

Labor Day and the Bible

Congress declared the 1st Monday in September Labor Day in 1894. Not everyone who has professed to advocate for laborers has proved to be a true friend. Karl Marx wrote a book on the subject, but he and his wife kept a maid for whom they provided room and board, but no pay. Marx fathered a child by the woman, but she was not allowed to keep the child. Christians have a mandate from Scripture to protect the rights of those who are likely to be the victims of economic injustice. "The...ground of the poor would yield much food, but it is swept away by injustice." Proverbs 13:23. "Woe to him...who makes his neighbor serve him...and does not give him his wages." Jeremiah 22:13. Israel was seeking God daily as if they delighted to know His way. But God

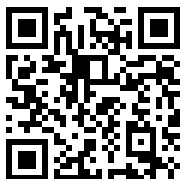
told them He was not impressed as long as they oppressed all their workers. Isaiah 58:3c. Malachi records a passage about the coming Messiah in which Christ says, "I will be a swift witness...against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages." James pronounced woe on some rich folk in these words, "...the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts." May He hear our cries on their behalf also. It would be a shame if oppressed workers were crying out for justice, but Christ's church was silent.

-Pastor Charles Fortner

Events

TODAY College & Career
Lunch 1:00 PM
9/7 Small Groups 7:15 PM
9/10 Ladies' Missionary
Society 9:00 AM
9/18 Fellowship Picnic
7:00 PM

Give



Upcoming Events



Service Times

- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm



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Morning Worship

Call to Worship	Pastor Stu Johnston
Opening Hymn	#453 O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
Scripture Reading	Matthew 3, page 808
Pastoral Prayer	
Offertory	#129 Fairest Lord Jesus
Preparatory	Jesus Thou Joy

Jesus, Thou Joy of loving hearts, Thou Fount of life, thou Light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to Thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou savest those that on Thee call;
To them that seek Thee Thou art good, to them that find Thee All in all.

We taste Thee, O Thou living Bread, and long to feast upon Thee still;
We drink of Thee, the Fountainhead, and thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world Thy holy light.

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Sermon	Pastor Gary Hendrix
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Evening Worship

Call to Worship	Pastor Stephen Byrd
Opening Hymn	#10 O Come My Soul
Scripture Reading	Psalms 145, page 524
Pastoral Prayer	
Offertory	#548 More Love to Thee
Preparatory	#269 Glorious Things of Thee
Sermon	Pastor Andy Dunkerton