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We are off on a great adventure! It has been a lifetime goal to see all 50 of the states on the United States. I have managed to visit all of them east of the Mississippi River as well as the southwest and Hawaii. We are now going to visit the last of the states I have not seen- Nebraska, Utah, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Montana, and North Dakota. We will be driving across the country and then taking an Alaskan cruise before trekking back home.

Needless to say, there has been a lot of planning and preparation. We searched the internet, worked with the travel agency, made telephone calls, poured over maps and travel guides, made lists, read informative literature, started buying essentials and non-essentials, had the car checked, checked to see how the suitcases would fit in the car, worked on budgeting, and we still have much more to do before we actually get on our way.

I am really not a great detail person. I tend to think of the “big picture” rather than all the small parts, so this trip has been stretching my skills.

That preparation coupled with an e-mail I received about driving along with thoughts of the dinner to be made and the TV program to watch tonight when suddenly you hear the sound of trumpets. You, along with lots of others, stop the car and get out to see what is happening. Suddenly the sky is completely filled with angels while cherubim and seraphim chant, “Holy, holy, holy.” Suddenly all is quiet. Then Christ the King appears and declares, “I am the Alpha and the Omega.” Instantly you know nothing else matters. Forget stock markets, sports, sales meetings and school. All those things matter no more for Christ has come!

I had to ask myself, “How well am I prepared for that?” Do I take the time in studying His map, the Bible? Do I seek out

His advice and guidance in prayer? Do I fulfill the list of things to do for others? Do I wisely budget my weekly offering? Have I made sure to have the essentials for my faith journey? Will I be ready if He comes today?

I do know that if I think a trip to see the U. S. is exciting, How much more wonderful it will be to make the final journey to be with Christ!

Summer Master Schedule is posted on the bulletin board. If you have not signed up to help with worship, please look over the schedule and fill in open spaces. I am especially looking for families to help in July and August. If you have already signed up for a June Sunday but find that for some reason you cannot serve on your scheduled day, please do not leave a message for me, but rather notify the church office

