



This photo was taken Sunday evening at Pink E. Burns Cabin (c. 1832) located at the Dugger Mountain Wilderness Trail Head. I find myself visiting this area many times after work, because it is such a gorgeous area and it is only a 20 minute drive from my house. I always seem to find some inspiration and good photos each time I visit this spot; and Sunday was no exception. I hope to share more photos from this day of shooting.

This exterior door off the rear of the old log cabin may be the only part house that has any paint on it. And it has been many years since a paint brush has touched this door. The texture and movement of the door knob speaks to the age of this ancient door. The grain and rough cut of the wood from which it is constructed tells you that it was not bought at Lowes or Home Depot, but cut from an old saw mill.

I stand back and look at this door and imagine the pride and craftsmanship that went into its hanging and use. But it has been a long time since anyone has looked at this door with any satisfaction or pleasure. A sign nailed on the wall declares this structure unsafe and warns against going through this door. The door has been shut, barricaded and locked and the welcome sign placed before this door reads, "Do not Enter".

The truth is, I hate it when a door I want to enter is closed against me. There is something about a "Do not enter" sign that makes me feel a little rebellious. I see the sign and I start looking for a rock or something else to help me gain entrance (Do not worry, I did not use a rock or break in...this time). We are so use to getting what we want that when a door is shut, it is hard for us to accept.

The good news is, If God shuts one door, He opens another. Often God has to shut a door in our face so that he can subsequently open the door through which he wants us to go. Perhaps there is a beautiful door in your life, you want to walk through this door but it is shut and you cannot find the key, remember, you can always knock. But, if it does not open for you, get ready, there is another door about to open and lead you to a place you could not even imagine.

Something to think about:

- ❖ If your every human plan and calculation has miscarried, if, one by one, human props have been knocked out, and doors have shut in your face, take heart. God is trying to get a message through to you, and the message is: "Stop depending on inadequate human resources. Let me handle the matter."
- ❖ God is never in a panic, nothing can be done that he is not absolute Master of, and no one in earth or heaven can shut a door he has opened, nor open a door he has shut. God alters the inevitable when we get in touch with him.
- ❖ Bad will be the day for every man when he becomes absolutely content with the life that he is living, with the thoughts that he is thinking, with the deeds that he is doing, when there is not forever beating at the doors of his soul some great desire to do something larger, which he knows that he was meant and made to do because he is still, in spite of all, the child of God.
- ❖ Be grateful for the doors of opportunity—and for friends who oil the hinges.

Keep on knocking
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