Pastor's Weekly Devotional - September 3, 2015 (Labor Day Weekend)

"You and Your Job"

Many of us have felt like George Bailey, the main character in the classic film It's A Wonderful Life. George had grand visions of his life that always somehow got thwarted. Finally, in exasperation over a calamity that threatens to close his business and ruin his reputation, George wishes he'd never been born. His wish is granted, and through a frightening barrage of discoveries, he sees how significant his "ordinary" life has actually been. George's diligent, thoughtful and skillful work impacted many lives and changed the course of his town for good.

How do you see your job? You will be surprised to know that there is no distinction between the secular and the sacred. No matter what our job is, we are relating to God either properly or improperly. Thus, we need to distinguish, not between secular and sacred, but between Sin and Righteousness.

In other words, we can go to church and pray (a "Sacred" category) and still be in sin. On the other hand, you may work in an office in a very "secular" atmosphere, and still do your work with integrity and honor and obey God.

In short, God's interest is not that we do holy activities but that we <u>become</u> a holy people, <u>act</u> like a holy people and <u>talk</u> like holy people and be <u>His</u> salt and light in our workplace. Not pious. Not sanctimonious. Not other-worldly. But pure, healthy, Christ like in our workplace. Be God's Man. Be God's Woman. Be God's witness.

Enjoy this holiday weekend. Remember this Sunday is our last summer schedule at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services. The service will be based on "Gospel in Song."

Have a blessed week. Pastor Sewdin