

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor organizations and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of this great country. This year, before you break out the grill, head for the lake or company sponsored picnic, take time to attend the parade in downtown Tuscaloosa. Public and private organizations are encouraged to participate in the annual event.

Special thanks are in order for the law firm of **Adcox-Lewis-Smyth-Winter**. My meeting last month with Brian Winter to discuss 501c3 status for the Workers Memorial Project was very productive. The partners and staff were very friendly and I was allowed to tour their impressive complex that includes it's own courtroom. We were successful in establishing **Workers Memorial Commons Foundation, Inc.** a non-profit organization for the development and construction of the memorial on RiverWalk in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Application for 501c3 status has been filed and we hope to have that back soon. Brian Winter will be at the AOLAF Awards Banquet on August 18, 2007. If you plan to attend, be sure to thank Brian Winter for all he has done for the working men and women of Alabama.

We would like to thank those that have contributed to the Workers Memorial Project. We have accomplished a lot since last October, but we still have a long way to go. The memorial project is a West Alabama Labor Council dream that has rapidly grown and gained recognition across the country. Local unions, their districts and international unions or anyone wishing to contribute to the memorial, should send those contributions to the address below.

In Solidarity,  
James M. Crowder

**Workers Memorial Commons Foundation, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 264**  
**Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35402-0264**



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Alabama AFL-CIO AOLAF Awards Banquet**

- August 18, 2007
  - \* Where: Birmingham Marriott Hotel
  - \* Contact: AL AFL-CIO (334)834-1061

**West Alabama Labor Day Parade**

- September 3, 2007
  - \* Where: Downtown Tuscaloosa, Alabama
  - \* Contact: Marilyn Kernop (205)758-4476

**Alabama AFL-CIO Biennial Convention**

- October, 2007
  - \* Where: To Be Announced
  - \* Contact: AL AFL-CIO (334)834-1061

**Labor Day**

- There is no charge for entry and is open to unaffiliated groups.
- Marching bands from area schools are needed.
- Labor Day Queen—Affiliated local union member families only. Deadline for entry is: **August 6, 2007**
  - \* Senior Queen [17—21 years of age]
  - \* Junior Queen [12—16 years of age]
- All locals are encouraged to have at least one (1) entry for Labor Day Queen and one (1) for the Parade.

For more information, please contact Marilyn Kernop at 205.758.4476.



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**IBEW Local 136**  
Birmingham Gadsden  
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**Rebuilds Torched Church**



Members pull together to help rebuild a central Alabama church that was totally destroyed by arson in 2006. Pleasant Sabine Baptist Church, a predominately African-American church located in Antioch near Centreville, Alabama has been the focus of another IBEW Local 136 community service effort. Local 136 has donated more than \$11,000.00 and its members have volunteered over 2,000 man hours installing electrical services for the rural Alabama church.

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