



BELLVIEW

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Pastor Bob's Message...



When many people hear the words “Labor Day,” they think about the end of summer, a long weekend, family cookouts, football season beginning, or perhaps a good sale at the local store. For many Americans, Labor Day has simply become another holiday on the calendar. But like many of our national holidays, Labor Day has a history and a meaning that should not be forgotten.

Labor Day is observed on the first Monday of September. It was established to recognize and honor the American worker and the contributions that working men and women have made to the strength and prosperity of our nation.

The labor movement in America grew during the late nineteenth century as industrialization brought millions of people into factories, mines, railroads, mills, and other demanding occupations. Many workers faced long hours, difficult working conditions, and low wages. Labor organizations began calling attention to the need for better working conditions and fair treatment.

The first Labor Day celebration is generally credited to New York City, where workers organized a parade on September 5, 1882. Thousands of working men and women participated in the event. Over time, similar celebrations spread to other communities. In 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed legislation making Labor Day a federal holiday. Since then, Americans have observed the first Monday of September as a day honoring the American worker.

But Labor Day should mean more to us than simply having a day off from work. **Work itself has dignity because God created us to work.**

God Created Work

The Bible begins with God working. Genesis 2:2 tells us, “And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made.” Before sin entered the world, God gave Adam work to do. Genesis 2:15 says that God placed Adam in the Garden of Eden “to dress it and to keep it.”

This is important because work was not created as a punishment for sin. Work existed before the fall. Sin made work more difficult, but work itself is part of God's design for humanity.

The Bible teaches us that honest work is honorable. Whether someone works in an office, on a farm, in a factory, at a school, in a hospital, on a construction site, behind a counter, in law enforcement, or in the home, honest labor has value.

Colossians 3:23 gives Christians a powerful principle: “And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.” That means our work is ultimately an opportunity to serve God.

The Church Has a Role

The church has an important role in helping our society remember the value and dignity of work. Unfortunately, our culture can sometimes measure people by their occupation, income, education, or position. The Bible gives us a different perspective. A person's worth does not come from a job title or a paycheck. Every person is created in the image of God. The church should therefore teach people to work honestly, work faithfully, and treat others with dignity and respect.

Labor Day also gives us an opportunity to teach our children that responsibility matters. Children need to understand that life is not simply about receiving. There is value in learning to work, serving others, completing responsibilities, and doing a job well. The church should encourage young people to develop a strong work ethic. A Christian should be known as someone who can be trusted to do what he or she has promised to do.

Remembering Those Who Built America

As we observe Labor Day, we should also remember the generations of workers who helped build this country. Farmers produced the food that fed communities.

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Miners worked underground to provide the resources necessary for industry. Railroad workers connected cities and states. Construction workers built homes, bridges, roads, and businesses. Teachers educated generations of children. Nurses and medical workers cared for the sick. Mechanics, truck drivers, factory workers, tradesmen, business owners, and countless others contributed their labor to the nation we enjoy today. We stand on the shoulders of people who worked before us. Labor Day should remind us that prosperity does not happen by accident. It is often the result of millions of ordinary people faithfully doing their jobs day after day.

A Church Family That Works Together

There is another kind of labor that we should recognize on Labor Day—the labor that takes place within the church. The work of the church does not happen because of one person. It happens when God's people work together. Someone teaches a Sunday School class. Someone cleans the building. Someone prepares a meal. Someone visits the sick. Someone works with our children and youth. Someone mows the grass. Someone cooks for a church gathering. Someone stays late to clean up. Many of these jobs may never receive public recognition, but God sees every act of service. Last night was a wonderful example of what can happen when God's people work together. **I want to take a moment to say thank you to everyone who brought ice cream for our gathering.** I especially want to thank those who went the extra mile and made **homemade ice cream.** Your time, effort, and willingness to serve helped make the evening special. I also want to thank our **Youth Department** for helping cook the hamburgers and hotdogs. Our young people did a great job, and it was encouraging to see them serving and working alongside the adults of our church. What a great way to end our summer! There was good food, homemade ice cream, fellowship, laughter, and, most importantly, the opportunity to spend time together as a church family. These moments are important because they remind us that the church is not simply a building where we meet. **The church is God's people working, serving, worshiping, and fellowshiping together.**

How Can We Preserve the Meaning?

As a church, we can help preserve the meaning of Labor Day by **teaching the next generation the biblical value of work.** We can honor those who work in our congregation. We can recognize teachers, farmers, tradesmen, first responders, healthcare workers, business owners, factory workers, and others whose daily labor serves our communities. We can also teach our children that work is more than earning money. Work can be an opportunity to serve others. Most importantly, we can remind one another that our ultimate service is to the Lord. Labor Day is a good time to thank God for the ability to work, for the opportunities He provides, and for the people whose labor blesses our families and communities. So, this Labor Day, enjoy the holiday with your family. Have the cook-out. Rest. Spend time together. But take a moment to remember what this day represents. And as we look back on our summer, let us also be thankful for the people of Bellview Baptist Church who have worked, served, cooked, taught, cleaned, encouraged, and helped make this summer such a blessing.

Thank you, Bellview Baptist Church, for being willing to work together and serve one another.

What a great way to end our summer!

Let us thank God for the gift of work. Let us honor those who work faithfully. Let us teach our children the value of responsibility.

And let us remember that whatever work God has placed before us, we should do it with excellence and integrity. Work is more than a paycheck. **When done with the right heart, our labor can become service to God and a blessing to others.**

Pastor Bob's Sunday School Message....

That is where our first lesson in the series “How God Speaks” begins. God speaks to His people, and when He speaks, He sometimes calls us to do things that are far beyond our own ability.

SECTION ONE: God Can Call Us From the Ordinary – Exodus 3:1-6

Exodus 3 opens with Moses tending the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law. Moses was not standing in a palace. He was not commanding an army. He was not sitting on a throne. He was simply taking care of sheep. Then Moses saw something unusual. He saw a bush that was burning with fire, but the bush was not being consumed. When Moses turned aside to investigate, God spoke to him from the burning bush. The Lord told Moses not to come any closer and instructed him to remove his sandals because he was standing on holy ground. God then identified Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

This moment reminds us that God can interrupt an ordinary day with an extraordinary calling.

Moses had no idea that when he walked toward that burning bush, his life was about to change. He was about to receive a mission that would require him to leave the security of Midian and return to the place where his past had become a source of danger. God was calling Moses to go back to Egypt. Think about that for a moment. Moses had run from Egypt because he feared for his life. Now God was telling him to return. Sometimes God's calling takes us directly toward the very thing we would rather avoid. God was not calling Moses because Moses was sufficient for the task. God was calling Moses because God Himself was sufficient. That is an important lesson for every believer.

We can spend so much time looking at ourselves that we forget to look at God. We say, “I am not qualified. I am not talented enough. I don't know enough. I don't have the experience. Somebody else could do this better.” But God does not call people because they are already capable of doing everything He asks. He calls them, equips them, and goes with them.

Moses was looking at the assignment. God was looking at the mission. Moses saw Pharaoh. God saw His power. Moses saw Egypt. God saw deliverance. Moses saw his own weakness. God knew what He could accomplish through a surrendered servant .

SECTION TWO: “Who Am I?” – Exodus 3:11-15

After God explained that He was sending Moses to Pharaoh to bring the Israelites out of Egypt, Moses asked one of the most honest questions in Scripture: ***“Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?”***

Moses was asking a question that many of us have asked at one time or another.

“Who am I?”

Who am I to teach a Sunday School class?

Who am I to share the Gospel with someone?

Who am I to lead?

Who am I to serve?

Who am I to take on this responsibility?

Who am I to help someone else?

Who am I to do what God is asking me to do?

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The problem with that question is not that it is humble. The problem comes when we allow the question to become an excuse for disobedience. Moses was looking at himself when he needed to look at God. Notice God's answer. The Lord did not give Moses a long list of Moses' qualifications. God did not say, "Moses, here are all the reasons you are capable." Instead, God said:

"Certainly I will be with thee." That is the answer Moses needed. Moses wanted to know, "Who am I?" God's answer was essentially, "It doesn't ultimately depend on who you are. It depends on who I am, and I will be with you." That changes everything.

The confidence of the Christian life is not found in believing that we are strong enough. It is found in knowing that God is faithful enough. When God calls you to do something for His kingdom, your first question should not be, "Am I capable?"

Your first question should be, "Has God called me, and will I trust Him?"

If God calls us to serve, we serve.

If God calls us to witness, we witness.

If God calls us to teach, we teach.

If God calls us to encourage someone, we encourage them.

If God calls us to step outside our comfort zone, we step out in faith.

We are not called because we are extraordinary. We are called because God is extraordinary.

Moses eventually asked God what he should tell the Israelites when they asked for God's name. God answered with those powerful words: ***"I AM THAT I AM."***

God was revealing His identity to Moses. He was not sending Moses back to Egypt alone. Moses would go in the authority of the eternal God. That is where our confidence must come from. We may not know everything about tomorrow, but we know the One who holds tomorrow. We may not know exactly how God will accomplish His purpose, but we know that God is able. We may not feel prepared, but God can prepare us. We may feel inadequate, but God's strength is greater than our weakness. When God calls you to do the impossible, remember that the assignment may be impossible for you, but it is never impossible for God.

SECTION THREE: God's People Work Together – Exodus 4:28-31

By Exodus 4:28, Moses has returned to Egypt, and we see something else that is important. Moses did not have to accomplish God's work by himself. The Bible says that Moses told Aaron "all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him." Moses and Aaron were now working together. God had called Moses, but God also provided Aaron to help him communicate with the people. This is an important lesson for the church today. God's work is not designed to be accomplished by one person doing everything.

The church is a body. We have different gifts, different abilities, different experiences, and different responsibilities. Yet we serve the same Lord and work toward the same purpose. Moses had a calling. Aaron had a role. Together, they served God's purpose.

When Moses and Aaron gathered the elders of Israel, they delivered the message God had given them. The people heard that the Lord had seen their affliction and that He was concerned about them. Then something beautiful happened. The people believed. When they heard the Lord had visited the children of Israel and seen their suffering, they bowed their heads and worshipped.

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God was speaking. God was calling. God was moving. And God's people were beginning to respond. That same God still speaks to His people today through His Word. He still calls believers to serve Him. He still calls us to help others. He still calls us to take the Gospel to people who need to hear it. And sometimes He will call us to do things that look impossible. When that happens, don't begin by asking, "Who am I?" Begin by asking, "Who is God?" He is the great I AM. He is the God who sees the suffering of His people.

He is the God who hears their cries.

He is the God who delivers.

He is the God who equips.

He is the God who provides.

He is the God who goes with those He calls.

GOD STILL CALLS US TODAY

Moses' story teaches us something every believer needs to remember: God does not always call us to what is comfortable; He calls us to what is necessary for His purpose. There are people around us who need encouragement. There are people who need the Gospel. There are families who need someone to come alongside them. There are children who need teachers. There are young people who need godly adults to invest in their lives. There are elderly people who need someone to care. There are hurting people who need someone to pray with them. There are lost people who need someone to tell them about Jesus Christ. And sometimes we look at these needs and say, "Lord, who am I?" The answer is simple: You are someone God can use when you are willing to obey Him. Moses was not perfect. He had made mistakes. He had weaknesses. He had fears. He had questions. Yet God still called him. God did not call Moses because Moses had everything figured out. God called Moses because God had a purpose for his life. The same principle applies to us. We must stop allowing our weaknesses to become excuses for refusing God's calling. Instead, we should bring our weaknesses to God and trust Him to provide what we lack. Perhaps God is calling you to do something right now that seems impossible. Perhaps He is calling you to serve in an area of the church. Perhaps He is calling you to reach out to someone. Perhaps He is calling you to share Christ with a neighbor, friend, coworker, or family member. Perhaps He is calling you to step into a ministry you have never considered before.

Don't allow the question "Who am I?" to stop you. Remember God's answer to Moses: **"Certainly I will be with thee."** That is enough. We don't need to have all the answers. We need to trust the One who does. We don't have to be strong enough. We need to depend upon the One who is strong enough. We don't have to know how everything will work out. We need to obey the One who already knows the end from the beginning. Moses started as a shepherd standing before a burning bush. He would eventually stand before Pharaoh and become the instrument God used to lead Israel toward freedom. The man who once asked, "Who am I?" became the servant God used to accomplish an impossible mission. And that is the lesson for us as we begin this Fall Series, "How God Speaks." When God speaks, listen. When God calls, answer. When God sends, go. When the assignment seems impossible, trust Him. And when you find yourself asking, "Who am I?", remember that the most important question is not who you are. The most important question is Who is the God who called you? He is the great I AM. And if He has called you to help His people, you can go forward with confidence—not because you are sufficient, but because He is with you.

LOOKING AHEAD/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 6

9:00 AM Bible Study
10:00 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Evening Service

Monday, September 7

8:00 AM Office Closed...Labor Day!

Wednesday, September 9

6:30 PM Mid-Week Service/TeamKid/Student Ministry/Mission Friends
7:40 PM Adult Choir Practice

Saturday, September 12

11:00 AM Women's Ministry Retreat

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Sat., Sept. 12

**Departing from the
church at 9:45**

Congratulations to Dan & Diane Whiteside!
Everyone is invited!

NO Gifts!

Everyone is invited!

Cake & Punch

Happy 
50
Anniversary
Wedding

Saturday, September 19, 4 PM—7 PM

It's a come and go event | Bellview Baptist Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS



American
Foundation
for Suicide
Prevention

Paducah Walk

OUT OF THE DARKNESS

September 19 WKCTC

Check-In: 9 AM Walk: 10 AM

Revival

Sept. 20: 10 AM & 6 PM

Sept. 21 – 23: 6 PM

Special Guests:

Ian Carrico, Evangelist

Jay Orazine, Music Leader



Please NO Food or Drinks in
the Sanctuary!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE/GIVING

LIVE STREAMING SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 6—10 AM

Sunday, September 13—10 AM

**Sunday Bulletin and the
monthly newsletter are online!**

Go to www.bellviewbaptist.com

Only newsletters that will be sent out are
the members with no email addresses.

Last Sunday's Report for August 30, 2026

Required Weekly.....\$7,842.52

Offering Received.....\$11,560.51

Designated Received.....\$480.00

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK

Deacon of the Week

Tommy Lowe—270-519-5032

Greeters/Welcome Center

Randy & Pete Lambert | Billie Peck | Pete Lambert

September Ushers

Keith Byers—Larry Courtney—Ronald Harding

Jason Olroyd—Andy Pegram

Safety Team for Sunday, September 6—# 3

Card Ministry for September—Sue Eller



FILL THE GAP

**ELIZA
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Collecting
throughout
September

Goal: \$1200