

# Monthly Newsletter

# SEPTEMBER 2025

"Pray for Repentance for faith and greater faith"



**COVENANT**  
**COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
*Expanding the Kingdom of God*

## Pastoral Focus

Dr. Earl Grant Jr., Pastor-Teacher

### Ministry Challenge

#### Christ's Love: A Model for Our Lives

Covenant, the apostle Paul paints a profound picture of Christ's love for the Church in Ephesians 5, one that is selfless, sacrificial, and sanctifying. He urges husbands, in verses 25-30, to love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her. But beyond marriage, this passage invites every believer to reflect on the kind of love we are called to embody a love that builds up, purifies, and reflects the heart of Jesus. Christ's love wasn't convenient or conditional. It was costly. He gave everything so that the Church (His bride) might be radiant, holy, and without blemish.

This mystery, Paul says, is profound. He speaks of marriage, yes, but ultimately, he speaks of the unity between Christ and His Church. We are members of His body—deeply connected, divinely cherished, and eternally secure. Let this truth shape how we live with one another in the Body of Christ: with humility, patience, grace, and mutual honor. In a world that often distorts love as fleeting or self-serving, we are called to a higher standard. We are called to the kind of love that lays down pride, forgives freely, and seeks the good of others. Let's love as we have been loved, and in doing so, shine with the beauty of Christ in our homes, our church, and our communities.

### Scripture Focus

Ephesians 5

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. (KJV)

### Choir Rehearsals (7 p.m.)

2: Mass

9: Mass

16: Mass

23: Combined Choir

### Events

28: Pastor's Anniversary  
- No Sunday School -

30 Sep-2 Oct: Revival

### Looking Ahead

- October -

5: Church 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fellowship  
- No Sunday School -

17-19: Women's Emphasis Weekend

26: Trunk or Treat

# Happening This Month

## Prayer Focus



## The Fall Season And Biblical Harvest

### Old Testament Fall Feasts

Scripture introduces gospel hope through the fall feasts among the ancient Israelites. The Israelites were God's chosen people through whom He revealed His plan of redemption. Living in an agrarian society, the Israelites viewed autumn in light of harvest. Harvest refers to a process or period when crops are gathered. To accompany the harvest season, God told the Israelites to celebrate three festivals (Leviticus 23 and Numbers 29). These festivals included the Feast of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles. As indicated in its name, the Feast of Trumpets began with a blast of a trumpet. Scholars claim that the instrument's sound gathered the people and signified the arrival of God as their King. The Day of Atonement was when the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies, the place where the glory of God resided. The priest performed animal sacrifices there and then released a goat into the wilderness. These actions symbolized sin's payment and its removal from the people of God. Finally, the Feast of Tabernacles was a time to remember God dwelled with the Israelites during their wilderness journey. The Israelites feasted on harvested produce and rejoiced in God's provision. When the harvest season was over, however, the Israelites continued in their brokenness. Nevertheless, in the festivals, God revealed that He would have mercy on His people, save them from sin, and dwell with them forever. Through Christ, the fall feasts have their fulfillment.

## CCC Events

### Exalt Ministry Feed My Starving Children

#### Location:

First Baptist Church  
1401 Pat Booker Rd. Universal City, TX 78148.



#### Dates:

Thursday, 18 September  
Friday, 19 September

#### Time:

12:45 PM - 3 PM.

#### Contact:

Bro. Linwood Bradley at  
(210) 289-0317

### The Harvest Mission

In Jesus's life, we see the realization in what the fall feasts symbolized. For instance, the Eternal Son of God came to earth and took on flesh. When He was born, a host of angels announced the arrival of King Jesus. The heavenly beings praised His name, and, like the sound of trumpets, their praises excited shepherds nearby to see. As the Israelites gathered together during the Feast of Trumpets, the shepherds too gathered before the manger. Throughout His ministry, Jesus lived with His people. The God of the universe was with the lowly and humble. In Christ, He dwelt with us in a way similar to the Lord's presence in the tabernacle but more intimate. The joy of His nearness was foreshadowed in the Feast of Tabernacles. But, in His first coming, His people feasted on His goodness and rejoiced in His salvation. Finally, when Jesus hung on the cross, Jesus embodied the Day of Atonement. As the Banished Goat, He took on our sins and was rejected. As the Spotless Lamb, He offered His body as a perfect sacrifice to pay for our debt. Jesus was also the True High Priest who entered the Holy of Holies and gave us access to God the Father at all times.

For more information ref: <https://www.theservantsandhandmaids.net/the-fall-season-and-biblical-harvest>

## Sunday School Focus

F A L L   Q U A R T E R

Adults

God is "All" That

Y O U T H

Division & Defiance



## First Labor Day Parade



## Local Events

### Happenings Labor Day Weekend

Labor Day Brunch | Box Street Social, 632 Hemisfair Blvd. | Monday, Sept. 2 | 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | Come for brunch and stay to shop local vendors with Texas Markets.

Labor Day Artisan Show | San Antonio River Walk | Friday, Aug. 30-Monday, Sept. 2 | 11 a.m.-11 p.m. | Shop from over 40 local artists featuring pottery, textiles, jewelry, paintings, and more.

Labor Day Celebration | Historic Market Square, 514 W. Commerce St. | Saturday, Aug. 31-Monday, Sept. 2 | Times vary | Hang out at this family-friendly event featuring live music, kid-friendly games, food, and more.

SARR Labor Day Whine Run | Tuscany Venue, 16102 Old Fredericksburg Rd. | Monday, Sept. 2 | 7:30 a.m. | Celebrate the end of summer with 5K and 5-miler race with friends, Whining, and of course wine.

## Christian Humor

### The 10 Commandments

A Sunday school teacher was teaching the Ten Commandments to her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" One little boy shouted, "Thou shall not kill."

## History of Labor Day

Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being.

Before it was a federal holiday, Labor Day was recognized by labor activists and individual states. After municipal ordinances were passed in 1885 and 1886, a movement developed to secure state legislation. New York was the first state to introduce a bill, but Oregon was the first to pass a law recognizing Labor Day, on February 21, 1887. During 1887, four more states – Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York – passed laws creating a Labor Day holiday. 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, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday.

Some records show that in 1882, Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, suggested setting aside a day for a "general holiday for the laboring classes" 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 machinist Matthew Maguire, 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, New Jersey, proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York.

According to the New Jersey Historical Society, after President Cleveland signed the law creating a national Labor Day, the Paterson Morning Call published an opinion piece stating that "the souvenir pen should go to Alderman Matthew Maguire of this city, who is the undisputed author of Labor Day as a holiday." Both Maguire and McGuire attended the country's first Labor Day parade in New York City that year.

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.

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# Covenant Community Church

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## Purpose

To Expand the Kingdom of God according to the Word of God and empowered by the Spirit of God

## Mission

Born-again believers of Jesus Christ, directed by the Holy Spirit and the Word to expand God's Kingdom locally and globally.

## Priorities



*Engage the world*



*Equip the church*



*Embrace all people*



*Express God's Love*



*Exalt the Lord*



*Elevate our Youth*

## The Path to Salvation

God created us to have a personal relationship with Him, a relationship that was broken by sin. Yet, everyone can restore this relationship through the gift of salvation. 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins [to God], he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." You can get started with this prayer:

"Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I commit my life to You as my Lord and Savior and invite You into my heart. This I pray in your Holy name. Amen."

John 3:16

## Learn with Us

### Adult Sunday School (8:45 AM)

#### Sunday Services:

10:00 AM - Sunday Service

#### Wednesday Services:

7:00 PM - Worship and the Word

#### Zoom Link

#### Meeting ID: Passcode

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89705782161?pwd=STlmY0tCYWtwWlZOVzBvT1RuRk81QT09>

897 0578 2161 388642

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81077431291?pwd=Ym1ldmVLVTN6bnlvN1hSZnZNVnFmdz09>

810 7743 1291 359876

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88004869280?pwd=dWJBSE42YStNN2xmM0ovdjBaMDlxUT09>

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