



The Connection

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**Our Mission: To Know Christ, and to
Make Him Known**

September Scripture Readings

- 1— Exodus 14:14
- 2— Psalm 4:8
- 3— Psalm 23:1-6
- 4— Psalm 34:3
- 5— Psalm 46:5
- 6— Psalm 145:18
- 7— Proverbs 16:24
- 8— Isaiah 40:31
- 9— Isaiah 41:13
- 10— Isaiah 434:1-2
- 11— Lamentations 3:22-23
- 12— Acts 9:26-28, 31
- 13— Acts 20:1-3
- 14— Romans 8:18
- 15— Roman 8:28
- 16— Romans 8:37-39
- 17— Romans 15:4-6
- 18— Romans 15:13
- 19— 2 Corinthians 1:3-5
- 20— Galatians 6:2
- 21— Galatians 6:9
- 22— Ephesians 3:20-21
- 23— Philippians 1:3-6
- 24— Philippians 2:1-4
- 25— 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- 26— 2 Thessalonians 2:15-17
- 27— Philemon 4:7
- 28— Hebrews 6:19-20
- 29— Hebrews 12:4-6
- 30— Hebrews 13:8

September National Days

- 1— National Forgiveness Day
- 2— National Blueberry Popsicle Day
- 3— National U.S. Bowling League Day
- 4— National Lazy Mom's Day
- 5— National Be Late For Something Day
- 6— National Read A Book Day
- 7— National Grateful Patient Day
- 8— National Another Look Unlimited Day
- 9— National Teddy Bear Day
- 10— National Swap Ideas Day
- 11— National Make Your Bed Day
- 12— National Hug and High 5 Day
- 13— National Positive Thinking Day
- 14— National Live Creative Day
- 15— National Double Cheeseburger Day
- 16— National Working Parents Day
- 17— National Apple Dumpling Day
- 18— National Tradesmen Day
- 19— National Dance Day
- 20— National Wife Appreciation Day
- 21— National Chai Day
- 22— National Ice Cream Cone Day
- 23— National Great American Pot Pie Day
- 24— National Punctuation Day
- 25— National One-Hit Wonder Day
- 26— National Pancake Day
- 27— National Day of Forgiveness Day
- 28— National Good Neighbor Day
- 29— National VFW Day
- 30— National Love People Day



3— Mark Colosky

4— Lynnette Love

6— Bob Barnum

15— Charles Koski

18— Ann Marie Atkin

20— Leah Burns

24— Marguerite Aulbert

26— Jacob Bouse

27— Pastor Pete Crawford

28— Mel Ayotte



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Pastor Dave's Corner

Hello again,

I am a victim of a weird mind. As I thought about September, the first thing that popped into my mind was, of course, Labor Day. And I thought, "Why de we call it Labor Day when most people have the day off?"

Labor Day signals the end of the summer season and the beginning of another school year. And...leaves changing colors and then falling on the ground and cooler days and nights...And...the contentious debates of who has the best football team, and ...

Did you know that Labor Day originated in the late 19th century as a day to honor the American Labor movement. It started with parades and festivities to celebrate workers and their organizations, evolving into a federal holiday in 1894.

But we have forgotten why. We just want to celebrate and the time off and ...

May I dare to interject Jesus?

May I remind you that none of the above is possible in the slightest apart from God's mercy and grace and love?

And may I remind you that the church is waiting – always waiting – for anyone...everyone...alof us. Because no one is judged by who we are or who we think we are or who we want to be. The only thing that matters is that Jesus love YOU. And He has made a place for You in His church.

We welcome You. Always.

Prayers and blessings in Christ,

Pastor David



Finance



Moment

Why Does It Matter That We Give?

Giving changes us inside. Giving moderates our drive for acquisition. We live in a materialistic society that pressures us to pursue many things that do not lead to real happiness. Giving resets our internal compass in the right direction, helping us to draw closer to God.

Giving mirrors God's nature. We are created with God's nature imprinted on our souls; we are hard-wired to be social, compassionate, connected, loving, and generous.

Giving encourages intentionality. The practice of generosity opens us to deeper reflection about wealth and how it relates to our purpose and happiness.

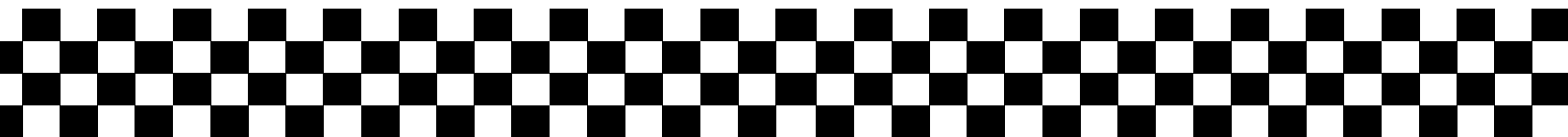
Giving deepens our relationship with God. When we give generously, our beliefs and trust in God rise to tangible form. We become doers of the word and not hearers only. Generosity feeds our love for God.

The practice of generosity stretches us to offer our utmost and highest to God rather than to give in a manner that is haphazard, unplanned, reactive, or mediocre. People who are generous make giving a first priority, and they go the second mile. They do not give from the '*what's left over*' place, but from a '*what comes first*' priority. From "Five Practices of Fruitful Living, by Robert Schnase"

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We make a living by what we get;
we make a life by what we give.

Winston Churchill (1874-1965)



Things Coming Up:

SAVE A LIFE



GIVE BLOOD

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, September 17th

Noon to 5:45 p.m.

To Pre-Register:

Call 800-RED CROSS

(800-733-2767)

Roadside Pickup Will be Saturday, September 19th

Meet at Church at 9am

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When the Road Gets Rough



It had been a long trip home, and the weary traveler still had miles to go. So when a sign appeared reading, "Rough Road Ahead — 4 miles," he braced himself.

Rough was an understatement. The lanes narrowed, the shoulder disappeared, and traffic slowed to a crawl. Drivers carefully weaved around potholes and construction equipment, inching forward one stretch at a time. But just as the sign promised, after four difficult miles, the road opened up and smoothed out again.

Jesus offers a similar kind of clarity about life. In John 16:33 (NIV), He says, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Notice He doesn't say we might face trouble. It is part of the journey. There will be stretches that feel slow, uncertain and hard.

Notice that Jesus didn't say we "might" have trouble. Sooner or later, problems will come. The road will get rough. But Jesus has already defeated everything the world can throw our way. We just have to keep moving, fueled by hope.

The promise is just as certain as the warning sign. The rough road does not last forever, and it does not have the final say. Christ has already gone before us, and smoother ground is ahead.

Quotes

The life of the nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful and virtuous.
—Frederick Douglass

It's criminal to take anything in life for granted.
—Anna Quindlen

I have learned that plotting revenge only allows the people who hurt you to hurt you longer.
—Anonymous

When a man is wrapped up in himself, he makes a very small package.
—John Ruskin

Faith and works are like the light and heat of a candle; they cannot be separated.
—Joseph Beaumont

A Prayer for Joy and Laughter

Give me a sense of humor, Lord,
Give me the wit to see a joke
To get some humor out of life,
And pass it on to other folk.
—Anonymous



Lessons That Last

Most of us can remember a Sunday school teacher who made a lasting difference in our lives. Sometimes the simplest lessons become the ones we carry with us the longest.

One man recalled his high school Sunday school teacher, a businessman named Mr. Homan, who shared this advice with the boys in his class: "Don't ever go anywhere you would not want your mother or sister to go. Don't ever do anything you would not want your mother or sister to do."

Years later, the man reflected on those words and said, "That advice has served me well. I have always remembered it."

God often uses faithful teachers to plant seeds of wisdom, character and integrity in young hearts. Their influence may not always be seen right away, but the lessons they share can guide lives for years to come.

Never underestimate the power of a few thoughtful words spoken with love and conviction.

Thank God for Teachers

It is sometimes said that public school teachers do not teach values. Yet every day, countless teachers quietly model compassion, patience, integrity and kindness through the way they care for their students.

Many teachers go far beyond lesson plans and classrooms. They spend their own money on school supplies, workbooks, clothing, snacks and special needs for children who may otherwise go without. They encourage struggling students, celebrate small victories and offer steady support to children facing difficult circumstances at home.

Teachers also work with students from many different backgrounds and abilities. Some patiently help children learn English, while others devote extra time and care to students with learning, emotional or social challenges. In a world where many children face poverty, abuse, loneliness, neglect or uncertainty, a caring teacher can become a source of hope, stability and encouragement.

Many educators also serve faithfully in churches and communities, living out their faith through daily acts of love and service. Their influence often reaches far beyond what grades or test scores can measure.

As a church family, let us remember to pray for teachers, encourage them in their calling and thank God for the important difference they make in the lives of children every day.

September 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:30am Worship 8:30 am Sunday School	7 Labor Day 	8 8:30am Women's 4th Day	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12
13 9:30am Worship 8:30 am Sunday School National Grandparents Day	14	15 8:30am Women's 4th Day Hispanic Heritage Month begins	16	17 Noon to 5:45pm American Red Cross Blood Drive 	18	19 9am Adopt-a-Hwy Roadside Pickup 
20 9:30am Worship 8:30 am Sunday School	21	22 8:30am Women's 4th Day  First Day of Autumn	23	24	25 Hug a Vegan Day 	26
27 9:30am Worship 8:30 am Sunday School	28	29 8:30am Women's 4th Day	30			

A Note from Barb...

Patriot Day is September 11th. It was designated to honor the individuals who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001.

Do you remember where you were on that historic day? How you felt? What you did? Though it's been 25 years, the sorrow of that day still lingers in the hearts of many.

If we have learned anything at all from this, I hope that it will teach us to care for one another with compassion and courage.

May God forgive us when our words are greater than our actions. And may He stir our hearts to live with kindness and love for our neighbors.



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