

MANAGER'S DESK FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020

WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.

YESTERDAY, ELECTION DAY, AS OUR STAFF SAT AROUND THE LUNCH TABLE THE QUESTION WAS RAISED AS TO WHY IT IS HELD ON NOVEMBER 3 AND WHEN DID THAT START? BRIAN THOUGHT IT SOUNDED LIKE GOOD MANAGER'S DESK MATERIAL. I DID SOME RESEARCH ONLINE AND FOUND THIS INFORMATION:

In 1792, a law was passed allowing each of the states to conduct presidential elections at any point in the 34 days before the first Wednesday in December. This was the date when the meetings of the Electors of the U.S. president and vice-president, known as the Electoral Colleges, were held in each state. But this system had a few crucial flaws. Knowing the early voting results could affect turnout and sway opinion in states that held late elections, and those same last-minute voters could potentially decide the outcome of the entire election. Faced with these issues, in 1845 Congress passed a federal law designating the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November as Election Day.

But why a Tuesday in November? In the 1800s, most citizens worked as farmers and lived far from their polling place. Since people often traveled at least a day to vote, lawmakers needed to allow a two-day window for Election Day. Weekends were impractical, since most people spent Sundays in church, and Wednesday was market day for farmers.

With this in mind, Tuesday was selected as the first and most convenient day of the week to hold elections. Farm culture also explains why Election Day always falls in November. Spring and early summer elections were thought to interfere with the planting season, and late summer and early fall elections overlapped with the harvest. That left the late fall month of November—after the harvest was complete, but before the arrival of harsh winter weather—as the best choice.

AS YOU MIGHT IMAGINE, OUR STAFF HAS SOME PRETTY INTERESTING DISCUSSIONS AS WE GATHER TO ENJOY LUNCH TOGETHER. MOST THE DAY, WE ARE IN OUR OWN OFFICES WORKING ON THE TASKS WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR. IT'S THE ONE TIME OF THE DAY WHEN WE'RE ABLE TO COME TOGETHER AND SHARE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR LIVES AND OUR FAMILY'S LIVES. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO LUNCHTIME, ESPECIALLY WHEN SPECIAL TREATS ARE BROUGHT IN TO CELEBRATE SOMEONE'S BIRTHDAY.

WELL, A LITTLE PEEK BEHIND THE SCENES HERE AT WRVM RADIO. THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF OUR FAMILY AS YOU PARTNER WITH US WITH YOUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS. YOU ARE A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THIS MINISTRY.

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