

## What You Do Matters

**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 the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country. It is our nation's way of saying, "Thank you for your hard work!"

**I want to take an opportunity to say 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 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 guest who just want to know where to park and where to go. All our workers laboring for the Lord matter!

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. 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 labors we have seen great successes 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 gifts combined together, large and small, help fuel the work we do here.

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