

Faith talk



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Olde Time Camp Meeting

June 7-9 was the weekend of the Olde Time Camp Meeting at Deer Lodge. I don't know how many years that has been a "ritual," but you can tell it's been a very long time. The permanent structures were planned with a purpose in mind. And the surrounding area was ample for long weekend camping.

This year's theme was "Be the Gospel." The featured speaker was Greg King, who is dean of the School of Religion and professor of biblical studies at Southern Adventist University. Sabbath afternoon's program

included testimonies of sharing the gospel in our surrounding churches.

The music this year was provided by our own church's musical group including Brian Hickman, Brian Trout, Bill French, and Franklin Cobos, with singers, Denise Bailey, Michelle Grove, Janel Hostetler, and Anna Plavsic.

What a great time to spend with fellow-believers and renew our commitment and relationship with God.

- Marilyn Maples



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Prayer Meeting - every Wednesday at 6 p.m.



*From the
Pastor*

Circuitous Journeys

“Circuitous” is not generally part of our everyday vocabulary, yet life definitely can be circuitous. We know this from personal experience, as life has twists and turns or unexpected surprises—whether it’s accidents, disappointments, sickness, or other crises.

“Circuitous” means “a route/journey that is longer than the most direct way.” It’s roundabout, out of the ordinary, or unexpected.

However, the surprise, is when “circuitous” becomes part of our Christian journey—part of God’s leading in our lives. I’ve associated His leading with an end destination, not the journey itself. But, lately, I’m convicted that His leading involves more than a destination. It involves the journey, too. In essence, both the journey and the destination are part of the same process.

We see this circuitous leading of God in Moses’ life journey, where we discover some life lessons that can help us, too. God calls Moses to deliver His exiled people away from Egypt. Only one problem for Moses: He forgot that God sometimes leads circuitously! Learning this fact, and the life lessons from it, was the real journey for Moses.

Here are five insights from Moses’ life about God’s circuitous leading.

1. God’s ways are not my ways (Ex. 2:11–15).
2. Time spent in God’s school of learning is not wasted (Ex. 2:21–25).
3. God “shows up” in our lives when we least expect it (Ex. 2:21; 3:1).
4. When God shows up, His plans push us out of our comfort zones (Exodus 3:9–11).
5. God’s leading calls us to depend on Him for a fulfillment (Exodus 3:12).

Ultimately, what promise did God give Moses? It was Himself! When God leads us circuitously, He gives us the promise of His presence, His power, and His gifts.

– Pastor David Sitler

Meet the Greenleys

Meet Roger and Peggy Greenley. They have settled down in Fairfield Glade after 21 years spent living in and traveling the country in a motor home. Their travels include visiting capitals of each state in the United States of America as well as each province in Canada and 40 other countries. One trip included loading their motor home (with them inside) onto a flatbed train car and traveling through the Copper Canyon in old Mexico. Peggy says their longest trip was to Alaska, which took 6 months.



They have shared multiple parts of their journeys with 4 out of 5 of the grandchildren. Peggy kept a diary of each trip, and afterward would give one of the grandchildren a copy of the latest adventure and in this way share the highlights of the experience.

The Greenleys both earned Registered Dietitian degrees from Loma Linda University. They have a daughter, a son, and 5 grandchildren. Roger is putting the finishing touches on the new home they have remodeled. They share their home with Ginger, their Japanese Chin dog.

We welcome the Greenleys. We already have appreciated Peggy’s willingness to help with the Diabetes Reversal program that was just completed.

~ Marilyn Maples

Newsletter Suggestions Welcome!

This is your church newsletter. Let us know what you would like to see included. Your ideas and suggestions are welcome.

What a great way to make connections with shut-in members by visiting and sharing a copy of *FaithTalk* with them. Or commit to mailing a copy to someone you miss seeing at church.

Also, if you have items to include in future *FaithTalk* issues, please e-mail them to: mamaples424@gmail.com.

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VBS Starts Monday!

June 25-30, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

This year's theme helps kids make wise food choices and even teaches them how to cook some simple, healthy foods. There are lots of fun activities planned including crafts, fun games, great stories. We have a fabulous team of all ages helping to make this week a great one for our kids. If you haven't already, please register today by going to www.MyVBS.org/Crossville. Bring some friends and receive a gift card up to \$20!

Thoughts From His Word

"Then Elisha said, 'Hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord: 'Tomorrow about this time a seah of fine flour shall be sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, at the gate of Samaria.' "
So an officer on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God and said, 'Look, if the Lord would make windows in heaven, could this thing be?'
And he said, 'In fact, you shall see it with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it.' "
 2 Kings 7:1, 2 (NKJV)

In my personal devotions I am going through my Andrews Study Bible, reading all the notes included with many of the verses. This has certainly slowed my reading down, but has greatly increased my curiosity for the details.

Recently, when reading chapters 7 & 8 in 2 Kings, I began to reflect on the parts of the story that had not stood out to me in the past. As you may remember, Syria under rule of Ben-Hadad was setting siege to cities of Israel. The first city was Dothan, because he heard Elisha was there and his visions were making it impossible for him to surprise Israel (remember the blind army?). The second city was Samaria.

Things got really rough in Samaria, food got very scarce or nonexistent, and you probably remember the part about the lepers and the empty Syrian tents. The part that never registered with me before was the attitude of the king's officer when Elisha told the king himself: "Tomorrow about this time, a seah of fine flour shall be sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, at the gate of Samaria. The officer scoffed at these words, but Elisha replied, "In fact, you shall see with your own eyes, but you shall not eat of it."

When the prophet's word came true, this officer was placed in charge of an orderly distribution of the goods, standing between the starving people and the food. Well, that didn't go well for him, and he never did taste that food or any other, for that matter.

There are many lessons to be found in the story, but the one for me in this reading is that when we mock God's servants, we may actually be mocking God, and if we mock God, there are serious consequences.

I think of several times when God told His servants that the people were not rejecting them but Him. It sure makes you think before you speak.

~ Mark Anderson

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*We'd love to have you come and
worship with us this Sabbath!*

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11:00 a.m. Worship



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