

SUPER SIXTES

Only One Life

Two little lines I heard one day, Traveling along life's busy way;
Bringing conviction to my heart, And from my mind would not depart;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, yes only one, Soon will its fleeting hours be done;
Then, in 'that day' my Lord to meet, And stand before His Judgment seat;
Only one life,' twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, the still small voice, Gently pleads for a better choice Bidding me selfish aims to leave, And to God's holy will to cleave; Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, a few brief years, Each with its burdens, hopes, and fears;

Each with its days I must fulfill, living for self or in His will;

Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

When this bright world would tempt me sore, When Satan would a victory score; When self would seek to have its way, Then help me Lord with joy to say; Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

Give me Father, a purpose deep, In joy or sorrow Thy word to keep; Faithful and true what e'er the strife, Pleasing Thee in my daily life; Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

Oh let my love with fervor burn, And from the world now let me turn; Living for Thee, and Thee alone, Bringing Thee pleasure on Thy throne; Only one life, "twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, yes only one, Now let me say, "Thy will be done";

And when at last I'll hear the call, I know I'll say 'twas worth it all";

Only one life,' twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

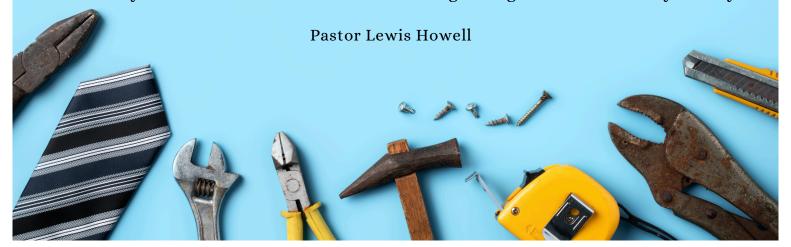
THE FIRST WORKING MAN'S HOLIDAY

Most American's have no clue why they celebrate Labor Day, while the evidence still stands tall all around them as skeletons from a revolution they never had to fight. Old, dilapidated factories from the Industrial Revolution remain embedded in the very heart of most of our cities. Monuments of these yesteryears subsist in our parks and cemeteries, though often vandalized showing no care or appreciation from this generation of the booming era that continues to give them such a blessed time in history

In the 1800's, Americans, migrants and children worked 12+ hour workdays, 6-7 days a week. They worked harder than ever to barely survive, with no benefits and no job protection. A very simple study in history shows how this changed by the 1900's.

- 1882 10,000 workers marched on New York City Hall for human rights of laborers. This was considered the first Labor Day Parade (unlike today's parades that seem to be fading into history).
- 1886 The Haymarket Affair in Chicago had workers fighting for their rights. The biggest demand was for an 8-hour workday. This Affair turned deadly when anarchists took the lead (these same anti-American anarchist tactics are very familiar to us today).
- 1894 The Pullman Strike and boycott on the railroads was due to unsafe work conditions and 16-hour workdays. Pullman Car Company had cut wages 25% during a depression but never cut rent and other charges that the company laid on their workers. As the song went, "I owe my soul to the company store..."
- 1894 Labor Day became the first working man's holiday. President Grover Cleveland assigned Labor Day as a federal holiday to recognize their contributions to the strength, prosperity and industrial well-being of America.

Today, America still stands great! We continue to reap from the sweat and blood of our forefathers who fought with their lives on our own soil and foreign battlefields to secure our inalienable and constitutional freedoms. Let's be wary to not allow commercialization and a vacationing atmosphere to rob us of the reason we celebrate Labor Day. Let's do our utmost to let freedom ring throughout this Labor Day holiday.



Introduction to Pastor Lewis Howell and Mrs. Kim Howell

We grew up in Essex, Maryland. After graduating from Central Baptist Academy, I went into the US Army and served during Desert Storm while Kim worked for Baltimore County Public Schools. On a weekend pass, the Lord knit our hearts and we were soon married in January 1991. After an honorable discharge, I worked as a computer programmer in Westminster, next door to the Church of the Open Door. Though I grew up in a solid Christian home, I was not a born-again believer. God used the presence of this church to keep the conviction for salvation alive in my heart. After I trusted Christ as my personal Savior, God unveiled the desire in my heart for full time service and I proceeded to follow His will. I moved our family to North Carolina to attend Ambassador Baptist College. I completed my bachelor's and master's degrees and am working toward my doctorate to be completed in 2025. Kim and I then served in the Oceania region until this year when God called us back to Westminster to serve Him at the Church of the Open Door.

Before having children, Kim earned two associate degrees, one in photography and the other in business management. Kim trusted Christ as her personal Savior a few years after I did. She has always been a significant part of our ministry, while homeschooling our beautiful daughters, Deborah and Elizabeth. Our girls are in college; Deborah is seeking a degree in psychiatry in Connecticut and Elizabeth is working towards being a commercial pilot in Arizona.

I am blessed to be Senior Adult Pastor. I look forward to serving you and walking side by side with you in this next chapter of ministry that God has divinely put before us. Kim is also excited and committed to this journey and will serve as she is able.

God is Good ... All the Time, Pastor Howell



LAWN CHAIR LARRY

This is a true story, and on display at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC. In July 1982, Larry Walters made a forty-five-minute flight in a homemade aerostat made of from a lawn chair and forty-two helium filled weather balloons. His makeshift aircraft rose to 16,000 feet and entered controlled airspace near Long Beach Airport for which he was fined for violations under U.S. Federal Aviation Regulations. He descended from his altitude by shooting out some balloons with a pellet gun.



During descent, his aircraft became entangled in power lines, but he was able to climb down safely. Just after landing, he told reporters, "It was something I had to do. I had this dream for twenty years, and if I hadn't done it, I think I would have ended up in the funny farm."

How many Christians today feel just like Lawn Chair Larry? At the moment of salvation their desire to serve God is real, but twenty years later the truth of Jesus' teaching has become a reality in their lives, "the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matthew 26:41). Many Christians today never step out in their spirit by the same faith that saved them but have grown content in their flesh to allow life to pass them by. Yes, they are in church and even read their Bibles regularly, but they never take a step of faith like Larry Chair Larry did.

Believer, if you want to experience the fullness of Christ in your life, you must take a step of faith by dashing out of your comfort zone and doing something for Him today. Only eternity will reveal the impact you will have for Christ in this lifetime. C.T. Studd said it well in one of his poems, "Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last."

SEPTEMBER QUIZ

"NOAH" - Read Genesis 6 - 8

- 1. What wood did Noah use to build the Ark?
- 2. How long was Noah's Ark?
- 3. How many clean beasts of their kind were on the Ark?
- 4. How many days warning did God give before the flood?
- 5. How old was Noah when God sent the flood?
- 6. How long did the rain fall?
- 7. How many people were on the Ark?
- 8. How long did the flood cover the earth?
- 9. What mountain did Noah's Ark land on?
- 10. What was the first bird Noah sent out to find land?

9. Ararat (Gen. 8:4) 10. Raven (Gen. 8:1) 40 nights (Gen. 7:12) 7. 8 (Gen. 7:13) 8. 150 days (Gen. 7:24) 4. 7 (Gen. 7:4) 5. 600 years old (Gen. 7:6) 6. 40 days and 3. 14 - 7 male and 1 female for each male (Gen. 7:2) **1.** Gopher wood (Gen. 6:14) **2.** 300 cubits (Gen. 6:15) **Answers:**

RIDDLE ME THIS...



If you have me, you want to share me If you share me, you do not have me



Hint: The word is found in Deuteronomy 29:29 Answer will be in Next month's Newsletter.

The Super 60's Cracker Barrel



It's a pacemaker for your heart, Bob. Plus, you can download apps for your liver, kidneys, lungs and pancreas too!

Aging is like a garage sale. Some stuff looks old, some stuff doesn't work, and some stuff you can't identify.

A granddaughter asked her grandmother what it is like to grow old. She replied, "Imagine wearing cotton in your ears, pebbles in your shoes, mittens on your hands and glasses smudged with lipstick."

> Don't mess with older people, we did not get this old by being stupid!

Forecast for today - unproductive with a chance of a nap.

Respect your elders. They graduated school without Google or Wikipedia.

You know you are getting old when you use the word 'thingy' all the time, because you can no longer remember what the 'thingy' is called.

THE GOOD NEWS

God loves you and has a plan for your life!

Most people think there is no way to be 100% prepared for Heaven, but God said, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God, that ye may know [100% sure] that ye have eternal life." There are important facts from God's Word that you must understand and believe with all your heart. (I John 5:13)

REALIZE that you must be prepared to meet God, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3)

ADMIT though you are a good person, you are also a sinner. One sin in your lifetime makes you guilty of being a sinner before God. "Whosoever shall keep the whole law and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." (James 2:10)

UNDERSTAND that you have earned the wages of death for your sin no matter how good of a person that you are. "For the wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23)

SEE that Jesus paid your sin debt, your wage of death. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

REPENT by turning to God, submitting to God and admitting to God your sinful condition. "Repentance toward God, and Faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." (Acts 20:21)

BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ and what He did for you on the cross "and thou shalt be saved." "For by grace are ye saved through faith." (John 5:24; Ephesians 2:8-9)

ASK Jesus to save you. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 10:13; 6:23)



UPCOMING EVENTS



<u>Thursday, September 25, 2025 - 10:00 AM</u> <u>Super 60's Connection - "Labor Day Remembrances"</u>

Bring a story about your labor/working days. Also bring photos and items to be displayed. (Matthew 11:28-30). We will meet in the Great Room and enjoy a time of fellowship and reminiscing with music and stories and ending with lunch. Please call the church by Monday, September 22, at 410-876-3838, ext. 307 with your reservation.

CELEBRATE HARD WORK

<u>Thursday, October 23, 2025 – 10:00 AM</u> <u>Super 60's Connection- "Harvest Celebration"</u>

Bring a favorite autumn quilt, knitting, craft, etc. to display. (Matthew 9:37-38) We will meet in the Great Room and enjoy a time of fellowship and reminiscing with music and stories and ending with lunch. Please call the church by Monday, October 20, at 410-876-3838, ext. 307 with your reservation.

Saturday, October 25, 2025 - Penn Alps Western Maryland Bus Trip

Itinerary:

9:00 AM - Depart from church

11:45 -1:00 - Lunch at Penn Alps (Grantsville, MD)

1:00 -1:45 - Craft Village at Penn Alps

2:45 -3:30 - Blue Goose Market & Bakery (Hancock, MD)

6:00 PM - Return to church





Description:

Savor an enchanting country buffet at Penn Alps Restaurant before discovering the Spruce Forest Artisan Village where local artisans showcase their exclusive handcrafted treasures. Their studio spaces include blacksmithing, weaving, pottery, bird sculpting, woodturning, metalsmith, jewelry and leathercraft. Browse the Penn Alps craft shop from local craftsmen through the Tri-State area. Then, on the drive home we will stop off at the Blue Goose Market and Bakery Gift Shop that offers Amish fudge, gourmet foods, candies, honey, ciders, jams, oils, dips, spices, custom floral designs and more, with a bakery offering 30 flavors of gourmet pies.

Penn Alps Country Buffet:

Features four or more entrees, four or more sides, soup, salad, dessert, bread, beverage (tax and tip included)

Cost: \$90

Website(s): www.pennalps.com; www.bluegoosemarkethancock.com

Quotes Worth Remembering

"Fear God and work hard." ~ David Livingstone

"All should work and ask God's guidance." ~ D.L. Moody

"I have seen many men work without praying, though I have never seen any good come out of it; but I have never seen a man pray without working." ~ Hudson Taylor

"To say prayers in a decent, delicate way is not heavy work. But to pray really, to pray till hell feels the ponderous stroke, to pray till the iron gates of difficulty are opened, till the mountains of obstacles are removed, till the mists are exhaled and the clouds are lifted, and the sunshine of a cloudless day brightens-this is hard work, but it is God's work, and man's best labor." ~ E.M. Bounds

"Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant and the rule of law under God is acknowledged." ~

Ronald Reagan

"If you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ you are free." ~ D.L. Moody

"I thank God for my handicaps for, through them, I have found myself, my work, and my God." ~ Helen Keller