

Labor Day was first celebrated in New York in 1882 and became a federal holiday in 1894. In the 1800's, working conditions were difficult and often deadly with grueling hours and little pay for many of America's poor citizens and immigrants who came to this nation looking for a better life. Ever since then, Labor Day has celebrated the working person's toil by granting him/her a day off to relax with family and friends as summer closes out.

Fast-forward to 2023 and Labor Day may have a whole different emphasis. Words like "essential employee", "work from home", "online ministry", "lay-offs", "shuttered businesses", and "unemployment" have become part of regular conversations as our nation has faced the Covid pandemic. I hope that this Labor Day we would have a renewed appreciation for the blessing of employment.

The Bible also has a lot to say about our cycles of work and rest. Let's look at some verses:

- Genesis 2:2 (NIV) - *By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.*
- Proverbs 14:23 (NIV) - *All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.*
- 1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV) - *Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*
- Colossians 3:23 (NIV) - *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,*
- Revelation 14:13 (NIV) - *Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.*

In each of these verses we see the wisdom of God. Any work that we set out to do should be for His glory and for the good of others. Through our various vocations, He provides for us in body, mind, and soul.

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in the flesh,
that means
FRUITFUL
LABOR
for me.**

PHILIPPIANS 1:22, ESV

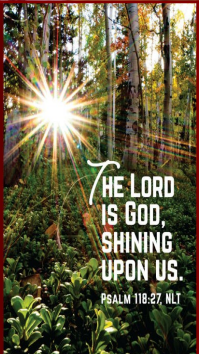


Sunday School and Morning Worship Services every Sunday
Wednesday Evening Fellowship Meals each Wednesday
Wednesday Evening Praise & Prayer Services every Wednesday

September 2 ~ Prayer Walk for Local Schools
September 3 ~ Churchwide Fellowship Breakfast
September 4 ~ Labor Day - Church Office and Food Pantry Closed
September 12 ~ Budget & Finance Committee; Deacons' Meeting

If you can't worship with us in the Sanctuary, you can still worship where you are and join us online on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. through our Website - www.hillcrestbaptistaugusta.org/sermons-and-bible-studies and Facebook - www.facebook.com/HillcrestBaptistChurchAugusta

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Office Schedule

Monday - Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Closed on Fridays

If you need to reach the staff after hours, please call the office - 706.793.3104 - and leave a message. You can also reach us through email at hillcrestbaptist@comcast.net.

Church Calendar - If you wish to host an event, please give your request to Chris or Judy in the Church Office. This will help us avoid scheduling conflicts and allow us to assist you for any special needs you may have for the event. Forms are available in the Church Office. The church's insurance requires that all events, whether they are held on church property or in another location, be properly scheduled on the Church Calendar.



Monday, September 4

The Church Office and the Food Pantry will be closed. Have a safe holiday!



We meet for Sunday School each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Upcoming Children's Events:

- ◆ **Sunday School each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**
- ◆ **Children's Church each Sunday at 11:00 a.m.**



Committee Meetings

- **Budget & Finance Committee**
Tuesday, September 12, 6:00 p.m.
- **Deacons' Meeting**
Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Groups

You're invited to join us for prayer each Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m.



- Women's Group meets in the Prayer Room.
- Men's Group meets in the WMU Room

Lunch is served for both groups at 12:00 Noon.



If you are unable to attend our worship services at the church, please continue giving your tithes and offerings. You may mail your offering to the church, drop it by the church office, or donate online on our Website at www.hillcrestbaptistaugusta.org/give.

Coming in October



October 1, 2023

Join us for our Churchwide Fellowship Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. as we celebrate the beginning of a new church year.

The Food Pantry
Needs Your Help!



The Food Pantry needs your help in stocking the shelves with non-perishable food items. There is a box in the hallway near the Church Office where you can donate food items. You may also contribute financially by donating cash or checks; please indicate that your contribution is for the food pantry. You may also contribute online at the link below on our Website -

www.hillcrestbaptistaugusta.org/give.

Words from Our Pastor...

(continued from page 1) God gives to us exactly what we need so we may always trust in Him regardless of the unusual season of labor in which we may find ourselves.

We find everlasting comfort in the saving work Jesus did for us on the cross. His glorious resurrection followed His three-day rest in the tomb. Today, Jesus works for our eternal good as our Prophet, Priest, and King. May we always be ready to commit all our works to Him.

Serving Him With Gladness,
Pastor Tony



A Note of **THANKS**

To My Hillcrest Family,

I can't thank you enough. Thanks, all of you that provided such hospitality and the great lunch enjoyed by all who attended David's "Celebration of Life" service. His body will be used to train new doctors to hopefully help someone in the future.

In Christ,
Barbara Andrews and Family



Fellowship
Breakfast

Sunday, September 3 - 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

You're invited to join us for good food and fellowship on the first Sunday of the month.

Wednesday Evening Fellowship Meals



Thank you for participating in our Wednesday fellowship time and for making reservations. If you have a permanent reservation and cannot attend, **please call the church office or send an email message to let us know by Monday.** This will help us to determine the amount of food to prepare.



Prayer Walk for Local Schools
Saturday, September 2 at 9:00 a.m.

Members of South Augusta Churches will meet at Hillcrest to prayer walk local schools in our area.



September

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Children's Church 11:00am Morning Worship in the Sanctuary	28 10:00am Food Pantry Open	29 11:00am Ladies Prayer Group 11:00am Men's Prayer Group 12:00pm Prayer Group Lunch	30 5:30pm Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper 6:30pm Bible Study and Prayer Meeting	31	1	2 9:00am Prayer Walk Local Schools
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Menus for Wednesday Evening Fellowship Dinners

September 6 - Hamburger Steak with Mushrooms & Onions, Mashed Potatoes, Lima Beans, Biscuits, Dessert, Salad

September 13 - Chicken Strips, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Biscuits, Dessert

September 20 - Baked Fish, Pasta Salad, Salad, Toast, Dessert

September 27 - Cubed Steak & Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Salad, Biscuits, Dessert