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## A MOMENT WITH THE MODERATOR

There is no better time to live for the Lord than right now. You and I are so blessed to live in the church age, where we can always say that it is great to be alive. I was told a story about Billy Sunday, the evangelist from another generation. He wrote the mayor of a city asking for a list of names of people who needed prayer, and the mayor responded by sending Billy Sunday the telephone directory! We need people with this attitude today, for we all need prayer. Jesus taught that life is more than clothes or houses or other material things. He taught it is great to be alive.

It is great to be alive when we start the day by thanking God for the gift of another day. Every day truly is a gift that God has given us. We should be excited that God has given us another day to live for Him. We should strive to live life every day at its best, and start every day by thanking God for it.

It's great to be alive when we can thank God for the problems, difficulties and the challenges of that day. And maybe we should see opportunities instead of problems. Living is growing and developing our skills and growing in our faith and discovering the wonderful things that God can do in us and through us if we will let Him. It's great to be alive when we can thank God for the challenges of life. The greater the opportunities, the greater the potential for truly living for God.

Sometimes God may put barriers in front of us to challenge us to get out of the valleys and get on the mountain tops. No athlete achieves success by taking the easy way out. It is only when the athlete works and presses against the heavy weights, and takes the mountain road and by discipline, keeps going on. Spiritually, Jesus taught that wide is the way and easy is the path that leads downward to destruction. He also taught that narrow is the way and straight is the path that leads upward. My experience has taught me to realize that when I think I have got everything settled, another barrier arises. It is great to be alive when we realize all things work together for good to them that love God and are called to His purpose.

It is great to be alive when we can thank God for the gift of this day. It is great to be alive when we can thank God for the problems and the challenges and the opportunities of this day. Begin every day by thanking God for His presence in your life. As Christians, it's great to be alive, and we thank God for the hope that is ours because we really have life, abundant and eternal.

Trusting Jesus,  
Rev. Leon Fortune



Call our  
office with  
your  
VBS dates.

Visit our website at  
ccbacenter.com to see  
VBS dates.

### Disaster Relief Training

March 10-11, 2023

Trinity Church

2694 State Highway 52, Geneva, AL 36340

Areas of training will include Administration,  
Chainsaw, Clean-up, Recovery and Mudout,  
Mass Feeding, Shower/Laundry.

Please go to alsbom-gm.org and register.

### Calendar of Events

#### March

2 - Vineyard Work Day - 8:00 am

14 - Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 pm

#### April

3 - Widow's Ministry Meeting - 6:00 pm

6 - Vineyard Work Day - 8:00 am

6 - Vineyard Committee Meeting - 2:00 pm

13 - WMU Banquet - 6:30 pm

25 - Senior Adult Luncheon - 11:00 am

29 - Boys Adventure Camp at the Vineyard

#### May

9 - Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 pm

### Scholarships

The Baptist Foundation of Alabama  
Applications due March 31, 2023.

Applications must be  
completed online at  
tbfa.org/scholarships.

A.L. Strozier applications can be  
picked up at our office..

### WMU Banquet

April 13 at 6:30 pm

Ino Baptist Church

### Boys Adventure Camp at the Vineyard

April 29, 2023

Call our office to register or  
for more information.

### GA Camp at the Vineyard

May 12-13, 2023

### IncrediCamp

Build Your Life  
Hebrews 3:4

July 17-19

\$120 per child if registered by  
June 15. \$135 after June 15, 2023.

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for more info.