

Church Ideas for Labor Day

Honor Church Staff

It takes the whole body of Christ for the church to function and it will not function without workers. Not all church staff members receive a paycheck, honor those that do. Honor your church staff with a note of thanks and name each one in the church bulletin or bulletin insert.



Also, encourage members to thank church staff themselves in their own way. Altar flowers could also honor the dedication and efforts of your church staff. Some church members could provide a luncheon for staff during the week as an expression of appreciation.

Honor Volunteers

The labor of volunteers allots power to many ministries of a church. Volunteers such as Sunday school teachers, ministry group leaders and board members are a just a few of the jobs volunteers generally staff. On Labor Day, your church bulletin could showcase a Volunteer of the Year, and those volunteers who received honorable mention. Honor the volunteers with a church luncheon and provide small gifts or awards of appreciation. The gifts could include bookmarks, thank you notes and volunteer badges created by the Sunday school kids or church staff.

Church Labor Day Fair

With the economy today church members may have lost their jobs so provide a Church Labor Day Fair for church members on Labor Day to help find them a job. Encourage church members with hiring ability and business owners to sponsor booths in the fair and invite area businesses to participate. Find church members with human resources and resume preparation skills that can offer assistance to job seekers to update and perfect resumes. See if some church members and local job ministries could offer a week of classes to teach computer skills, office skills and other marketable skills. Do a follow-up report after the fair of any success statistics and give to the member over this event to encourage this to be an annual event.

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Honor & Focus on the Need for Harvest Laborers

In Matthew 9:35-38, Jesus feels compassion for the crowds who have so many needs and they are in need of those who can shepherd them. Jesus tells his disciples that more harvesters are needed. Labor Day can also focus on the need of church ministries and the need for larger ministries for laborers and then honor those who have been laboring in your church Missionary societies, food pantries and homeless shelters. They can offer information about their staffing and volunteer needs, alongside ministries within the church. The message for the day uses the story to encourage members to see themselves as potential workers in the harvest.