



SEPTEMBER, 2026 NEWSLETTER

FOUR MILE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

2950 New Market Road

Henrico, Virginia 23231

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- **September 1: Mattie Wrenn WMU Meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m.**
- **September 3, 10, 17, 24: Prayer Warriors meet at 10:00 a.m.**
- **September 6: Communion Sunday**
- **September 6: CSC Meeting immediately following the Worship Service.**
- **September 20: Deacon Meeting immediately following the Worship Service.**
- **September 22: First Day of Fall**
- **September 24: Deadline for articles, etc. to be sent for the October, 2026 Newsletter.**
- **Charlotte Sutton is our "Shut-In for September." Cards and letters can be sent to her at Commonwealth Senior Living at the Westend, Room 208, 2400 Gaskins Road, Richmnd, VA 23238**
- **FISH for September is Spagettios.**



HELLO
September

The Significance of September in Biblical Perspectives

September is the ninth month of the year in the Gregorian calendar. While the Bible does not specifically mention the month of September by name, there are significant events and themes in the Bible that relate to this time of the year.

One key aspect of September in the Bible is the significance of harvest season. In the ancient agricultural societies of the biblical world, September was a time of gathering and storing the crops that had been planted earlier in the year. This time of abundance and provision is often associated with themes of gratitude, thanksgiving, and provision in the Bible.

Another important theme related to September in the Bible is the idea of new beginnings and fresh starts. In the Jewish religious calendar, September often marks the beginning of a new year with the celebration of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. This festival is a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal, as individuals seek to start fresh and make amends for past wrongs.

Additionally, September is also a time of preparation and anticipation in the Bible. In the Christian tradition, September marks the beginning of the season of Advent, a time of waiting and expectation for the coming of Christ. This period of waiting is meant to cultivate a sense of longing and readiness for the spiritual fulfillment that comes with the birth of Jesus.

Overall, September in the Bible is a time of harvest, new beginnings, and preparation. It is a season that reminds believers of God's faithfulness in providing for their needs, the opportunity for renewal and transformation, and the hopeful expectation of future blessings.

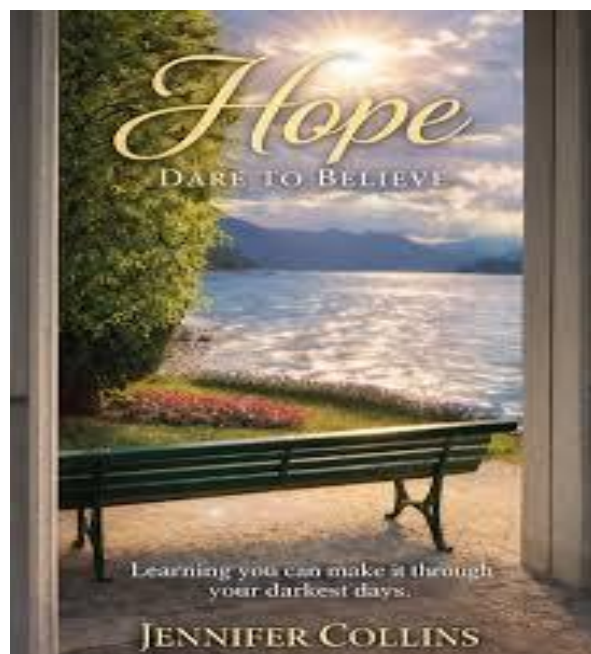


WMU MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP

OPPORTUNITIES

FOR FOUR MILE CREEK

We are presenting to the church family an opportunity to purchase a new book on Hope. The title of the book is "Hope-Dare to Believe" by Jennifer Collins. As Pastor Buddy talked about, we all walk through valleys at times during our life and hope through Christ helps us get through these valleys. We will be having a brunch and "Meet the Author Event" in January. You may purchase this book by letting Janie Kirby or Anne Burgess know along with your payment. The cost is \$20.00 per book.





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.

By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September of each year a national holiday.

Many Americans celebrate Labor Day with parades and parties – festivities very similar to those outlined by the first proposal for a holiday, which suggested that the day should be observed with – a street parade to exhibit "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.

American labor has raised the nation's standard of living and contributed to the greatest production the world has ever known and the labor movement 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.



SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

Meaning of the First Day of Fall

The **first day of fall** is marked by the **autumnal equinox**, an astronomical event that occurs annually between **September 21 and 24** in the Northern Hemisphere [The Old Farmer's Almanac+1](#). In 2026, it will happen on **Tuesday, September 22 at 8:04 P.M. EDT** [The Old Farmer's Almanac](#).

Why It Marks the Start of Fall

Because of the Earth's **23.5° axial tilt**, the Northern Hemisphere tilts away from the Sun after the equinox. This causes sunlight to hit the region at a more oblique angle, reducing the amount of solar energy received per unit area. As a result, **days grow shorter and nights longer**, signaling the beginning of autumn [biologyinsights.com](#).

Cultural and Seasonal Significance

- **Harvest celebrations:** Many ancient and modern cultures have marked the autumnal equinox with harvest festivals, as it coincides with the peak of agricultural activity [History](#).
- **Folklore:** The full Moon closest to the equinox is called the **Harvest Moon**, named for its role in helping farmers gather crops [The Old Farmer's Almanac](#).
- **Seasonal change:** It's a time when nature slows—leaves change color, plants prepare for dormancy, and weather cools [The Old Farmer's Almanac+1](#).

Key Points

- **Astronomical start:** Based on the Sun's position, not a fixed calendar date.
- **Global effect:** Day and night are nearly equal everywhere.
- **Seasonal shift:** After the equinox, the Northern Hemisphere moves toward winter, while the Southern Hemisphere moves toward spring [The Old Farmer's Almanac+1](#).

In short, the first day of fall is both a **scientific marker** of Earth's position in its orbit and a **cultural symbol** of the transition from summer to autumn.

ALMA HUNT OFFERING FOR VIRGINIA MISSIONS

The annual offering for Virginia missions was named for Alma Hunt (1909-2008), a native Virginian who was known worldwide for her missions service and her unswerving dedication to the cause of Christ. Churches and individuals may contribute at any time.

The offering provides funding for all HerMission (WMUV) missions and ministries and makes possible other special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving (but uniquely connected to Virginia Baptists).

Since 1976 this offering has been a joint venture between HerMission and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV).

The annual goal and allocation of funds are determined by the Executive Director/Treasurer of HerMission and the Executive Director of the BGAV and approved by their respective boards.

When you give to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions, you are equipping those who seek to share with others how God has set them free to live and serve.

Please see the Alma Hunt envelopes both in the pew, in the vestibule, and near our large bulletin board and give with your heart. Keep this offering, the ministries it goes to support, and our wonderful missionaries in your thoughts and prayers. The offering date ends on Sunday, September 20th.

ALMA HUNT OFFERING

for Virginia Missions



September 5

Margaret Morse

September 10

Charlene Hughes

Annie Rutledge

September 11

Richard Rudisill

September 12

Jacob Cummins

September 19

Chuck Purks

Sandy Rutledge

September 22

Allen Ray Walker

September 23

Tom Darling

September 25

Jane Wynn

September 29

Mary Poole

John Rutledge



September 8

Allan & Gayle Lowry

September 11

Richard & Teresa Rudisill

September 12

Jimmy & Jennifer Richmond

September 17

Emil & Denise Krevonick

September 18

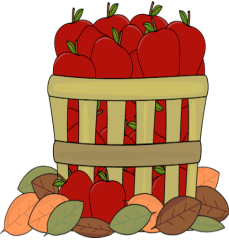
Andy & Judy Vaughan

September 30

Micky & Ellen Gaddy



SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Mattie Wrenn WMU Meeting 10:00 am	2	3 Prayer Warriors 10:00 a.m.	4	5
6 Communion Observed Sunday School 9:15 am Church 10:30 am CSC Meeting	7	8	9	10 Prayer Warriors 10 am	11	12
13 Sunday School 9:15 am, Church 10:30 am	14	15	16	17 Prayer Warriors 10 am	18	19
20 Sunday School 9:15 am Church 10:30 am Deacon Meeting	21	22 First Day of Fall	23	24 Prayer Warriors 10 am Deadline for October Newsletter Articles	25	26
27 Sunday School 9:15 am Church 10:30 am	28	29	30			



Happy Fall