

September Pastor's Pen...

We celebrate Labor Day on the first Monday of September. The first state to pass a law recognizing Labor Day observance was Oregon on February 21, 1887. The United States Congress would make Labor Day a national day to recognize the contributions and achievements of the America work force on June 28, 1894. A part of our American culture states, "If you work hard, you will achieve your dreams." It has been a part of our national mindset to value the worth of work. But this is changing in our modern era.

Think about the very first worker. That worker was none other than God Himself, *Genesis 2:1-3*.

God's work of creation was stamped with the label – **AND IT WAS GOOD!**

God has set the standard for us. We are to work 6 days and rest on the 7th day. The 7th day of rest is so important to God that he placed the observance of the Sabbath Day in the original 10 commandments as stated in *Exodus 20:8-11*. Did God work? Yes, he did. Did God take a day of rest? Yes, he did. So let us follow God's example and value the worth of our work and remember that our work is a part of our Christian stewardship.