



## Boonville Baptist Church

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### THE REMINDER

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#### Message from the Pastor's Desk

##### A Beacon of Hope in Dark Days!

For the LORD your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.”

##### **Zephaniah 3:17 NLT**

Tucked away in the folds of the Bible is this little verse. It is from the book of Zephaniah. Zephaniah traces his lineage back to his great-grandfather Hezekiah who died in 686 B.C. This would place the prophet's ministry during the reign of Josiah sometime around 635-625 B.C. making Zephaniah a contemporary of Jeremiah.

Zephaniah's prophecy is known for his teaching on the day of the Lord. But here, in this chapter, is a golden nugget of scripture. In the passage Zephaniah declares a few great truths. They are, (1) God is living among us, (2) He is our mighty savior who is happy to take delight in us, and (3) God will lovingly calm our fears as He rejoices over us with joyful songs!

Zephaniah's time on this earth was filled with darkness. The people of Judah were in complete rebellion against God and refused to repent. In just a few years (about 50) the city of Jerusalem would be overturned and destroyed by the Babylonians.

Yet in all this darkness there was hope. God was still there. His love was still there. And, He still gave loving peace to all those who believed in Him.

That is good news for dark days!!

#### Support Staff

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## Upcoming Events to Remember

September 5	Wednesday night suppers begin, please sign up if you plan to join us
October 7	Walk for Hunger at the Yadkinville Park to benefit Yadkin Christian Ministries
October 14	Baked Potato/Salad/Auction by Frieda Speer Mission Group
October 20	Fall Fun Day with various activities, entertainment and food
October 25	Yadkin Baptist Association Annual Meeting will be held at our church
November 21	Community Thanksgiving Service

**National Grandparents Day** is a secular holiday celebrated in the United States of America since 1978 and officially recognized in a number of countries on various days of the year, either as one holiday or sometimes as a separate Grandmothers' Day and Grandfathers' Day (for the first time Grandma's Day was celebrated in Poland in 1965. One celebrates *both* paternal and maternal grandparents.

### History

Marian McQuade of Oak Hill, West Virginia, has been recognized nationally by the United States Senate – in particular by Senators Jennings Randolph and Robert Byrd – and by President Jimmy Carter, as the founder of National Grandparents Day. McQuade made it her goal to educate the youth in the community about the important contributions seniors have made throughout history. She also urged the youth to "adopt" a grandparent, not just for one day a year, but rather for a lifetime. Co-founder Cynthia Bennett, who worked for Marian's husband, contributed by writing letters of verification.

In 1973, Senator Jennings Randolph (D-WV) introduced a resolution to the senate to make Grandparents' Day a national holiday. West Virginia's Governor Arch Moore had proclaimed an annual Grandparents' Day for the state, at the urging of Marian McQuade. When Senator Randolph's resolution in the U.S. Senate died in committee, Marian McQuade organized supporters and began contacting governors, senators, and congressmen in all fifty states. She urged each state to proclaim their own Grandparents' Day. Within three years, she had received Grandparents' Day proclamations from forty-three states. She sent copies of the proclamations to Senator Randolph.

In February 1977, Senator Randolph, with the concurrence of many other senators, introduced a joint resolution to the senate requesting the president to "issue annually a proclamation designating the first Sunday of September after Labor Day of each year as 'National Grandparents' Day.'" Congress passed the legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents' Day and, on August 3, 1978, then-President Jimmy Carter signed the proclamation. The statute cites the day's purpose: "...to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children, and to help children become aware of strength, information, and guidance older people can offer".

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If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary during the month of September, please contact Judy Groce at 336-367-7839.



# History of Labor Day

## Labor Day: What it Means

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

## Labor Day Legislation

The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed in 1885 and 1886. From these, a movement developed to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During 1887 four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1884, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

## Founder of Labor Day

More than a century after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

## The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

## A Nationwide Holiday

The form that the observance and celebration of Labor Day should take was outlined in the first

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proposal of the holiday — a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the economic and civic significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

The character of the Labor Day celebration has undergone a change in recent years, especially in large industrial centers where mass displays and huge parades have proved a problem. This change, however, is more a shift in emphasis and medium of expression. Labor Day addresses by leading union officials, industrialists, educators, clerics and government officials are given wide coverage in newspapers, radio, and television.

The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership — the American worker.

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## A Movie Recommendation

Saturday evening Debbie and I went to see the movie "*Beautifully Broken*." It is the story of three families who lived during the Rwandan Genocide. The Rwandan Genocide is also known as the genocide against the Tutsi and was a genocidal mass slaughter of Tutsi in Rwanda by members of the Hutu majority government. An estimated 500,000 to 1,000,000 Rwandans were killed during the 100-day period from 7 April to mid-July 1994, constituting as many as 70% of the Tutsi population. Additionally, 30% of the Pygmy Batwa were killed. The movie tells the story of God's love for three families during this time. IT IS A MOVIE WORTH SEEING.

August 19	Attendance 64	Offering	\$4,253.00	Building Fund	\$1,340.00
August 26	Attendance 63	Offering	\$3,966.00	Building Fund	\$ 162.00

Sept. 2	<b>Deacon</b>	Mike Brendle	<b>Prayer Partners:</b> Rick Foster & Grady Shore
Sept. 9	<b>Deacon</b>	Jim Speer	<b>Prayer Partners:</b> David Brown & Kenny Taylor



## **Fight Like A Girl Benefit Event**

**Sunday September 2, 2018**

You are invited to attend the annual Meme Mckensie Brown "Fight Like A Girl" Scholarship Event. Please join us for an afternoon of music, fun, and fellowship from 4-7 pm at Sanders Ridge Winery. Tickets are \$40.00 each and will include 3 bands, light appetizers, homemade desserts, and beverages. Bring a chair or blanket to enjoy this outside event with us and to celebrate the life of our precious Meme.

All donations are tax deductible and benefit two college bound senior girls, one from each of our county's high schools each year.

Organized and sponsored by Meme's Family.