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# **LABOR DAY**



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# *Manna from Mike*

## MORE THAN LABORERS

There once was a man named Smith. He died and then regained consciousness in the next world. He looked out over a vast expanse of pleasant country. After resting comfortably for a while in a delightful spot, he called out, "Is anybody around here?" An attendant, dressed in white, appeared and said gravely, "What do you want?" Smith asked, "What can I have?" The attendant replied, "You can have anything you want." Smith named some of his favorite foods. They were presented immediately on a tray and were delicious.

Next, he called for some games. They were brought on command and he had fun. Out on the golf course, he never sliced and his putting was fantastic. Next, Smith called for some of the great books that he had never had time to read before. He read and napped, napped and read. But finally boredom began to catch up with him. He shouted, "I want something to do!"

The attendant appeared and said, "I am sorry, but that is the only thing we cannot give you here." By this time, Smith was frantic. In frustration, he cried out, "But I'm miserable without something to do! I'd rather go to hell!" "But, sir," said the attendant, "I thought you knew. That's where you are!"

I know what you're thinking: If that's really what hell is like, I think I could handle it for a few weeks, anyway. Most of us regard work as a mixed blessing. We are kindred spirits with the little six-year-old boy who after his first day of school was asked by his father how he liked it. The little boy said, "Oh, it's okay, but it sure does cut into your play time." Most of us don't debate a lot about whether or not to go to work each weekday morning. We are somewhat like that man who said, "Every morning I get up and look through the Forbes list of the richest people in America. If I'm not on the list, I go on to work."

The Bible is a pro-work document. Remember, work was not assigned to Adam as a punishment for sin. Human beings were put to work before they sinned. Genesis 2:15 tells us that God took Adam and Eve and put them in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

Consider these three biblical principles regarding work:

First, job satisfaction is a gift from God. In Ecclesiastes 5 we read: "All to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom he enables to enjoy them, and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil - this is the gift from God." God wants each one to enjoy his or her vocation. The Lord wants you to look forward to going to work most mornings and to feel fulfilled at the end of most work days.

Secondly, our work should be an advertisement for God. Paul expressed this truth in his letter to the Colossians: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for your bosses," (3: 23). Your ultimate boss is never another person. You work for yourself and your God. If you can wax a floor well, the shine on that floor declares the glory of God and puts in a good word for you, too. How good it is if we can put our heads on the pillow most nights, saying prayerfully, "Lord, with your help, I gave a pretty good account of myself today; I did my work with a touch of class." Think about it: when people watch you do your job, do they have reason to think more highly of God?

And, finally our worth is based on who we are, not what we do. Our value was secured by what Jesus Christ did on a cross; it is not affected by how much or how little we do. With my recent diagnosis of West Nile Virus and its resultant fatigue, I have been unable to work with the energy I usually enjoy. However, I have discovered that God loves me not for what I do, but simply because I belong to him. I don't have to preach, attend ten meetings, serve on five different boards, and be available 24-7 in order to be loved by God.

A certain nurse won the admiration of her little Appalachian mountain community with her patience, her cheerfulness, and her genuine concern

for others. Her salary was inadequate by any standard. One day a physician said to her, "Joan, why don't you get out of this backward little community and go where they will pay you a decent salary. God knows you are worth it." With a smile she answered, "If God knows I am worth it, that's all that matters to me."

We are more than laborers.

*Agapé, Mike*

## SUNDAY DINNER POTLUCK

There will be a **potluck dinner** after worship on Sunday, September 26. The following foods are suggested:

A - F -- Salads; G – L – desserts;  
M – R vegetables or side dishes;  
S – Z entrée or meat dishes.  
(letters represent the first letter of your last name) Of course, any food you prefer to bring will be appreciated.

## FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE

Flu season is coming and you may get protected by getting a flu shot at Jeffersontown Christian Church.

Shots are available October 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon to 2:00pm.

With a Medicare card – no charge.  
Others cost \$25.00

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### MEMBERS

Mike Gatton, Ethel Adams, Carl Reichart, Claudene Hartlauf.

### FAMILY OF MEMBERS

\*David Lohr (of Harper Lohr), \*Nancy Bickner (aunt of Luta Garbat-Welch), Delores Gognat (of Yvonne Lohr), Conception Hernandez (mother of Oscar Hernandez), Richard Harrison (cousin) and Chuck Riley (brother-in-law of Henry & Zelma Harrison), Winnie Skaggs (mother of Judy Wright), Ruby McDowell (mother of Pat Pierce), Debbie Miles (daughter of Pat Pierce), Lou Singer (of Waynette McKay), Delbert Humphries (father of Wes), Bob Humphrey (brother of MJ Jones), Audrey Dreher and Pat Eddington, (grandmother and aunt of Molly Salmon), Jan Kirkman, Gene Hardin, Bill Brady and Steven Hardin (of Bob and Bonnie Kirkman), Robin Wiggins and Joyce Wiggins (of Hal and Renee Wiggins), Jim Loft (of Joy Stuckel), Lucille Osburn (of Barry Osburn), Lisa Wilson and Colton Pffaff (of Art and Mickey Guelda).

### FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

\*Denise English (of Kathy Goff and Dorothy Wiglesworth), Harry Eskridge (of Borie family), Patty Rose (daughter of Patricia Ashby), Gene Paulin, Sr. (of Glen Stuckel), Libby Dyne (of Judith Guittar), Laurisha Winston (of Sara Wynkoop), Gloria Jelf (of Tammy Bilbro), Suzanne Grace (of Pat Pierce), Rob Pippin (of Montgomery Family), Jason Graham (of Diane & Lamar Burton).

## SENIORS

Lucille Osburn – The Forum  
Helen DuVall – Stonecreek Lodge  
Ray Hunt – At Home  
Roy & Kathy Roberts – At Home  
Skip Sommers – The Forum  
Madge Osborne – The Forum  
Larry & Nylene Walker – The Atria (S Hurstbourne)  
Peggy Schoo – Returned Home

## ARMED FORCES

### **Captain James Collard**

(Bev Collard's son)

### **Captain Rae Anne Douglas**

(Cara Beth Wilson's sister)

### **Major Robert Shuck**

(Yvonne Lohr's grandson)

### **SSG Adam Waller**

(Hulda Harris' grandson)

### **PFC Brad Cofer**

(Teenie Beutel's grandson)

### **LT Fred Fields**

(of Yvonne Lohr)

## HEALING BLANKETS GROUP

TUESDAY, September 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am.

## SILVER AND GOLD

The "Rush" is happening!! Please bring old gold and silver jewelry in zip-lock bags (with your name); HCC will give credit as a donation. Leave your items with Judy Wright. All proceeds will be placed in The Permanent Fund.

## HCC WEBSITE

If you are unable to attend church, just check out our website. You may refer friends or family to our website. [www.hccnews.org](http://www.hccnews.org) and listen to the latest sermons. VBS pictures are available along with other activities of the church. Thank you to Susie Wilkerson.

## BUILDING EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

Please remember to return your Building Expansion pledge cards to H Stroth or you may leave them in the office for him. If you need a pledge card, they are available in the office

## NEW FUNDRAISER

Some very special Amish Cheeses will soon be for sale as a new HCC fundraiser! The sale will be held on November 20th and 21st. There will be a sampling party and orders will be taken. This is a new fundraiser for HCC.

## KROGER CARDS

Kroger cards are available in the office for \$25. They will have a value of \$25. And can be used to buy groceries, gas, pharmacy items, etc. You may add to your gift card at any time at Kroger stores. They make great gifts and we recently received a check in the amount of \$244.68. Keep on using those cards.

## THANK YOU

Dear Friends, On behalf of the Board and staff of House of Ruth, I want to thank you for your wonderful gift of many underwear and socks for our women, men and children. We so appreciate that your Outreach Group chose House of Ruth as your charity for the month. Our families will be so grateful to receive these items. Please know that your generosity will help us to continue to meet the growing needs of individuals and families touched by HIV and AIDS.

Thank you again for your expression of caring, and for your support of the mission of House of Ruth. Thank you so much! Sincerely, *Linda Underwood*, Executive Director.

## HOSPARUS

Evergreen, A Family Camp, will be held on October 15 – 17 for families coping with death. This program is sponsored by Hosparus at the Loucon Training and Retreat Center of Leitchfield, Kentucky. Scholarship assistance is available. Deadline for applications is Friday, September 24, 2010. For more information please visit [www.hosparus.org](http://www.hosparus.org).

## COMMUNICATORS/ TOASTMASTERS MEETING

The Communicators Toastmasters Club meets at HCC on the first and third Mondays at 6:30 PM.

Toastmasters International is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to self-improvement in the area of public speaking and leadership. Our club is open to the public and we welcome visitors and new members. If you would like to visit one of our meetings you would be most welcome.

*Larry Odom-Groh*

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Information for the church calendar and Grapevine newsletter continues to be due in the office by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month and bulletin items are due by noon on Wednesday. Thanks!**

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP AND WONDER

It is that time again. CWW needs leaders for the Fall. Here is an opportunity during church hour, to spend with our kids, getting to know them and telling those great Bible stories we learned as kids. **Won't you say yes today?** If interested please call Judy Wright, 426-6726 or Waynette McKay, 423-8882 today.

EACM GOLF SCRAMBLE  
The EACM Golf Scramble will be held at the Polo Fields on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

## REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Christian Church in Kentucky Regional Assembly will be held in Lexington, KY at Central Christian Church. Registration will begin at 4:00pm on Thursday, September 9.

Alan Roxburgh will be the Assembly New Directions Facilitator. He is a pastor, teacher, writer and consultant with more than 30 years experience in church leadership, consulting and seminary education.

## CENTERED WOMEN

Centered Women will meet at the home of Diane Burton, 1124 Grazing Meadows Lane, on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm. The Outreach project for September will be children's books for the "Home of the Innocents". Our focus is on serving God through serving others. We encourage all women of the church to become a part of this group.

## SHEPHERDING ELDERS

The Shepherding Elders group will meet on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at the church. If you are a member of this group please plan to attend.

## HCC MEN'S BREAKFAST

The HCC Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, September 11 at 7:30am. We will be meeting at HCC for a continental breakfast and then caravan to Slugger Field. Tom Nielsen will be presenting the program. He is the head groundskeeper and recently won a national award for his excellent work. This promises to be an interesting program and who doesn't love baseball? Especially the Louisville BATS!

## HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR

Plans are in the process for the upcoming Holiday Craft Bazaar. The Bazaar features vendors who offer handmade items for sale. It costs \$30. to reserve a space and each vendor donates an item for a drawing of door prizes. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, please call Bonnie Rechter. Remember – first paid, first reserved! Pay your vendor fee ASAP.

## PERSONAL HEARING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE

We have purchased hearing devices for those who would prefer to use them. If you would like to purchase one for your personal use please see Charlie Wiglesworth. Cost \$100.

## VBS OFFERING

The VBS offering for the Heifer Project was \$240.00. Thanks Kids!!

## THANKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT

Many thanks for all the cards, calls and visits during the recent death of my brother.

I really appreciate all the love and support of my HCC family. *Charlotte Glance*

## CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN

Please excuse our mess!

On Thursday last week the portable buildings moved in and construction has begun.

On Monday, the bulldozers and big trucks arrived. The front sidewalk is gone and fences will be put in place to protect us from debris and to keep us from walking in unsafe areas.

You will need to enter through the doors of Schiphorst Fellowship Hall and access to the offices of Mike or Diane will be through the sanctuary.

We apologize for the inconvenience, but we are excited for the progress. Please be understanding and patient as we make HCC a more inviting and accessible worship area.

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 3, 2010

We will join with Christians around the world to celebrate World communion Sunday on October 3.

World Communion Sunday was first celebrated in 1936 in Presbyterian (USA) churches in the United States and overseas. The first Sunday in October was chosen, as nearly all Christians celebrate the Lord's Supper the first Sunday of the month or the quarter. In 1940, Rev. Jesse Bader, a Disciples minister and leader in the Federal Council of Churches (predecessor of the National Council of Churches) promoted World Communion Sunday as an ecumenical celebration for Christians everywhere.

As Hurstbourne Christian eats the bread and drinks the wine in remembrance of what Christ has done for us, we also want to remember our neighbors who do not have enough bread to eat.

Please bring a loaf of bread to worship on October 3 – store bought, homemade, a favorite family bread. We will place our bread offerings on a table during worship. Later, they will be delivered to Wayside Christian Mission to help feed the hungry in our community.

## THE HUNGER WALK

The Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, September 19, from noon to 4:30. One in six families in Kentuckiana are at risk of hunger every day. Join the movement to make sure all of our neighbors have access to the food they need to be healthy and strong.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS & FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, September 1, the dinner will be potluck and the following foods are suggested:

A - F vegetables or side dishes;  
G - L entree or meat dish;  
M - R desserts;  
S - Z salads

(letters represent the first letter of your last name) Of course, any food you would like prefer to bring will be appreciated.

Wednesday, September 8, the meal will be supplied by "Fazoli's and will cost \$7. each. Children under 12 eat free. The entertainment will be the "String Chickens" and their music.

Wednesday, September 22, the meal will be provided by "Mark's Feed Store" and the cost is \$7. each and children under 12 eat free. The speaker will be Carrie Gerard of EACM.

## FREEDOM OF RELIGION

You have probably noticed the many news stories lately about the plans to build an Islamic center near the site of the World Trade Center attack on September 11, 2001. I've been struggling with the seeming insensitivity of New York City Muslims who, presumably, should know that their plans close in proximity to Ground Zero, would spark tremendous protests. Many Americans see this hallowed ground as a resting place for loved ones, a kind of USS Arizona, if you will. On the other hand, I'm concerned that so many Americans would protest a religious right and even attempt to deny a privilege we all enjoy as granted by our Constitution. It really boils down to religious freedom, doesn't it? Do we really practice religious freedom in this country or does that ideal merely look good on paper? Maybe we agree with religious freedom as long as it's expressed by people more like us, you know, Christians.

Let's take a look at the First Amendment to the Constitution: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a [redress](#) of grievances." These words are clear and unambiguous. Religious freedom is a gift granted to each of us by our founding fathers. However, in that First

Amendment, we are also granted the right to say what we want publicly or to assemble peaceably just like those people holding signs on New York City sidewalks. So let's be sure we know what we are protesting.

What exactly is religious freedom if not the freedom to legally build a worship center? The practice of discouraging religious expression and freedom through discrimination, harassment, or other means, amounts to religious intolerance. I sure don't want that characterization attached to me. Just who is this man behind the Mosque; the man who is being shouted at from city street corners? He's bound to be a trouble maker, I thought. The Cleric or Imam, Feisal Abdul Rauf, has been touring the country when not at home at his New York City Mosque, promoting religious tolerance. Rauf is a self-proclaimed "peacemaker" and has been spreading the message of peace between eastern and western religions since the 1960's while simultaneously ministering to his community just twelve blocks from the World Trade Center. The problem with guys like Feisal Abdul Rauf is that you don't hear much about them. They're just not newsworthy and that's a shame.

We enjoy the freedom to believe, practice, and promote our faith without interference. Our religious freedom is cause for celebration not intolerance.

See you in church,  
John Schildt

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