

Celebrating Labor Day

How many of you realized that tomorrow is Labor Day? How many of you get the day off? Now how many of you know what the meaning of Labor Day is? Something about labor right? As with many of our holidays the meaning is being lost in our rush to enjoy a day off. So here is a brief history lesson for you.

Labor Day has been a federal holiday since 1894. According to the website of the United States Department of Labor, "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."

So today we here at YOUR CHURCH NAME want to celebrate all those that labor making our country great! Our great grandparents, grandparents and parents worked hard to make this country great. You as a worker are carrying on that great tradition of hard work. Let's give ourselves a round of applause!

The working people of our nation make it great. Have you ever considered that the working people of YOUR CHURCH NAME make this church what it is? Every week countless volunteers come early to set up, welcome and serve all who come. Hundreds of volunteer hours are spent every week making what we see happen each weekend go off seamlessly. So, let's give all our volunteers a hand!

Paul entreated the church at Corinth by saying, "Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain," I Corinthians 15:58. As our ushers come forward today for our offering I want us to consider if we are giving ourselves fully to the work of the Lord? Are you serving anywhere here? What labor have you given to God's work? Then what about giving? Can you say that you always give yourself fully to the work of the Lord when it comes to your offerings? Paul says our labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Others here at YOUR CHURCH NAME have given so that we might enjoy this day of worship. Will you do your part for the present and future generations?