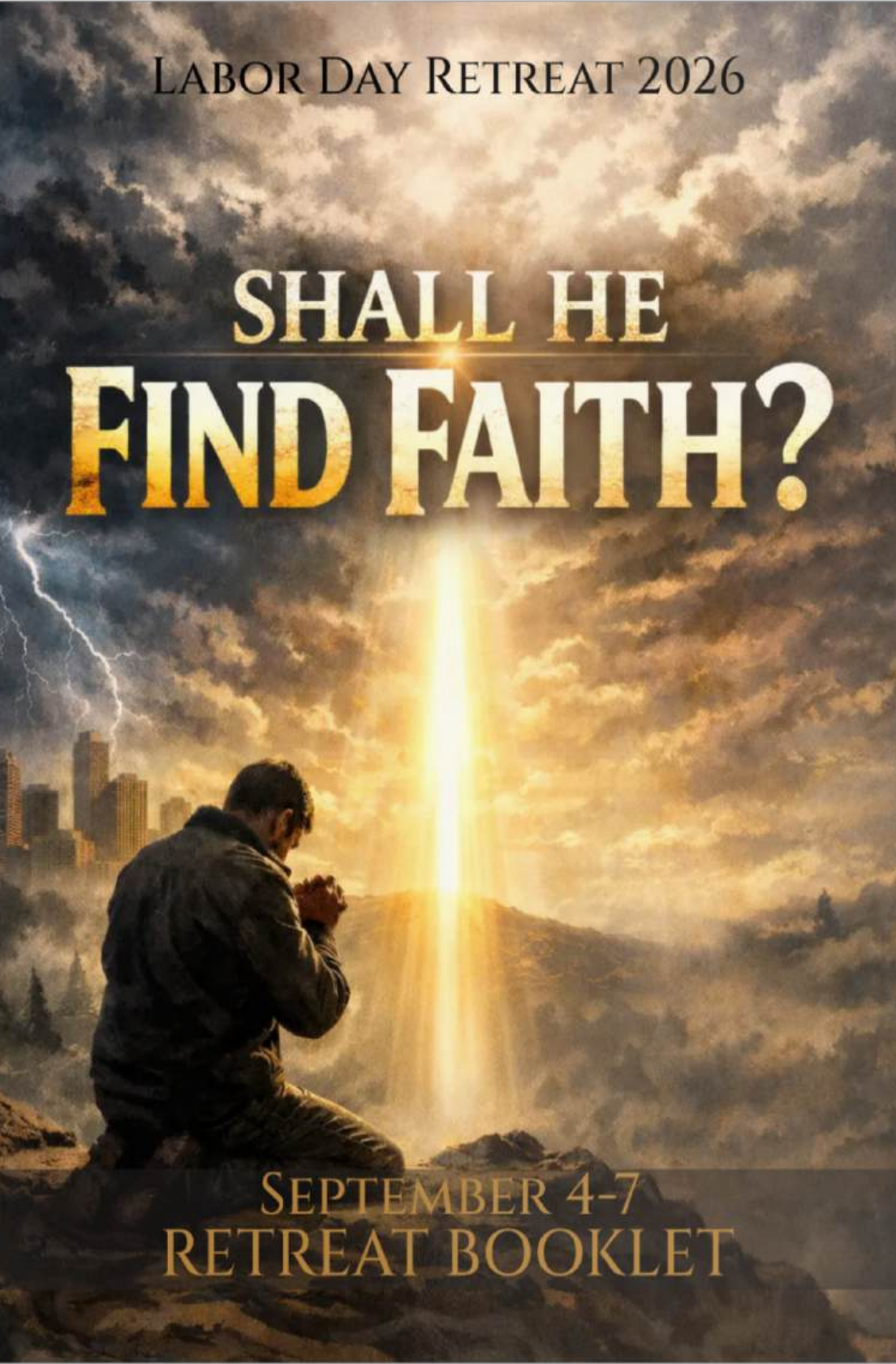


LABOR DAY RETREAT 2026

SHALL HE FIND FAITH?



SEPTEMBER 4-7
RETREAT BOOKLET

Guidelines *to be adhered to by all campers*

Name Tags: Name tags are to be always worn to identify you as part of our group, especially in the Dining Room.

Service: Every member is expected to give at least one hour of voluntary service or be willing to take on an assigned duty.

Dress Code: Please remember the chapel we use to worship is our Sanctuary for the weekend. Let us use it in reverence and respect to God. In general, modest and appropriate clothing is required, especially in classes, forums, and services (no shorts).

Women/girls please wear skirts/dresses during classes, forums and services. In the dining room and snack area 'shirts and shoes' are required.

Child Care: Parents and guardians must always assume full responsibility for the children in their care. Do not let your children run about without adult supervision.

Room Assignments: There will be no changing of beds, rooms, or dorms. Furniture is not to be moved out of any room. Dorm rooms are to be kept unlocked.

Photography: Please do not take flash-pictures in the chapel during scheduled activities. This is our Sanctuary.

Electronics: No personal audio equipment is allowed, including but not limited to radios, CD players, mp3 players, and televisions. Please refrain from using laser-pointers.

Music: Songs for organized music activities will be selected from the Zion's Harp, any hymnal commonly used in our churches, or will be approved in advance.

Behavior: Behavior consistent with worship, devotion, and fellowship with The Lord is expected at all times. Unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated. The following could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal from the retreat:

- Being on campus grounds unregistered.
- Unregistered overnight guests.
- Daytime guests attending meals without registering.
- Possession and/or use of any type of drugs or alcohol.
- Girls/boys found in the other's living quarters.
- Destruction of any campground property.
- Overnight guests leaving campgrounds during any required activity.
- Reports from campground staff, local police, or residents regarding unacceptable behavior or trespassing.
- Disrespect toward counselors, deans, camp staff, ministers, or Elders.
- Unauthorized entrance to "off limit" rooms and/or unauthorized use of sports equipment.

While the three-brother LDR Committee has general oversight of the retreat, the attending Elder Advisors are still approachable for any questions or concerns from campers. Elder Advisors have final authority to resolve any issues.

Image description

Flyer/booklet format:

In the foreground we see the watcher; a man humbled before God, praying in quiet submission, seeking divine intervention. Though we cannot tell if he is crying out for mercy or deep in devotion, it is clear he knows an unseen something - or someone - is coming. His hands are tightly clasped, his back is stooped, and his weight has shifted back as he tires. He is focused. He's burdened with the commission to call the lost, sick and dying while being drawn to the reprieve of wilderness and intimacy with the Lord. "Be merciful, Lord," and "Come, Lord Jesus".

In the background is a city; some windows are lit while others are dark. The remnant of the wise virgins remains alongside the foolish and the wicked. Daily life goes on but something is hanging overhead.

Banner format:

The city has degraded due to neglect and shifting substructure. The vanities of this life have distracted many from seeking firmer foundations, leaving life hollow. Many seek to fill the void by focusing their efforts on their own lusts and pleasures. Hence, we see new carnival structures (Godlessness) while the old buildings (Christian tradition/Godliness) continue to crumble. Despite this, some lit windows remain, and they seem all the brighter.

We can reflect now that the praying man is kneeling upon the rock (Christ Jesus). It is stable, dependable, a place of refuge and offers a clear perspective of what is truly taking place. A golden light illuminates it and foreshadows Christ's imminent arrival.

Mistiness: unclarity, mystery, offers some contrast to the light's illumination.

Clouds: denotes Christ's second coming (Revelation 1:7 "Behold, he cometh with clouds", Matthew 24:30 "coming in the clouds of heaven")

Wilderness: The desire to retire from the world into Glory and full presence with our Heavenly Father and Redeemer.

Christian: Represents the faithful, watchfulness, illuminated for the world to see in contrast with its ever-growing darkness, presenting the mercy of God and the Gospel. He is visible from the city/carnival but takes some effort and a personal journey to reach.

Shall He Find Faith? Luke 18:8

This year's theme "Shall He Find Faith?" is taken from Luke Ch. 18. This most challenging question appears at the end the parable of the unjust judge. The Lord depicts a scene where an unjust judge ultimately avenges a poor widow of her adversary. The judge, who for no other reason - except to be rid of the pestering pleas of the woman - acts on her behalf. The Lord who loves and has saved His own will assuredly respond to the cries of His elect.

If help is on the way, and the Lord is faithful to all of His promises concerning protection and the prospering of Christians on their journey, why does Jesus question the spiritual state of the believers upon His return?

The saying "history doesn't repeat itself but it rhymes" is observable in the rise and fall of many human endeavors. Can we also see patterns in scriptures that seem to have a familiar cycle? Yes. When Jesus speaks about His return, he uses two past events to liken the unfolding of His return in Luke 17:26-30. The days of Noah before the flood "destroyed them all" and the days of Lot before the raining down of fire and brimstone that "destroyed them all." In both these examples the numbers saved are disturbingly few.

We also know that there will be unprecedented events that don't have a resemblance to the past. "Knowledge shall increase." (Dan. 12:24) In 2 Timothy we read that in the last days perilous times shall come. Jesus Christ describes the great tribulation as "...such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." He further expands, "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." (Matt. 24:21-22)

A dismal forecast for the last generation of believers and yet we must "...be of good cheer: I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

Saturday Lesson

Israel's Journey Through the Wilderness

Where did their faith or belief waver and where did it stay strong?

In this lesson we'll look to be reminded of our journey to our eternal home in light of Israel's journey to their promised land in Caanan.

1. Contrasting Old and New Covenants

- a. The Old Covenant (God's provision for His people)
 - i. God's presence and glory observable through the outward senses (Ex. 40:38)
 - ii. Law written on tables of stone (Deut. 27:8)
 - iii. A separated and covenanted people (Gen. 17:11, 1 Cor. 10:2)
- b. The New Covenant (God's provision for His people)
 - i. God's presence and glory experienced through
 - 1. His Son (Rom. 8:32, Heb. 1:1-3)
 - 2. His Spirit (John 14:17)
 - ii. Law written on our hearts (God's Word integrated and woven into our very being.) (Heb. 8:10)
 - iii. A separated and called-out people (ecclesia), consisting of newborn creatures, adopted into God's family, empowered to live a life free from the bonds of sin and therefore vessels made ready to be used as members upon the body Christ. (Rom. 8:2)

2. God's Faithfulness

- a. Under both Covenants, we see God's absolute protection, provision, and guidance. There is no doubt about this truth. Who dares cross the Almighty God to destroy one of His own?
 - i. Israel in the wilderness
 - 1. Nutrition: Manna (Deut. 8:3)
 - 2. Clothing: Raiment waxed not old (Deut. 8:4)
 - 3. Enemies: Slaughtered (Deut. 31:3)

4. Where/when to go via pillar of cloud and fire
(Ex. 13:21)

ii. The Church

1. Inseparable Communion of God's Love
 - a. "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:38,39)
 2. Gates of Hell shall not prevail against it (Matt.16:18)
- b. Under both Covenants, God receives all glory for bringing Salvation to the hopeless and enslaved condition of mankind.

3. If God is Faithful, Then What's the Problem?

- a. The Interface: our hearts - prone to wander and even to rebel
- b. The Tests: God has interwoven both sets of journeys with trials and tests and has allowed Satan to tempt us, up to the point where we are still able to bear it, by His grace.
(Deut. 8:2, 1 Pet. 1:7)
- c. We sing and honor these truths often in song
 - i. "...Were there no test, the strong could not be know, Nor weak, nor faithful, nor those faithless grown." (ZH 172 vs.4)
 - ii. "Trials dark on every hand, and we cannot understand all the ways that God will lead us to that blessed promised land..."
(Gospel Hymns 827 vs.1)

Discussion points:

- A. When we think of "Shall He Find Faith," what deceptions and struggles are distinctly related to the end section of a journey, both for Israel and the Christian?
- B. When first introduced, manna is seen as a miracle. It is eventually loathed. What are some similar blessings given to the Church that later are ignored or frowned upon? Or, God forbid, loathed?

C. How can the church effectively identify and warn against the world's advances of sin toward the church? (AI, Internet, etc.)

Mixed worship of God Jehovah and false gods was strictly prohibited. Today for us, in our communities, very few bow down to worship idols. For the church, mixing the love for God with the love for the world is unacceptable to our “jealous” God. Perhaps in generations before us, the church more easily pointed out which activities or entertainment aligned with the world and its ways. In our time, the perception of legalism, intolerance, self-righteousness, and closed mindedness are formidable pressures on how the church teaches about the danger of loving the world.

D. How is deception increasing before Christ’s return?

E. Does the question “Shall He find Faith” imply that churches will be empty or that genuine faith will be difficult to find? Both? How do the unprecedented modern conveniences of our day challenge a life of faith in Christ?

Notes:

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Housing Units

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| 1. Cabin 1 | 8. Hillside |
| 2. Cabin 2 | 9. Willow |
| 3. Cabin 3 | 10. Meadow |
| 4. Cabin 4 | 11. Meadow |
| 5. Cabin 5 | 12. Meadow |
| 6. Cabin 6 | 13. Creekside |
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- 14. Dinning Hall
- 15. Redwood
- 16. Gift Shop
- 17. Pool
- 18. Fireside
- 19. Cedar Lodge
- 20. Clubhouse
- 21. Basketball

- 22. Chapel
- 23. Main Feild
- 24. Volleyball
- 25. Fire Circle
- 26. Ropes Course
- 27. Service Road
- 28. Climbing Tower
- 29. Archery
- 30. Horseshoe

Sunday Lesson

The Church's Journey through the World

Let's look at single acts of faith and into a broader testimony of our Christian lives: demonstrations of who we are as individuals and as a body. Upon His return, are we part of the number that is tilting the answer of our theme to Yes?

In this lesson we'll consider how our daily decisions, to move and to act on faith, will be one of the important elements that will place us under the sound of "...Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." (Matt. 25:21)

1. Types of Faith

- a. Dead faith (Is a faith that merely believes life-changing?)
 - i. The devils believe
 - ii. Faith without repentance (Mk. 1:15)
 - iii. Faith without works (James 2:14-26)
 - iv. Faith without love (Gal. 5:6)
 - v. Faith without follow through (John 14:15)
- b. Weak or Little faith
 - i. Peter was reprimanded for doubting mid-water-walking-steps. He began to doubt while literally walking by faith. (Matt. 14:31)
 - ii. Christ's sermon on the mount, perhaps addressing many in the crowd who gave too much thought and worry over the needs of this life. (Matt. 6:30)
- c. Great faith
 - i. Syrophenician woman asking for deliverance on behalf of her daughter who was grievously vexed with a devil (Matt. 15:28)
 - ii. Centurion's faith in believing Christ would be able to heal his servant by speaking the word only (Matt. 8:10)

- d. Enduring faith - In order for Jesus to find faith when he returns, it must outlast the tests of time, service and opposition (Heb. 12:2)

2. Faith, as used to identify the whole of our walk in Christ

- a. Fight and contend for faith (1 Tim. 6:12, Jude 3, 1 Tim. 1:19)
- b. A faith that accounts for righteousness: justifies, sanctifies, brings peace, and gains access to grace, through Christ (Rom. 4:3; 5:1,2)

3. End times and Faith

- a. Quotes from Jesus about deception in the end times:
 - i. Take heed that no man deceive you / saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many / many false prophets shall arise and deceive many / if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect (Matt. 24:4-5, 11, 24)

4. Victory through Faith

- a. Holding our confidence in Him until the end (Phil. 1:6, Matt. 28:20)

Discussion Points:

- A. Making steps toward Christ takes faith. What arises in our hearts that may cause us to doubt, even when our faith is correct, the cause is correct, and the direction is correct?
- B. There are times where we may have real concern about our needs being fulfilled for this life. As we mature in faith, a full surrender of our needs and purposeful placing of them under the care and keeping of God is not only expected but needed. If we cannot trust the Lord for the provision of things in this life, do we sincerely trust that there will be provision made for us on the other side of Jordan? How is the Lord molding our faith when we are instructed to ask for our daily bread instead of a month's supply?
- C. Jesus purposely obstructs the path towards healing for the Syrophenician woman in order to test her. What can we learn from this great faith that refuses to be deterred?

- D. The Centurion's faith sees far beyond the faith of the Jews who were schooled in the scriptures. How can this be?
- E. Satan's attacks on believers can be sudden or a slow, methodical stripping away of vital components of faith. What are some evidences that it may be happening?
- F. Part of the definition of psychosis is the inability to tell the difference between what is real and what is not. With AI and deep fakes, our modern society has been accelerated into an era of great spiritual danger. Is the world at large entering into a new stage of societal psychosis?

Notes:

Labor Day Retreat 2026

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Thank you for making LDR 2026 special with your participation. Comments? Suggestions for improvement? Send them in an email to accn.labor.day.retreat@gmail.com.

Friday Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Ages</u>
4:00pm - 11:00pm	Check-in / Registration	Fireside	All
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Campfire / S'mores	Fire Circle	All
9:00pm - 10:00pm	Hymnal Singing	Chapel	All
11:30pm	Quiet Time	Rooms	All

Saturday and Sunday Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Ages</u>
7:00am - 7:30am	Prayer Meeting	Chapel	All
7:35am - 8:05am	Morning Devotion	Chapel	All
8:15am - 9:15am	Breakfast	Dining Room	All
9:20am - 9:35am	General Assembly	Chapel	All
9:40am - 10:25am	Primary Class	Fireside	3-7
	Secondary Class	Clubhouse	8-12
	Teen Class	Redwood	13-19
	Adult Class	Chapel	20+
10:35am - 11:20am	Children's Choir	Clubhouse	3-12
	Adult/Teen Forum	Chapel	13+
11:30am - 12:25pm	Children's Craft	Clubhouse	3-12
	Sat: Adult/Teen Choir	Chapel	13+
	Sun: Worship Service	Chapel	13+
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch	Dining Room	All
1:30pm - 5:30pm	Free Time		All
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Dinner	Dining Room	All
6:20pm - 7:20pm	Adult/Teen Choir	Chapel	13+
6:35pm - 7:20pm	Children's Choir	Clubhouse	3-12
7:30pm - 8:20pm	Story Hour	Fireside	3-7
	Junior Church	Clubhouse	8-12
	Evening Worship Service	Chapel	13+
8:30pm - 9:20pm	Inspiration Time	Chapel	All
9:30pm - 11pm	Sat: Hymnal Singing	Chapel	All
	Sun: Food/Fellowship	Redwood	All
11:30pm	Quiet Time	Rooms	All

Monday Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Ages</u>
7:00am - 7:30am	Prayer Meeting	Chapel	All
7:30am - 10:00am	Pack/Clean Rooms	Rooms	All
8:15am - 9:15am	Breakfast	Dining Room	All
10:00am - 12:00pm	General Assembly/Choirs	Chapel	All
12:30pm	Leave Retreat	Parking Lot	All

Children's Schedule

Saturday and Sunday

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Ages</u>
9:40am	Parents, please drop off your children (be prompt)		
9:40am - 10:25am	Primary Class	Fireside	3-7
	Secondary Class	Clubhouse	8-12
	Teachers take children to choir		
10:35am - 11:20am	Children's Choir	Clubhouse	3-12
	Teachers take children to recess, then to craft		
11:30am - 12:25pm	Children's Craft	Clubhouse	3-12
12:25pm	Parents, please pick-up your children (be prompt)		
6:35pm	Parents, please drop off your children (be prompt)		
6:35pm - 7:20pm	Children's Choir	Clubhouse	3-12
	Teachers take children to classes		
7:30pm - 8:20pm	Story Hour	Fireside	3-7
	Junior Church	Clubhouse	8-12
8:20pm	Parents, please pick-up your children (be prompt)		

O Faithful Be!

1. O faith-ful be! So shalt thine end be glo-rious; God will up -
2. O faith-ful be! For crowns a-bove a - wait them As a re -
3. O faith-ful be! If guard we are not keep - ing All is in

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and common time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves.

hold, and thou shalt be vic - to - rious! Though here the strug - gle
ward with which the Lord shall greet them, Who here on earth un -
vain, the foe is nev - er sleep - ing! Un - less we faith - ful

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves.

may be long and hard, Thy faith-ful-ness is hon-or to the Lord!
til their fi - nal breath Were ev - er faith-ful, e - ven un - to death.
at our post re - main, All for-mer vic-tories will have been in vain!

The third system of music concludes the first part of the hymn. The lyrics are written below the staves.

4. O faithful be!
Who here in every trial
Will show his worth—his praise meets no denial;
Were there no test, the strong could not be known,
Nor weak, nor faithful, nor those faithless grown.

5. O faithful Lord,
As Thou art love revealing
Anew to us each day and faithful dealing,
Grant that from day to day we all may be
More faithful, yea, more faithful unto Thee!

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