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Rest From Our Labors

This coming Monday is Labor Day. "The common misconception is that since Labor Day is a national holiday, everyone gets the day off. Nothing could be further from the truth. While the first Labor Day was created by striking, the idea of a special holiday for workers was easy for politicians to support. It was



easy because proclaiming a holiday, like Mother's Day, costs legislators nothing and benefits them by currying favor with voters. In 1887, Oregon, Colorado, Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey all declared a special legal holiday in September to celebrate workers. Within 12 years, half the states in the country recognized Labor Day as a holiday. It became a national holiday in June 1894

when President Grover Cleveland signed the Labor Day bill into law. While most people interpreted this as recognizing the day as a national vacation, Congress' proclamation covers only federal employees. It is up to each state to declare its own legal holidays." (from the Conversation website.)

In the book of Hebrews, the writer shares with us that there is a day and a time coming when all people, that is who are Christ followers, will receive an eternal rest from their labors. The writer calls this a "Sabbath rest." Hebrews 4.9-10, "9 There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; 10 for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his."

This past summer there were two famous Christian leaders who passed into their Sabbath rest, resting from all their work for the Kingdom. "John MacArthur Jr. (June 19, 1939 – **July 14, 2025**) was an American Calvinist Baptist pastor, theologian, author, and broadcaster. He was the founder of *Grace to You*, a nationally syndicated radio and television Bible teaching program. He was also the longtime pastor of Grace Community Church, a non-denominational church in Sun Valley, California from 1969 until his death in 2025. MacArthur was known for his advocacy of expository preaching, and was recognized by *Christianity Today* as one of the most influential Christian preachers of his era."

"James Dobson Jr. (April 21, 1936 – **August 21, 2025**) was an American evangelical Christian author, psychologist and founder of Focus on the Family, which he led from 1977 until 2010. In the 1980's, he was ranked as one of the most influential spokesmen for conservative social positions in American public life. Although never an ordained minister, he was called "the nation's most influential evangelical leader" by *The New York Times*."

Although these are famous people who are now experiencing their Rest, we have known others. This year Sandy Harlacker, Gerald and Ruth Cook also passed into their Sabbath Rest. They also labored for the Lord and the Lord rewarded them by calling them home and proclaiming that their work for the Kingdom had come to an end. As we celebrate on Monday, let us remember that we all have been called to be workmen for the Kingdom. Let us be comforted that our work is never in vain. Let us remember that there is a Sabbath Rest that is waiting for us.

P.S. the Church office will be closed on Labor Day!



Prayer & Praises

- Continue to pray for Joel Miller. He is recovering from his back surgery. He had to stop taking his medication for his rheumatoid arthritis for 24 days due to the surgery, so he is experiencing a lot of pain.
- Pam Miller requested prayer for Brett
 Miller. He injured his hamstring on
 Saturday. They are really asking for prayer
 that it will heal and not require surgery.
- Chelsey Meyers-Yost shared that her dad Brian Meyers should get the results of his PET scan this week. He has started to have more symptoms, so keep praying.
- Audrey Flickinger requested prayer for her brother Alan Harbaugh. Alan fell and had a broken ankle and lacerations on his head and bruises to his arm. Pray for a speedy recovery.
- Pat Michael requested prayer for Linda Hollinger who has been having health problems.
- Tammy Breighner requested prayer for healing for her aunt, Elva Dubbs who is in the hospital with blood clots in her lungs.
- Pray for Joyce Wagaman's grandson Dawson who was bitten by a stray cat and now needs to receive rabie's shots.
- Joyce Wagaman also requested prayer for her son Scott who has a ruptured ear drum.
- Joyce also requested prayer for Erica's parents.
 Her mother and father were in a bad car accident.
 Her father was pretty banged up, but is getting
 better and is home. Her mother had to have neck
 surgery and needs prayer for recovery.

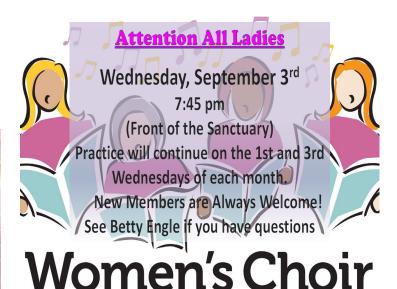
How to Be Happy In Jesus
Small Group
September 4th, 11th, 625th
6:30 pm in the Sanctuary
See Dave Titzell if
you need info

CBC WEEKLY PRAYER POINT

In every church family and every family, our prayer lists are long with those who are suffering with physical and or emotional problems. In a fallen world, we deal with illness and injury. As Christians, we are not immune. Pray for persons and families you know who are walking this journey. Pray for those sick and hospitalized. Pray for doctors and medical staff. Give thanks for the biblical ordinance of Anointing as outlined in James 5:13-16 (NKJV) and pray for our ministers and deacons as they share this special gift with the hurting. The Lord is present. The Lord still heals. "I am the Lord who heals you." (Exodus 15:26 NIV) Your prayers for the sick make a difference! When a believing person prays, great things happen.

Please pray for these congregations and pastors:

- Caimito Congregation in San Juan,
 Puerto Rico and pastor Evelyn
 Tanco Rosario
- Calvary Congregation in Winchester, VA and pastor Ionathan Martino









Fruitbelt Farmworker Trip
October 7th at 5:30
We will be leaving the church at 4:30

Women's Fellowship will be providing dinner so if you plan to attend, please use the signup sheet on the bulletin board. We will be taking them gifts that are needed.

- Jackets (they trim trees in the winter and prefer mediums and large)
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- Hooded Sweatshirts (prefer mediums and large)
- Blankets, new if possible or very gently used

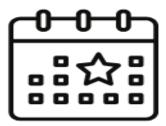
A container is outside Shepherd's Hall.

If you have no time to shop, money donations may be given to Meghan

Replogle, who says she would love to do the shopping.

Questions: Contact Meghan Replogle who has offered to take on this project







Wednesday 08/27

6:30 pm − Life Group **3**

Thursday 08/28



Janet Deardorff's Birthday



(1) Ken & Liz Warren's Anniversary

Saturday 08/30



(6) John & Mary Fisher's Anniversary

Sunday 08/31

09:00 am - Come Worship

10:00 am - Intersections Café

10:20 am – Sunday School

Monday 09/01

Happy Labor Day!

Office is closed.

Tuesday 09/02



Victor Mojica's Birthday

Newsletter Prep & Printing 1:00 pm - Newsletter Assembly

6:30 pm – Women's Fellowship



Wednesday 09/03

6:30 pm − Life Group 🦃



7:45 pm – Women's Choir Practice

Thursday 09/04

6:30 PM - How to be Happy in Jesus Small Group



Wilmer Grim's Birthday



Galen Julius's Birthday



Meghan Replogle's Birthday

Friday 09/05



Cheryl Kurtz's Birthday

Saturday 09/06



Lois Breneman's Birthday



Joel Miller's Birthday

Sunday 09/07

09:00 am – Come Worship

10:00 am - Intersections Café

10:20 am - Sunday School

Tuesday 09/09

6:00 pm - Commissions Meeting

7:00 pm - Board Meeting

Wednesday 09/10



Fred Shultz's Birthday

6:30 pm = Life Group



Thursday 09/11



Ray & Dawn Hunt's Anniversary

6:30 PM – How to be Happy in Jesus Small Group

Friday 09/12



Kerry & Traci Kauffman's Anniversary

Sunday 09/14

09:00 am – Come Worship

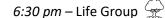
10:00 am - Intersections Café

10:20 am – Sunday School

12:00 pm – Widows & Widowers Luncheon at

Dover Valley Restaurant

Wednesday 09/17





Owen Verbosky's Birthday

Thursday 09/18



Andrew Yost's Birthday