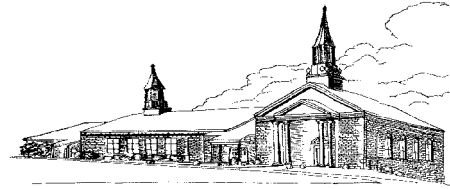


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The 199th Letter of Lee to the Olivet Church

My youngest daughter is soon to be a licensed driver, if she passes her driving test. Actually it will be in September before she's eligible to be turned loose on the highways. Things have changed much in the years that have passed since I was a newly licensed driver back in 1989. One change is the number of roundabouts on roads these days. Roundabouts are becoming a more common project road construction workers are hired to take on. The road my parents live on will soon have three of them. Something else I was unaware of when I was learning to drive were Rolling Road Blocks. I just don't remember them. However, if you were reading the electronic signs on Highway 250 recently that have been temporarily placed on the road that goes in front of the church building, you may have read the words "Road work ahead, rolling road blocks from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m." The day I read those signs, I almost wanted to go back to the church that night just to learn more about rolling road blocks, but I decided it would be easier just to look it up. It turns out rolling road blocks is a term used by law enforcement officers to describe an action they use to control, but not necessarily stop traffic. For example, three or four police cars could drive parallel for a distance making it impossible for anyone behind them to pass them. This allows situations like bridge construction or other work that is down the road to take place safely.

Rolling road blocks are good things. Sometimes frustrating for sure, but they serve a purpose for the greater good. That's also true in life. Sometimes God in His providence puts rolling road blocks in our path to slow us down or to cause us to detour in order for His future plans to be carried out safely. It could be something like a promotion we thought was coming our way that we were passed over for. It could be a relationship that we thought would last forever but has been severed. It could be health set backs from treatments and surgery. Rolling road blocks seem to come in a number of ways.

We don't always have advanced warning of them, like VODT sometimes gives us on an electronic sign. Sometimes they catch us by surprise. But the signs have been made clear to us over and over again as the people of God that He is still on the throne. He is still in charge of the world. We are still His people. Knowing and believing that should serve to calm us when we get behind the rolling road blocks of life.

You are a beloved child of God. Do not forget that. Have a great month this August.

Grace and Peace,