



# The Link

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## Labor Today



To Work is by Divine design. The law governing the Sabbath rest states that six days shall man labor and do his work. This particular law is based upon the example of God Himself. God labored for six days creating all that exists and thereby the world and the fullness thereof belongs to Him. Man himself was created by God, in part, to care for and tend to the creation of God. Man labored in the garden and thereby took part in the fruit it yielded. God created the man to need the earth but also the earth to need the man. Everything needed to sustain and support human life the earth would supply, but only at the necessity of labor. Man would have to till the earth.

Work is not a product of the fall nor is it evil. Work is a good thing and is God's design for obtaining possessions. To the one who works comes

the legitimate return. But all this does not mean that man's fall has not affected man's work. It has, drastically. Man must now earn his keep by the sweat of his brow. He must labor against the elements and toil against everything that would choke the very life out of his work. There is also the need to guard against the laziness of his own flesh and the temptation to be slothful. Work has become hard, tough, and often difficult.

There is no legitimate substitute for work. I do believe that most honest people want to work and provide for themselves. Stealing is a sin and violates both the law of work and the law of love. A thief cannot love the person from whom he steals, and he makes it hard in return to be loved. The thief also violates the law to work by at-

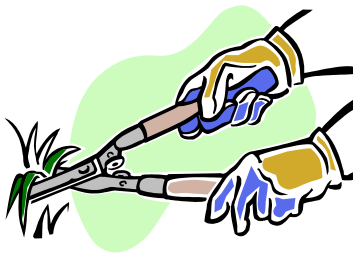
tempting to possess without work, and thus to take from another something for which no equal return is made.

The scripture states that if any would not work, neither should he eat (II Thess. 3:10). There is no motivation to work like a little hunger. Of course this is not an admonition against the poor but instruction to those who are lazy and those who seek to take advantage of the generosity of others. God commands us to work so that we might be blessed, but in the blessing be able to bless those who are legitimately in need.

Pastor Ricky

**...Study to be quiet,  
and to do your own  
business and to  
work with your own  
hands....**

**I Thess.4:10**



## The Cross



Shopping for a Cross

Jesus commanded His followers, “Take up the cross and follow me” (Mark 10:21).

But too many of us want to go shopping for just the right cross rather than take up the cross of self-denial to which He referred.

Some people want vinyl-padded cross that’s not too heavy. Others look for a small, flat cross which they can put out of sight when they don’t want to attract attention to the fact that they are Christians. Still others look for a jeweled cross which can make them part of the fashionable in-crowd. But the cross of authentic

Christian discipleship is a plain, rough, wooden cross that takes a lot of effort to carry. This is the type of cross on which Jesus was crucified. And this is the cross of discipleship which we as followers must carry. But one important difference is that Jesus himself has promised to stand with us and help us bear the load. The one who directed, “Take up the cross” also declared, “My yoke is easy, and my burden is light” (Matt. 11:30).

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## Bereavement Food Ministry

This ministry is such a blessing to people during the time of mourning the loss of a loved one.

Many times the food is taken to the home of a bereaved family. And other times a meal is served in the Fellowship Center, following a funeral.

Sometimes written in the thank you cards that the church receives; is a note stating how grateful they are for the food, and what a blessing the meal following the funeral has been to them.

Thank you Rachel Ballenger for coordinating the food. Many

thanks to the members who furnish the food, cook, bake, prepare and serve it. It is such a blessing to be a part of this ministry.

Anyone interested in being part of this ministry, call Rachel Ballenger.

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## Hearing Problem

George feared his wife wasn’t hearing as well as she used to and he thought she might need a hearing aid. Not quite sure how to approach her, he called the family doctor to discuss the problem. The doctor told him there is a simple informal test the husband could perform to give the doctor a better idea about her hearing loss. “Here’s what you do,” said the Doctor, “stand about 40 feet away from her, and in a normal conversational speaking tone see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response.”

That evening, the wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he was in the den. He says to himself, “I’m about 40 Feet away, let’s see what happens.” Then in a normal tone he asks, “Honey, what’s for dinner?” No response. So the husband moves closer to the kitchen, about 30 feet from his wife and repeats, “Honey, what’s for dinner?” Still no response. Next he moves into the dining room where he is about 20 feet from his Wife and asks, “Honey, what’s for dinner?” Again he gets no response. So he walks up to the kitchen door, about 10 feet away. “honey, what’s for dinner?” Again there is no response.

So he walks right up behind her. “Honey, what’s for dinner? (I love this) “George, for the fifth time, Chicken!

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The Group made it to the cup house last month. On September 13, the group is planning to eat at North Star Seafood in Dallas and go shopping at Hamrick’s in Gaffney. Plans are to leave the church at 11:00 AM. We look forward to seeing you on the bus. Peggy Dellinger

## DIVORCE *Care*

### 2011 FALL SESSIONS TO BEGIN

**DivorceCare for Adults** (for individuals who are currently separated or divorced) will begin on **Wednesday night, September 7, 2011 from 6:15 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.** and will meet for 14 weeks in the **Women’s II Sunday School class**. The cost for materials is **\$12.00**. If you have children ages three through high school, we would love to have them come and be a part of our other Wednesday evening activities, while you are participating in the group.

You may obtain additional information about the sessions and/or pre-register by going to: [www.riverviewbaptistchurchonline.org/DivorceCare.html](http://www.riverviewbaptistchurchonline.org/DivorceCare.html) or by contacting **Kim Fisher** at **(704) 740-9667**. It’s hard to know how to help someone whose family is experiencing separation or divorce. If you know someone, please “reach out” and pass along this information.

DATE	SESSION
September 7, 2011	1 - What's Happening to Me?
September 14, 2011	2 - The Road to Healing, Finding Help
September 21, 2011	3 - Facing my Anger
September 28, 2011	4 - Facing my Depression
October 5, 2011	5 - Facing my Loneliness
October 12, 2011	6 - What Does the Owner's Manual Say?
October 19, 2011	7 - New Relationships
October 26, 2011	8 - Financial Survival
November 2, 2011	9 - KidCare
November 9, 2011	10 - Single Sexuality
November 16, 2011	<i>Special Session - "Surviving the Holidays"</i>
November 23, 2011	Thanksgiving Break
November 30, 2011	11 - Forgiveness
December 7, 2011	12 - Reconciliation
December 14, 2011	13 - Moving On, Growing Closer to God

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River View Baptist Church is prayerfully focused on Christ, our community, and the people of the world with the mandate to reach and equip individuals for spiritually healthy lives.

We're on the Web!  
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We are a conservative Baptist church committed to serving God and the needs of you and your family. Wherever you may be on your spiritual path, at Riverview View Baptist Church you will find a supportive community with a wealth of opportunities for personal growth.

We aspire to strengthen each person's confidence and joy in Jesus Christ-at every point in their life, and encourage personal and spiritual growth through prayer, Bible study and active service in our church and community.

We invite you to come and worship with us and allow God to work in and through your life by leading where He would have you to serve.

### Schedule of Services:

#### Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 AM

Morning Worship 11:00 AM

Evening Worship 6:PM

#### Wednesday Evening @ 6:30 PM

Awana Children's Ministry

Youth Ministry

Adult Prayer & Bible Study



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