

Labor Day

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Monday is Labor Day. Originally, Labor Day was designed to celebrate the American worker. It was the brainchild of Peter J. Maguire, a trade unionist in the late 1800s when laborers had little voice in their own working conditions. Maguire dedicated his life to improving working conditions for hourly workers. He proposed Labor Day in 1882.

Oddly enough, Labor Day was not about labor, per se, but about the rights of the American worker to be free from oppressive conditions of labor. How many freely give themselves to be slaves under the yoke of labor today, and for what reasons?

Many work their entire lives morning, noon, and night, missing the best of what life has to offer—family, friends, God—all to “ensure” that they have a few years of pursuing their own agenda before death. Some never make it. Those that do wonder why they didn’t slow down years ago.

The Jews of Jesus’ day also yoked themselves to a similar bondage. They required such strict observation of the Sabbath day there was more fear of violating their traditions than enjoying what God had given. Jesus replied to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath” (Mark 2:27).

We could say something similar regarding labor: Labor was made for man, and not man for labor. Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 2:11 regarding a life given to work and work alone, “Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done And on the labor in which I had toiled; and indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun.” Work cannot satisfy our desire to be someone, only God can. Without Him, labor has no meaning.



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today's Sermon: *What Part of Jesus Was Not Nailed to the Cross?*

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Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12,13

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class: September 9th**, at the building at 6:30. We have been studying the minor prophets of the Old Testament. We will be continuing our study of Hosea.
- **Next Potluck: TBD**
- **Next Regional Singing: TBA**



- **Jerry** stayed home last week because he was tired. He has been suffering with nose bleeds and losing more than usual the amount of blood because he is on blood thinners.
- **We are planning a cookout in the parking lot at noon on Saturday, the 26th. We will be giving out hot dogs and chips to our neighbors and friends. Come by and help out!**



- Arthur will preach today.

PRAYERS

- **Pray for all of us as schools open amidst the Covid-19 crisis. We pray that teachers, staff and students remain safe and virus free.**
- **Pray for Tim as he recovers from the infection that put him in the hospital. Pray that his dental appointment will take care of the problem.**
- Pray for **John Chacona**, Ted's brother.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz**, friend of Darlene's.
- Pray for **G.K. Pennington** and his wife Jo as they deal with his esophageal cancer in the months to come. He should be having surgery this month.
- **Doug Kashorek has asked for prayers for himself and his wife Lori as she has decided to go home to be with the Lord when He decides to take her. Lori is on hospice now.**
- **Please pray about the Lord's Supper and how we can keep our faith and please God during this time of pandemic.**

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.