

Our Labor is Not in Vain

This weekend is Labor Day. Officially Labor Day is on Monday but we have now extended the celebration to run all weekend. Many of you have a long weekend to relax and maybe get that last visit to the pool, lake or beach. Labor Day typically closes out the summer holidays for us.

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.”

With a lot of holidays we tend to forget the real purpose of the day and simply rejoice that we are off work. However it is worth remembering that this country has been made great and continues to be great through the contributions of workers like you. Where would our nation be without our workers?

Have you ever wondered what would happen here at our church if we did not have workers? I can tell you that there would be a lot more kids in this service right now! We can't do what we do without workers. To take a line from the Department of Labor's website, our workers have made incredible contributions to the strength, prosperity, and well being of our church.

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.

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