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A MOMENT WITH THE MODERATOR

God's Detours in Life

Many things befall us on life's way. Unexpected blessings. Expected blessings. Tragedies. Disappointments. However, when you look at things through the mind and will of God, all things in life are Blessings because they fulfill Romans 8:28 Do you ever hear someone say that they are pretty good "under the circumstances?" Zig Ziglar, my favorite motivational speaker, always said we have no business being "under" anything, except the direction of the Holy Spirit. How many times do we hear someone say that they are having a "bad" day? To which I reply that all days are good days. If you don't believe me, try doing without one! Many times we face trials, disappointments, discouragements and disillusionments, and we may be tempted to blame God. Or someone else, like the Pastor, deacon body, or even the church family. When this happens we all need a new sense of God's love.

Detours come without **warning**. Recently, my wife, Sharon, and I took a trip to the Smoky Mountains. We had traveled there a few years ago and there was a scenic route I wanted really bad to show her. Suddenly, without prior warning, I saw a sign that read "detour", with an arrow pointing the direction. I complained, expressed disappointment, and reluctantly took the detour. A short distance later we found ourselves in one of the most beautiful coves I had ever seen! Then the detour took us through an equally beautiful valley. Thirteen years later we take that "detour" road every chance we get!

This year we had an unexpected detour traveling from Cataloochee to Cosby. The mountain road had caved off with a vehicle close to the edge, and we had to take an almost non-traveled road for 12 miles. But peak season was in full swing on this side of the mountain and we were blessed once again by spectacular beauty we otherwise would have missed! Then I took a wrong turn in Gainesville, Ga, and drove by Free Chapel. I had wanted to see Jentezen Franklin's church, but would never take the time to locate it. God did it for me.

Detours come normally without **notice**. Adversity comes the same way. Sickness, great trials, the "Purosis" (fiery trial) and "Peirasmos" (trial sent by God) may be a Godly detour. But since we live on a sin cursed earth, our bodies will be afflicted by disease and eventually death. But before the detour is over we can see God's hand in it. Jesus said don't worry about tomorrow, it will take care of itself. We don't know how long detours will be. I don't think John Bunyan knew from the start he would be in jail 12 years. We don't like to travel on some detours, like rough, steep, or winding mountain roads that are so rough they will shake the devil out of us!

Some detours have good points. Major highways may be filled with billboards, but you see God's nature on country roads. Some people try to refuse the detours just like we do in our Spiritual life. Some had rather grumble all the time. Instead, we should rejoice in life, and be happy with God's blessings, knowing something better lies ahead. Moses detoured to see the burning bush, and look how God used him. Abraham took a detour that he, too, did not know where it would lead, but he trusted God. God used an angel to detour Balaam when he refused to listen to his donkey. Jonah took off on his own detour, but God detoured him back on the right path using a great fish that He had prepared. God's detour for Paul on the Damascus road changed the course of Christianity forever.

Are you traveling a detour in your life? Paul prayed, and God said my grace is sufficient for you. We need to remember Romans 8:28, and look up! God's grace is sufficient for us too!

In His Service,
Rev. Leon Fortune

Calendar of Events

November

14-21 - OCC Collection Week at Ino Baptist Church
24 - Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed

December

1 - Vineyard Work Day - 8:00 AM
1 - Minister/Staff/Spouse Banquet - 6:30 PM
5 - Coffee Cakes - 8:00-11:00 AM
5 - Widows' Ministry Meeting - 6:00 PM
26 - Office Closed
28-29 - Serv334



Coffee Cakes for Alabama Baptist Children's Homes

December 5, 2022
8:00 - 11:00 AM

Baked goods and boxed mixes/icing
will be accepted.

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December 28-29

A call for students to come together
and serve the "334"

For youth grades 7-12

For more information contact
servthe334@gmail.com

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Widows' Ministry Meeting

December 5, 2022
6:00 PM

Ino Baptist Church Handbell Choir
will be ringing!

Bring your favorite dessert!

Operation Christmas Child Collections Week

November 14-21
Ino Baptist Church

Mon, Nov. 14: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Tue, Nov. 15: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Wed, Nov. 16: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Thu, Nov. 17: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Fri, Nov. 18: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Sat, Nov. 19: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Sun, Nov. 20: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Mon, Nov. 21: 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Minister/Staff/Spouse Banquet

December 1, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Coffee Baptist Association
Conference Center

Call our office to RSVP by November 22.

**Ministers' Meetings
have been cancelled until
further notice.**

Please pray for the
Military Support Group.

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
at Church on Boll Weevil Circle

Call Dr. John Granger if you are in need.

Goodman Baptist Church
is in search of a
Bi-Vocational Youth Minister.

Contact Bro. Bruce Williams
at 334-389-3621 for more info.