Fellowship Lunch 1st** Thursday of each month at noon (See Margaret Gillis)
- Youth Group Meetings every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. (See Lauren Moore)
- Bible/Discipleship Study Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. (See Gordon and Shirley Rutland)
- Sunday School Classes 9:30 a.m. each Sunday
- Zumba Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. (See Megan Luck)
- Brotherhood Breakfast (every 5th Sunday)
- **JIGSAW children's ministry**, every Sunday (See Tina McNeel)
- Children in Action meet every 5th Sunday, during the Sunday School hour. (See Frances Morris)

Tuesday Morning Small Group

The Tuesday Small Group led by Pat Bartlam has been postponed. We will announce the new dates as soon as possible. This study is entitled "*Heaven Can't Wait—Living the Good Life Now*" by Dr. Robert Jeffress and is based on the book of Colossians. If you want to experience the "good life" now while waiting for Heaven, this study is for you. We look forward to the time we will be able to start this group.



Men's Lunch Canceled

The Men's Fellowship lunches have been canceled until further notice due to Covid-19.



September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Boy Scouts—7 pm	2 Connect Youth (at Bethel) - 7 pm	3 Ladies Fellowship Lunch canceled Men's Fellowship Lunch canceled AA Meeting—5:30 pm	4	5
6 Worship—10:30 am—POH	7 Sharing & Caring Devotional—9 am	8 WMTU—10 am (POH)	9 Charlotte's Pantry—5:00 to 6:30 pm Ministry & Missions Club—7 pm (aka Business Meeting)	10 AA Meeting—5:30 pm Preschool Back to School Night— 7 pm	11	12
13 Worship—10:30 am—POH	14 Sharing & Caring Devotional—9 am	15 Boy Scouts—7 pm	16 Connect Youth (at Bethel) - 7 pm	17 AA Meeting—5:30 pm	18	19
20 Worship—10:30 am—POH	21 Sharing & Caring Devotional—9 am	22 Boy Scouts—7 pm	23 Connect Youth (at Bethel) - 7 pm	24 AA Meeting—5:30 pm	25 Charlotte's Pantry—9 to 11 am	26
27 Worship—10:30 am—POH	28 Sharing & Caring Devotional—9 am	29	30 Connect Youth (at Bethel) - 7 pm	31 AA Meeting—5:30 pm		

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9:30 Sunday School | 10:30 Worship

Happy Labor Day!



A Labor Day Parade in Buffalo, New York in 1900
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If you could create a holiday, what would it be called? What date would you choose for your holiday? Peter J. McGuire, a carpenter and labor union leader, was the person who came up with the idea for Labor Day. He thought American workers should be honored with their own day. He proposed his idea to New York's Central Labor Union early in 1882, and they thought the holiday was a good idea, too. With four long months between Independence Day and Thanksgiving, Peter suggested a month halfway in between. But what date should they choose? The very first Labor Day was held on a Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City. The day was celebrated with a picnic, concert and speeches. Ten thousand workers marched in a parade from City Hall to Union Square. Soon after that first celebration, the holiday was moved to the first Monday in September, the day we still honor. Congress passed legislation making Labor Day a national holiday in 1894. Labor Day is not just a day to celebrate the accomplishments of workers; for some people, it is also a day to talk about their concerns and to discuss ways to get better working conditions and salaries.

Source: www.americaslibrary.gov