

Enjoying Labor



"I'm hungry," Brandon announced, coming in the back door.

"Wash your hands and set the table please," Nana said. "Then we'll be ready to eat."

"What? More work?" Brandon grumbled. "I've helped Pop fill bird feeders, stack wood and rake leaves. I wanted to play my new video game."

"The Bible says if you don't work you don't eat," Nana replied (2 Thessalonians 3:10).

"Ohhh man!" Brandon stomped around the table, setting the placemats, silverware and plates with a little more noise than necessary.

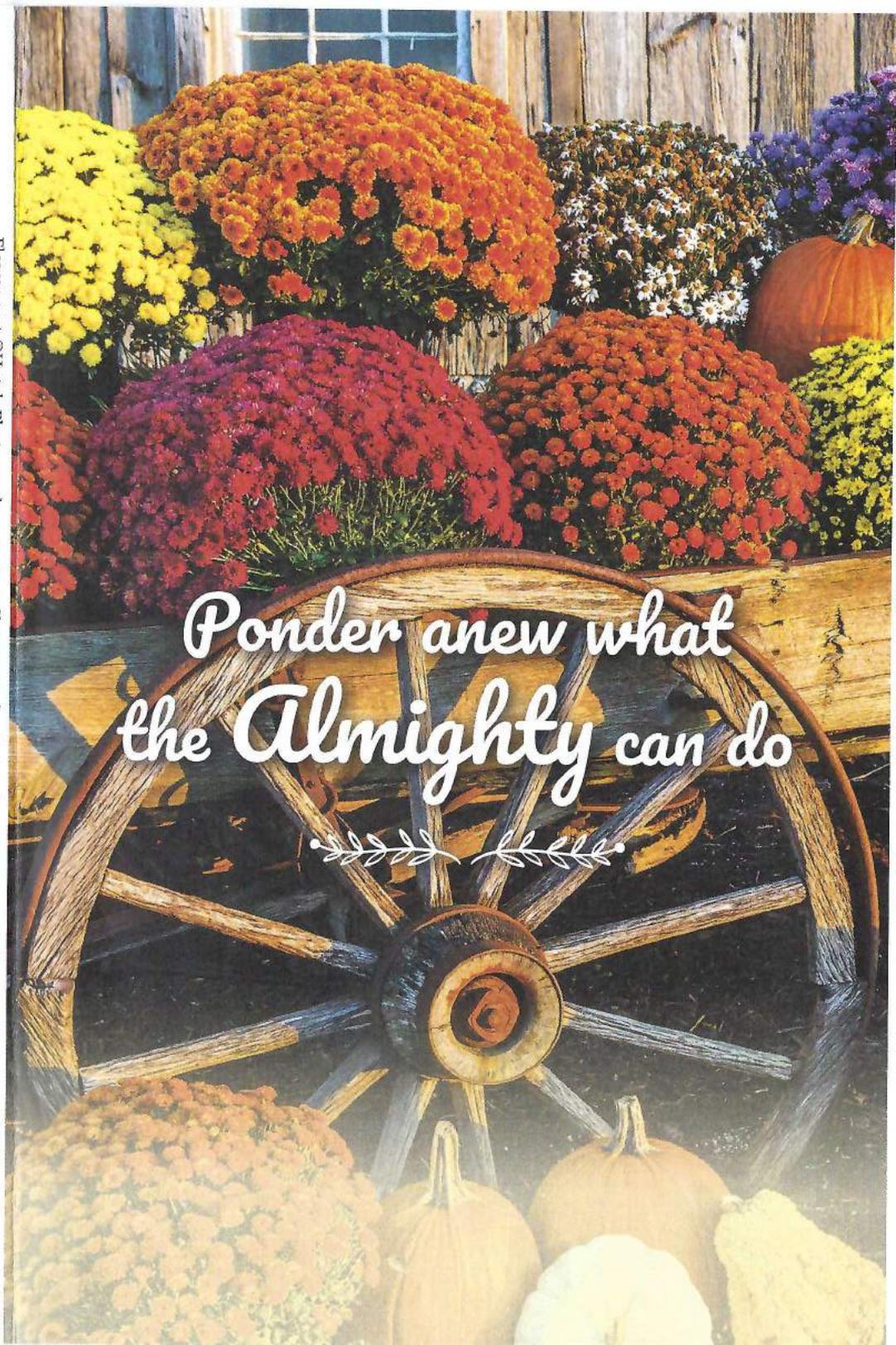
In the beginning, God instituted labor. In Genesis 2:15 He instructed Adam to dress his garden home and to keep it. God blesses our labors abundantly as we obey Him. We get to enjoy the fruit of our labor. "Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee" (Psalm 128:1-2).

Ecclesiastes 2:24 says, "There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God."

Yearly Labor Day celebrations are meant to pay tribute to the contributions and achievements of the common worker. Let's not forget that it is God who prospers our labor and "giveth us richly all things to enjoy" (1 Timothy 6:17).

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Call to Worship

Sounds of Hope

Invocation

Pastor Don Mauldin

Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn # 329 There is Power in the Blood

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Worship in Song

Hymn # 330 Are You Washed in the Blood

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Rose Morgan

Special Music

Sermon: "Remember Me"

Scripture: Luke 22:14-20

Pastor Don Mauldin

Hymn of Benediction

Don't forget to Shine, Shine, Shine!

Covenant News

Counts Booth has been in the hospital since Thursday morning feeling weak. He has been on oxygen since going into the hospital, but was told his vitals were good. Then on Thursday afternoon, he was diagnosed with COVID. The good news is that the COVID case was mild and, hopefully, he was released to go home Saturday. Imagine a 105 year old man getting admitted to the hospital, gets diagnosed with COVID, and it turns out to be a mild case. Please keep praying for Counts and his family.

Carl Romey's nephew Duane is also continuing to slowly get better. His wife can now visit him occasionally, before she could not see him at all. Please keep praying for Duane and the Romey family.

Unfortunately, the news is not as good for Edwina. She had been moved out of the hospital this past week to a care facility, but now has been moved back to Shands with a medical setback. We will try to get more information, but this was not good news. Please keep Edwina and her family in your prayers as well.