

September 1, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

- TODAY: ELDERS/DEACONS MEETING 1 pm
- TODAY: NURSING HOME 2 pm
- SEPT 7 – WASHBURN FISH FRY – 6 pm.
- SEPT 8 – AREA WIDE SINGING – 2 p.m. - here at the building...please bring finger foods.
- SEPT 15-18 – BJ CLARKE – GOSPEL MEETING (Flyers are available in the back for distribution. Please also note that we will move the potluck to noon on the 15th.)
- SEPT 28 – LADIES DAY

HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

- Hear (Romans 10:17)
- Believe (Hebrews 11:6)
- Repent (Acts 17:30)
- Confess (Acts 8:36-37)
- Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)
- Live Faithfully (Revelation 2:10)

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LABOR DAY...SERIOUSLY!

By: Scott Thrasher

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.” (II Corinthians 5:10)

God has said that our lives fly by as a vapor (James 4:14). 2019 is certainly flying by. Labor Day is almost here. This holiday and extended weekend marks the ceremonial end of summer activities and the subsequent start of the harvest season. Labor Day became a national holiday in 1894. It has been called the “workingman’s” holiday as it tributes the contributions and achievements of the American worker. This day was set aside to recognize their labors.

The Bible tells us about a day where we will be recognized for our spiritual labor and achievement (or lack thereof!) This day is often referred to as “Judgement Day”. It is a time when the summer season of our lives end and harvest time of eternal assignment takes place. Let’s look at 3 aspects of this day.

First, Judgment Day is a REALITY. It is really going to happen. There are many who do not believe this. Why am I so certain of its reality? Because Jesus certainly believed in the reality of the day. He introduced the concept of this spiritual day while answering the Pharisees. *“But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.”* (Matthew 12:36). Jesus says there is a specific day when everyone will have to give account before God. Therefore, we can know for sure that this will be a real day.

Secondly, Judgment Day will be a day filled with RIGHTEOUSNESS. Both the judge and the judgment rendered will be morally pure and correct. Paul warned the men of Athens, *“Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead”*

(Acts 17:30-31). There will be no mistrials or appeals. All sentences will be righteously final!

Finally, Judgment Day will be a time of RECOMPENSE. All individuals will receive a just reward for their labor. In this sense, Judgment Day will be a lot like our Labor Day. The Bible says, *“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad”*

(II Corinthians 5:10). We will all stand before God and be recognized for our contributions and achievements for the cause of Christ.

It’s Labor Day! Let’s celebrate our physical accomplishments and the hard work required for them. As we do, let’s also not forget our spiritual “Labor Day”!

PRAYERS PLEASE

- Kenny Roy – recent procedure
- Yvonne Gray - health
- Roger Allen – upcoming procedure
- The Scharold Family
- Mary Morehouse - eye
- Matt Turnbull
- Lovins Family – remember Alison
- Tabbie Jenkins – (Steve & Cindy)
- Gene Williams
- Our youth...
- Doug Tacker - health
- Ryan Cline – surgery recovery
- Ashley Mayberry
- Valarie Gilmartin
- Kamryn Rocket
- Upcoming Gospel Meeting
- Ladies Day
- Janis Robbins - health

SUNDAY

9:30 AM Bible Study
10:30 AM Morning Worship
6:00 PM Evening Worship

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Bible Study

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WORSHIP PM: 72
WEDNESDAY PM: 80