

Berea Christian Church

August 31, 2025– 11:00 am

Robert L. Stovall, Pastor

WORSHIP THE TRIUNE GOD

The worship of the Triune God under the New Covenant is characterized by simplicity. In marked contrast to the complex and multi-layered worship of the Old Covenant – with its richly-robed legacy priesthood, its elaborately beautiful tabernacle and then temple, the sights and smells of its sacrificial system, and its yearly feasts, fasts, festivals, and sabbaths – New Covenant worship is centered around the primary means of grace which Christ set within His Church: prayer and praise, along with the reading and preaching of the Word. Its simplicity, however, does not make this worship easy; our obligations as kings and priests to our God (Exodus 19:6) require us to arrive prepared each Lord’s Day if we are to properly present ourselves “as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship” (Romans 12:1, HCSB). In the quiet of the moments preceding the start of this morning’s service, seek that final preparation that will allow you to profit more fully from that worship of our God which is offered “in spirit and truth” (John 4:24).

Lord’s Day Morning Worship

Prelude Organist

Greetings Welcome & Exhortation Pastor Rob Stovall

Call To Worship Psalm 66: 1-4 (pg. 901) Pastor Stovall

HYMN # 8 “Come, Thou Almighty King” The Church of Christ

Confession of Sin The Church of Christ

Pastor: O Most Holy and Merciful God, we confess the plague of our hearts.

People: We have complained in the face of Your mercies,

Pastor: And we have been blind to Your good gifts.

People: O Lord, have mercy upon us!

Pastor: Give us the gift of repentance and enable us to turn away from discontentment.

People: In its place, we pray, give us contented hearts,

Pastor: So that we might glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

The Word of Pardon: Psalm 103: 10-12 (pg. 939) Pastor Stovall

Response of Praise: Thank You, Lord The Church of Christ
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end – Amen, Amen.

Scripture Reading: Galatians 3: 19-29 (pg. 1813) Pastor Stovall

Response to the Word:
Pastor: The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord.
People: As the waters cover the sea!

HYMN # 38 “Ye Servants of God” The Church of Christ

Prayers of Adoration & Intercession Pastor Stovall
Leading in Prayer

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-26 (pg. 1232) Pastor Stovall

Response to the Word:
Pastor: This is the word of the Lord,
People: Thanks be to God.

Preaching of the Word “God’s Eternal Covenant” Pastor Stovall

HYMN # 423 “The Bond of Love” The Church of Christ

Benediction Pronouncing the Benediction Pastor Stovall

Benedictory Response # 426 The Church of Christ
“Blessed Be the Tie That Binds” (vs. 1)

Postlude Organist

SERVICE NOTES:

* Offerings/Tithes box is at the **BACK** of the sanctuary.

*Scripture page numbers are in the NIV Pew Bibles.

BEREA’S WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY
RESTART WEDNESDAY., SEPTEMBER 3

BEREA’S MONTHLY CALENDAR

AUG 31 LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Sept 3 WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY 7:00 pm

Sept 7 COMMUNION, and GRANDPARENTS DAY

Sept 15 Suffolk Exchange Club meeting 6:30 pm

Sept 16 North Suffolk Circle CHKD meeting 6:30 pm

OCT 5 CHURCH LUNCHEON after Worship Service

**DON’T FORGET SIGNUP SHEET AT THE BACK
FOR CHURCH PUBLIC PARKING**

Saturday, OCT. 18th AND Sunday., OCT. 19th

GREEN LINES: *You will collect parking fee from the individual cars. We are trying new ways of collecting through technology.*

WHITE LINES: *You will be actually parking cars.*



— YOU CAN GIVE —
HOPE
WHERE IT’S NEEDED MOST



Thank you for your food gifts in honor of Luna’s birthday. 35 bags were delivered to the Suffolk Office by John Burton.

Please continue to bring an item(s) that will continue to go for the need of others.

PRAYER LIST

Lord hear our prayers for those who are sick, healing, or grieving, our Pastor, caretakers, military, educators, leaders, first responders, unspoken requests, and Lord especially those who are still unsaved.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- EULA & JERRY RUSS

BETTY BARNES
- CHELSEA HUGHES, Rylea & Jamie

SUSAN OUTLAW
- PATTY OUTLAW

WILMA JACK and family
- RUSSELL COLLINS

GREY & BECKY GLOVER
- FAY HOLLAND (Ginger Collins sister)

HILDA MANSFIELD
- EMMA HARDEN

PHYLLIS UMBERGER
- WILLIE & GINGER COLLINS

KAREN COSTELLO
- STEVE CARLETTI ongoing tests

MASON CARLETTI life decisions
- CURTIS JOHNSON treatments

MRS. ARTEAGA dementia
- LINDA BADOIAN (Pete Badoian's mom)

a tick-borne disease
- DANESE GILLIES under the weather

NELLIE CARBAUGH respiratory

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT AT THEIR HOME

- HAZEL BRUSSO

Room #233 at Maimonides Health Center
on 6401 Auburn Drive, Virginia Beach 23464 757-538-1293
- LINDA KNIGHT

at Bickford of Suffolk – 6860 Harbour Blvd.,
Suffolk, VA 23435

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

- NAVY – FC1 Brendan Sommerfeldt

Mati (wife), Willow (daughter) and Jackson (son) Sommerfeldt
- NAVY - Joshua Nathaniel Jack

waiting on assignment E2 – Cryptologic Technician

Why Do We Celebrate Labor Day?

Labor Day, an annual celebration of workers and their achievements, originated during one of American labor history’s most dismal chapters.

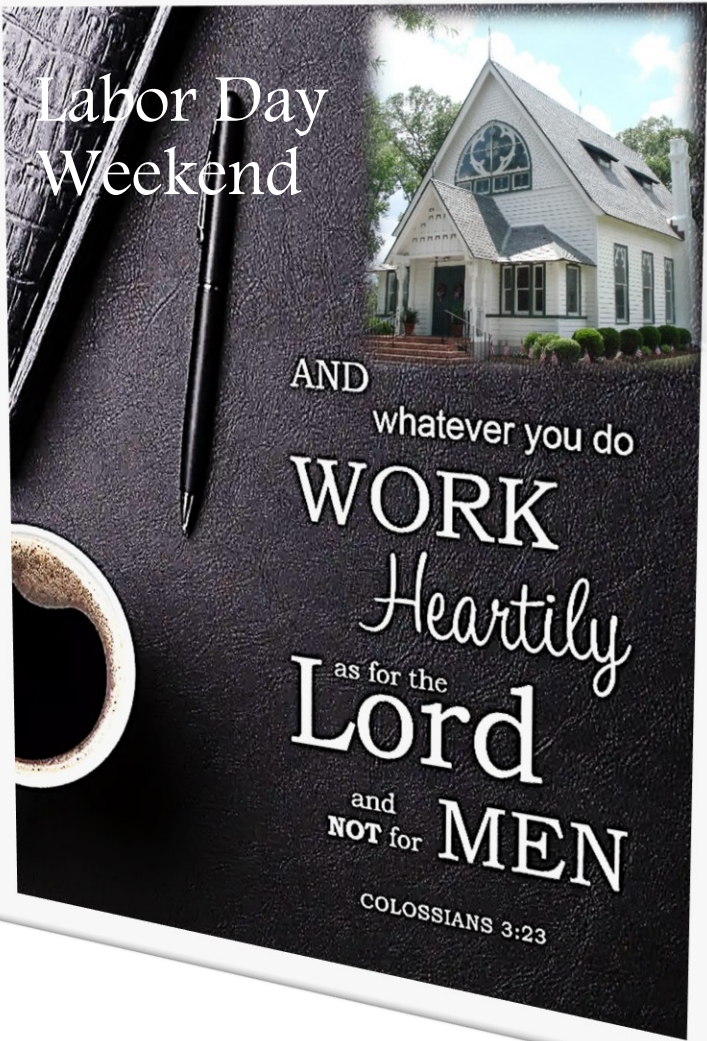
In the late 1800s, at the height of the Industrial Revolution in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories and mines across the country, earning a fraction of their adult counterparts’ wages.

People of all ages, particularly the very poor and recent immigrants, often faced extremely unsafe working conditions, with insufficient access to fresh air, sanitary facilities and breaks. As manufacturing increasingly supplanted agriculture as the wellspring of American employment, labor unions, which had first appeared in the late 18th century, grew more prominent and vocal. They began organizing strikes and rallies to protest poor conditions and compel employers to renegotiate hours and pay. Many of these events turned violent during this period, including the infamous Haymarket Riot of 1886, in which several Chicago policemen and workers were killed. Others gave rise to longstanding traditions: 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.

The idea of a “workingmen’s holiday,” celebrated on the first Monday in September, caught on in other industrial centers across the country, and many states passed legislation recognizing it. Congress would not legalize the holiday until 12 years later, when a watershed moment in American labor history brought workers’ rights squarely into the public’s view. On May 11, 1894, employees of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago went on strike to protest wage cuts and the firing of union representatives.

On June 26, the American Railroad Union, led by Eugene V. Debs, called for a boycott of all Pullman railway cars, crippling railroad traffic nationwide. To break the Pullman strike, the federal government dispatched troops to Chicago, unleashing a wave of riots that resulted in the deaths of more than a dozen workers.

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