

What You Do Matters – September 1st

Labor Day is upon us! If you are like me, you are wondering where summer went. Labor Day is the traditional end of summer weekend. It is officially the day we celebrate workers' contributions to our country's strength, prosperity, and well-being. Our nation's way of saying, "Thank you for your hard work!"

Labor Day has been a federal holiday since 1894. According to the United States Department of Labor website, "Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to American workers' social and economic achievements. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to workers' contributions to our country's strength, prosperity, and well-being."

Thank you to all who serve and labor here. Without you, we could not do all the amazing things we do, so thank you! What you do here matters! It matters to the lives of the children you minister to. It matters to the lives of students you are helping navigate through the difficulties of their teen years. It matters to our guests who want to know where to park and where to go. All our workers laboring for the Lord matter!

Paul implored 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. That is a great reminder to all of us. You might not be on the platform visible each Sunday, but your presence, service, and generous contributions help fuel all we do here. Our "labor" together is not in vain. We are changing lives one person at a time, and you are part of that!

As a result of all your labor, we have seen great success this summer. We rejoice in what we saw accomplished for the Kingdom. The faithful service and generosity of our members allowed this to happen. Yet there is more to do. This fall is filled with activities and events. Carrying out our vision is always our focus. Your generous gifts will allow us to achieve our goals for the fall. All our large and small gifts help fuel our work here.

So today, I want you to know your service matters, as does your gift in this offering. So, give like your gift matters!