

The Union Bible Academy September 4, 2009

ACADEMY REPORTER

A HISTORY OF LABOR DAY

Labor Day, celebrated each year on the first Monday in September, is a holiday created by the labor movement as a tribute to American workers for their contributions to the strength and prosperity of the United States. It was born in the midst of the Industrial Revolution, when the average American worked 12 hours a day seven days a week. While it is now viewed primarily as a day of celebration and relaxation, much of the early Labor Day events were more in the nature of protests.

Labor Day actually originated in Canada, but the version celebrated in the United States was first organized by the Central labor Union and celebrated in New York City on Tuesday, September 5, 1882. At that event, 10,000 workers took an unpaid day off from work to march from City Hall to Union Square, both to honor workers as well as to protest issues they had with employers. A year later, the Central Labor Union repeated the event on September 5, 1883.

The idea began to spread to other cities, and in 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the day to mark the holiday. By 1885, Labor Day spread to industrial centers around the country, and many cities began passing municipal ordinances to recognize the holiday. The state governments quickly began to enact statewide legislation recognizing the Labor Day holiday. Finally, on June 28, 1894, Congress recognized the first Monday in September a national holiday, and made it a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories under its jurisdiction.

In recent years, most people have regarded Labor Day as a vacation day at the end of summer. However, the importance of what the day represents should not be forgotten. <http://www.examiner.com/x-16813-Legal-News-Examiner-y2009m9d3-What-is-Labor-Day--A-brief-history-of-Labor-Day-and-its-creation-by-the-labor-movement>

THE PRINCIPAL'S PUZZLER

This week's hint: They were all in swimsuits.

This week's puzzle: You are on an ocean cruise and encounter a yacht with several corpses floating around it. None of them appear to have been victims of violence, i.e. shot, stabbed, etc. What happened?

ROOM PARENTS NEEDED

The PTF needs volunteers for room parents. Please contact Louise Martin as soon as possible if you are able to assist in this way. Room parents help teachers coordinate activities throughout the school year. You may reach her at (317) 758-1654 or leave a message at the school office.

REMINDERS

August 28 - September 15 – Academy Fundraiser
September 7 - Labor Day, No School
September 14-20 - Fall Revival, Rev. Tim Wiford
October 3 - Old Fashion Day

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I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW A BENEVOLENT GOD CAN LET BACK-TO-SCHOOL HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE

I have seen and read the Friday Letter.

Parent Signature _____

Please cut out, sign, and return this box to school.

Happy Labor Day



September 8 – 11, 2009

Mon. – Labor Day

***Tues. – Hamburgers**

***Wed. – Hamburgers**

***Thur. – Hamburgers**

**Fri. – Tomato soup &
Toasted cheese**

***Choosing the UBC Burger Contest**

