



The Living Stone Link

September 2018 News Letter

Laboring for the Lord

Its Labor Day Weekend, the time of year when Teachers and Students are headed back to school. How would God want us to behave in our workplace? I am not a Pastor, Missionary or Evangelist, what can I do for God? As we ponder these questions lets go to the Word for an answer.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,”
Colossians 3:23 (NIV)

“Whatever the activity in which you engage, do it with all your ability, because there is no work, no planning, no learning, and no wisdom in the next world where you're going.”
Ecclesiastes 9:10 (ISV)

“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”
Philippians 4:13 (ESV)

“Even while we were with you, we gave you this command: “Those unwilling to work will not get to eat.” Yet we hear that some of you are living idle lives, refusing to work and meddling in other people's business. We command such people and urge them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and work to earn their own living.”
2 Thessalonians 3:10-12 (NLT)
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Mission Moment

Sunday Night September 23rd at 6:30 pm we will be offering an opportunity to learn about the Muslim Religion and how to share Christ with this ever increasing population.

Dr. Steven Masood is a Christian from a sectarian Muslim background. He became a follower of Jesus in April 1973 in Karachi, Pakistan. His testimony has been published in a book called Into the Light, available in several languages, including English.

He has a Master of Theology degree and a Doctorate of Philosophy from the London School of Theology in association with Brunel University, London. Both research degrees were granted on writing theses on subjects related to Islam and Christianity.

He has spent over 40 years studying and working in Christian-Muslim relations and has taught Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim relations as a visiting lecturer at several Christian institutions in Britain and the Far East.

For prayer needs or questions, feel free to contact Pastor Jim Hess @ 207-642-2309 or visit our website www.livingstonemaine.org

Laboring for the Lord (cont')

I find the Word is clear, not only do we see the commands to work hard and put forth our best efforts. But we see that God will empower us to do the work and it brings Glory to Him.

We also see that God will not be glorified by those that are lazy and refuse to work. Going so far to say that these should be encouraged to settle down and get to work or they should not eat.

Lets not forget that as a witness to God, our behavior and work ethic is a tool that God can use to draw people to Christ. The reverse of this is also true, if we do not put forth our best effort in the work place then we sow seeds of a poor testimony and the Cause of Christ is not advanced.

Love In Christ,

Elder Jeff

Calendar Notes for September

Sept. 8th; 8:30 AM. Men's Breakfast
Sept. 17th; 6:00 PM. Deacon's Meeting
Sept. 14 - 16th; Spiritual Renewal Weekend
Sept. 17 - 20th; Maine Revival Today (Tent Revival, Guest Speaker: Bill Allison.
Sept. 23rd; 6:30 PM. Dr. Steven Masood (Witnessing to Muslim.)
Sept. 24th; 6:30 PM. Ministry Leader Meeting
Sept. 29th; 8:30 AM. Women's Breakfast

Regular Weekly Services

Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Life Groups at 11:15
Sunday Evening Discipleship-U at 6:30
Tuesday Morning Prayer 6:30 AM
Friday Youth Groups at 6:00
Thursday Children Study and Prayer Meeting at 6:15.

Birthdays

Sept. 4th - Pearl Douglas
Sept. 20th - Jason Jones
Sept. 21st - Pam Rasmuson
Sept. 27th - Dick Hunt

Wedding Anniversaries

(If you would like family birthdays and anniversaries listed in the news letter, please submit to Elder Jeff.)



2018 Operation Christmas Child

Collection Week is November 12th – 19th

In 2018 we are going to expand our Shoebox contributions by having monthly collections items. In September we will be collecting Games.



For October we will be collecting Letters and Photos.

Games

September

See some of the testimonies in the Special Report Magazine on the table in the hall.

Need some ideas for shoe boxes, visit www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/