

The Right Place

They were in the right place, on the wrong day. Or so it would seem. Their story is told in *Our Daily Bread*, a magazine published by RBC Ministries.

The Dayspring Chorale, a traveling high school singing group, arrived at a nursing home for a Thursday concert. However, the folks at the home were expecting them on Friday. But they said if the group could set up fast, they could sing for 20 minutes. When the time was up, they would have to stop for a memorial service for one of the residents.

The chorale hurriedly got ready and sang, and as they did, the son of the man who had died heard them. When they were done, he asked if they could sing at his father's service. They gladly agreed and ministered hope and truth to all who attended. God used these young people in a special way – all because of a secretarial error. But was it a mistake?

The longer I live, the more I discover that “coincidences” are not that at all, but part of the Lord's plan for our lives. We carefully make schedules so we can be where we think we should be. But we need to keep in mind the words of Solomon: “A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps” (Proverbs 16:9).

Do we seek to enjoy, maximize or benefit from life's unplanned schedule changes?
Do we turn detours into guided tours of what He wants to do through us?

If we are doing God's will, we will be in the right place. Then, wherever we are, we can discover what He has in store for us – and point people to Him.

--Beecher Hunter