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*“Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.” (James 4:14-15)*

God has given safety during more than 2200 miles of travel. I was reminded that He is control of all our plans by what happened this past weekend, and then yesterday.

I was scheduled to go to Emmanuel Baptist Church in Cedar Point, North Carolina, this coming weekend. Sunday night after church here in Greenville, South Carolina, I found messages on my phone telling me that those plans had suddenly changed. The emeritus pastor of the church had passed into his Savior’s presence the night before. The current pastor, his nephew, is now faced with many responsibilities for planning services and arranging for the arrival of many from out of town. Please pray for the church family as they are both grieving and rejoicing.

And what about those plans? Within 24 hours, a visit to another church was arranged as well as an opportunity to visit friends earlier than expected. I need to remember to be grateful when things work out well, from my point of view, as well as when they don’t, knowing that my Father does all things well.

There is always something new to learn. Have you ever been frustrated with plastic wrap? It seems like I can never tear it off well. My left-handed sister taught me that pulling the wrap out and tearing it with the left hand works very well. She doesn’t have a problem, and now I don’t either! This was a practical help that relieved frustrations.

As you can see, I have a busy schedule ahead, but have tried to add some time for rest. I have been grateful that any car problems have happened while I was at home and there was enough time for repairs before traveling again.

Thanks for your encouragement and prayers!

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