

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:

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| Opening Prayer | David Bryant | Keith Peevyhouse |
| Song Leading | Dale Ballentine | Jacob Peevyhouse |
| Scripture Reading | Noah Brasher | Dylan Holt |
| Closing Prayer | Mark Wright | Jacob Keen |

NEXT WEEK:

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| Opening Prayer | Nick Bryant | David Bryant |
| Song Leading | Dale Ballentine | Jacob Peevyhouse |
| Scripture Reading | Joshua Brasher | Mark Wright |
| Closing Prayer | John Henry Long | Steve Foster |

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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**SUNDAY:** Bible Class 9:00 AM  
Worship 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM  
(Meet-Eat-Meet each fifth Sunday)

**WEDNESDAY:** Bible Study 6:30 PM

**Trezevant Church of Christ**

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# The Follower

September 05, 2021

## Labor Day Thoughts

Tomorrow we will celebrate Labor Day, a national holiday since the late 1800's. The original purpose of this day was to commemorate the efforts of those in the labor force and to honor the contributions they have made to our society through the years. I suspect that for many, the meaning of Labor Day is different than when it was established. For most, it now marks either the end of summer, the start of the new school year, or just a time to be off from work or school.

While Labor Day has no religious significance, the term *labor* does. After Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, God pronounced this sentence on Adam: *Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, which I commanded thee saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake... In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread... (Gen. 3:17-19)*. Adam and Eve apparently went from a life of ease in the garden to a life of toil and labor just to get by. Later, God through Moses said to Israel, *Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work (Ex. 20:8-9)*. In the New Testament we find: *Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give him that needeth (Eph. 4:28)*. Therefore, my beloved brethren, (cont'd next page)

be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58). Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are laborers together with God... (1 Cor. 3:8-9). Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief (Heb. 4:11). We can see, then, that God intends for man to labor in this life, not only to provide for his family, but also to labor for Him in the kingdom that he may receive the eternal rest promised to those who serve Him.

As we observe this holiday of rest, let us be encouraged that when we labor as we should for God, He will bless us with the rest He has promised.

~Freeman



## Remember in Prayer . . .

- **Kayla Hudgens** has suffered a collapsed lung and a tear, but her oxygen level is improved and her vent has been lowered. She is basically about the same.
- **John Dowland** remains hospitalized with Covid; there is no change in his condition.
- Remember **Wayne Russell**, Nick's coworker and friend, whose son passed away last week.
- **PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; John; Edward Ray & Jean; Orvaline; Tracy Hughes (Jeanie's brother); the Hudgens family; JoAnn Moore; Lois Arrington; Jeff Hutcherson; Craig Ballentine; Richard Climer; Gaylon Sydnor (leukemia); the school system as it deals with Covid; residents and staff of area assisted living facilities....

## News and Notes . . .

- **Welcome to our assembly!** We encourage our visitors to stay following services and let us get acquainted with you.
- **Wednesday night devo: David Bryant**
- **Gospel Meeting at Cades** begins next Sunday; they will have a different speaker each service.

### MEMORY VERSES - Matthew 5:3-10

<sup>3</sup>Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. <sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. <sup>10</sup>Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.