

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BOB

Sunday, September 5, 2010

Good morning and welcome to Abundant Life! I am glad that you are here; I consider it an honor to worship the Lord together today. If this is your first time to worship with us, please take a minute to complete one of our Welcome Cards located in the guest packet. If you did not receive a guest packet you can get one at the "Information Center" in the lobby. Once you complete the card either drop it in the basket during the offering or leave it at the Information Center. Again, I am glad that you are here today!

As we celebrate Labor Day this weekend, there are two things that I am reminded of:

- 1) **To be thankful for the American work ethic.** The Apostle Paul wrote in Colossians encouraging the New Testament Christian that whatever they did they were to do it as unto the Lord. Meaning, I think, that in all that we do, we are to do it to the VERY best of our ability and as an offering to the Lord. I am thankful for the work ethic instilled in me by my father, grandparents and those that I have had the privilege to work with. Our nation was started by men and women who placed a tremendous emphasis on working hard and doing things well. That heritage has been so important in America being the influence that it is in the world today.
- 2) **The importance of passing on that work ethic to future generations.** Unfortunately we have failed in passing on this sense of value and the importance of hard work to the next generations. Today, our nation is becoming one that feels entitled to the benefits of work without doing the work. If America is to remain "great" one of the ingredients to its greatness will be the value placed on hard work.

Work is a Biblical mandate! I love what Paul writes to the Thessalonians, "If you don't work you don't eat!" That pretty much gets right in the face of laziness and the attitude of entitlement in our world today. As we celebrate Labor Day this weekend with our cookouts, activities and rest, may we renew our commitment to serve the Lord through our work, seeking to bring Him honor and glory even as we work to receive a paycheck each week. Have a blessed Labor Day!

Blessings!
Pastor Bob

Friend & Family Day

Sunday, September 26 – A special Sunday for you to invite friends & family who do not attend church to come worship with us at Abundant Life - Covered dish lunch following the service

Ways to get involved:

- Invite someone to church that day
- Prepare food for the meal
- **The Abundant Life Creative Team** is looking for willing hands to participate in a sign language special to be performed on Friend and Family day. No sign language knowledge is required - we'll keep it simple. If you are interested in being a part of this project, please see Dora Reid or Sunny Cooke TODAY!

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

Wednesday Night Worship & The Word

Pastor Bob will be continuing the Bible Study in the Book of Hebrews
Worship begins at 6:30 - Kids Ministry is available!

The **Disciple Bible Study** Thursday nights at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. Contact David or Leah Randall for more information 704-799-6346!

Ladies Aloft Fall Event

A.L.O.F.T. (Abundant Life, Our Fellowship Together)

Parade of Tables, Saturday Sept. 11th at 9AM

Tickets are \$10

See Jessica Dinger to purchase your tickets!

Enjoy breakfast together and be ministered to by Pastor Carrie Jenkins who serves with her husband, Dale, as the NC State Superintendent for Foursquare.

What In the World Is Going On?

A new Sunday morning sermon series beginning Sunday September 12 - Pastor Bob will be teaching on the "signs of the times" and how current events in our world today are fulfilling prophecy that points to the soon return of Jesus Christ and the end of the world as we know it today. This will be an exciting and challenging teaching series.

Saturday Evening Prayer

6:30-7:30pm in the sanctuary. Come for the whole hour or come for a few minutes! Prayer makes all the difference!

Receiving New Members

Sunday, September 19, 2010

Please see Pastor Bob for more information and be sure to sign up at the Information Center!

PRAYER REQUESTS / NEEDS

- **Mylee Hillman** – as she goes for more testing this month
- **Danielle Harris** –healing of cancer
- **Serenity House** – please pray for this ministry in our community, that God would provide for their every need
- Pray for our **Friend & Family Day** – that we would touch the lives of many who do not attend church

Upcoming Events

September 11 – Ladies Brunch
September 12 - New Series, *What in the World is Going On?*
September 19 – Receiving New Members
September 19 – Church Council Meeting, 4pm, The LEADing Edge @ 6pm
September 25 – Men's Breakfast, 8am, fellowship hall
September 26 – Friend & Family Day