

Honoring Those That Labor

It's Labor Day Weekend! Americans this weekend are taking one last opportunity to fire up the grill, plunge into the pool, watch football, and generally rest from their labors. Labor Day is Monday and it has been traditionally the time that we honor our countries workers. Our nation's greatness is built upon the backs of our laborers. So, thank you, workers, for making America what it is! Take Monday off.

The Apostle Paul, in writing to the church at Thessalonica, said this of them, "We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." This weekend as we pause and celebrate our nation's workers, I want us to take a moment to thank all those that volunteer here at our church. Without their service, we could not do what we do! If you serve in any capacity here, would you please stand. Let's give these laborers a round of applause!

Here is another passage that Paul wrote, this time to the church in Corinth. He wrote, "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."

We are making a difference locally and literally around the world. You are investing in the lives of others, building up the Kingdom. When you serve here, your work is not in vain. The same is true with your generosity. Your gifts in today's offering help support our volunteers, our staff and all that we do. Just as we could not do what we do without our volunteers, we could not do what we do without your faithful generosity.

So, this morning let's give ourselves fully to the work of the Lord by giving fully as He directs.