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Do You Schedule Your Headaches?

Too many people put off something that brings them joy just because they haven't thought about it, don't have it on their schedule, didn't know it was coming or are too rigid to depart from their routine.

I began thinking one day about all those women on the Titanic who passed up dessert at dinner that fateful night in an effort to cut back. From then on, I've tried to be a little more flexible.

How many women out there will eat at home because their husband didn't suggest going out to dinner until after something had been thawed? Does the word 'refrigeration' mean nothing to you? How often have your kids dropped in to talk and sat in silence while you watched 'Jeopardy' on television?

I cannot count the times I called my sister and said, 'How about going to lunch in a half hour?' She would gas up and stammer, 'I can't. I have clothes on the line. My hair is dirty. I wish I had known yesterday, I had a late breakfast, it looks like rain.' And my personal favorite: 'It's Monday.' She died a few years ago. We never did have lunch together.

Because Americans cram so much into their lives, we tend to schedule our headaches. We live on a sparse diet of promises we make to ourselves when all the conditions are perfect!

We'll go back and visit the grandparents when we get Steve toilet-trained. We'll entertain when we replace the living-room carpet. We'll go on a second honeymoon when we get two more kids out of college.

Life has a way of accelerating, as we get older. The days get shorter, and the list of promises to ourselves gets longer. One morning, we awaken, and all we have to show for our lives is a litany of 'I'm going to,' 'I plan on,' and 'someday, when things are settled down a bit.'

When anyone calls my 'seize the moment' friend, she is open to adventure and available for trips. She keeps an open mind on new ideas. Her enthusiasm for life is contagious. You talk with her for five minutes, and you're ready to trade your bad feet for a pair of Roller blades and skip an elevator for a bungee cord.

My lips have not touched ice cream in 10 years. I love ice cream. It's just that I might as well apply it directly to my stomach with a spatula and eliminate the digestive process. The other day, I stopped the car and bought a triple-Decker. If my car had hit an iceberg on the way home, I would have died happy.

Now, go on and have a nice day. Do something you WANT to ... not something on your SHOULD DO list. If you were going to die soon and had

only one phone call you could make, whom would you call and what would you say? And why are you waiting?

Have you ever watched kids playing on a merry go round or listened to the rain lapping on the ground? Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight or gazed at the sun into the fading night? Do you run through each day on the fly? When you ask 'How are you?' Do you hear the reply?

When the day is done, do you lie in your bed with the next hundred chores running through your head? Ever told your child, 'We'll do it tomorrow.' And in your haste, not see his sorrow? Ever lost touch? Let a good friendship die? Just call and say 'Hi?'

When you worry and hurry through your day, it is like an unopened gift. Thrown away. Life is not a race Take it slower. Hear the music before the song is over.

'Life may not be the party we hoped for... But while we are here we might as well dance!

- By Don Nelson, seen in THRIVE, 2-17-09

DEACONESSES FOR COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY are Mary Ellen Jones and Nancy Koston. Elder Steve Weaver will lead the service.

Our Annual All Church Outing!

IN TWO WEEKS (March 8th), our annual Dutch Treat All Church Outing will be enjoyed at Golden Corral's buffet in Macedonia. Everyone is welcome! Lunch on Sunday is \$9.99. Drink is extra for \$1.99.

ALVA HUFFER has not yet returned to church following his surgery. It's a slow recovery; the doctors are now suggesting he take chemo and radiation. This decision will be made after he heals from surgery.

JENNIFER WETZEL (mark your calendar!) will be our guest speaker for Palm Sunday, April 5th. We all remember her fondly when she worshiped here while studying in college – she now teaches in Kentucky.

Some Good News For A Change!

AP: The new president of HCJB Global says the Christian radio ministry now has an estimated seven million mostly-Muslim listeners in North Africa and the Middle East.

Wayne Pederson says the Arab world is full of "lost people who need Jesus, and they're getting tired of a message of hate and are looking for a message of love." He says that through HCJB radio broadcasts, the gospel is penetrating Muslim societies – so much so that entire households, and in some cases entire villages, are converting to Christianity.

"When Jesus came, He didn't just preach. He healed. And so we want to do both – preach on the radio and heal through our healthcare. People in that part of the world are coming to Christ as households, as communities. Entire villages are coming to Christ together," he notes.

"Each household has seven to eight people in a household. So we're saying conservatively, we've got seven million listeners. In a huge Muslim

section of the world, you've probably heard stories of how the gospel is penetrating that society. An independent survey has found that we have a million households a week listening to our broadcast in North Africa and Middle East."

GoodNewsNow.com / 2-15-09

3 out of 4 Christian teens

Written by: [Frank Turek](#) / Date: Feb 5th, 09

*70-75% of Christian youth leave the church after high school (for survey data, go to www.barna.org)

*Intellectual skepticism is one of the major reasons they walk away.

*Most Christian students are unequipped to resist rabidly anti-Christian college professors who are intent on converting their students to atheism.

*College professors are five times more likely to identify themselves as atheists than the general public.

*More than half of all college professors view evangelical Christian students unfavorably (Details: <http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/news/1880406/posts>)

*"new atheists"—Richard Dawkins, Sam Harris, Christopher Hitchens—are writing books that are growing in popularity.

DID YOU KNOW ...

that you can take our Systematic Theology course on line for free? You can go to our General Conference website (this is the G.C. site: <http://www.abc-coggc.org/index.html>) or you can go directly: <http://www.hutchinsoncog.com/SysTheology/index.html>

**If you complete these 29 lessons successfully,
I'll take you out for dinner!**

PRAY FOR: Alva Huffer, Josh Eberly (by SMay), Bill Marsh, David Krogh, Pastors Don Ward & Leon Driskill, Ken Cramer, Joyce Macy Nodstrom (M.Ellen's niece), Don Kostyo, Tammy (Koston) Lisiecki, Gene & Gloria Faehnrich, W.C. Blankenship, Leslie & Stanley Hervert (by Grace), Carol Reed, Ruth Schuld, Susan (Stine) Bradley, Anita Cain, Edith Speer, Jack Hearp, Jacob Hinton*, Kathy Reed*, (*by Skip), Craig Blankenship, **College students:** Laura Schuld, Halee Fertig, Andrew Weaver, **Shut-ins:** Evelyn Pennington, Amy Dunbar Puehler **Military:** Rodger Schuld, Brandon Metzner, **Missionaries in other countries:** Gaston Ucanay-Peru, Mauro Apolos Gonzalez-Uruguay, Lupe Badillo-Mexico, Tracy Zhykhovich-Russia, Pastors in Malawi & Mozambique, Lesly Bertrand and the Pastors in Haiti. / **Churches:** Knightstown Family Fellowship IN, Korean Extension Steve & Sam An, RRCC, ABC, Golden Rule, Grace Brethren and for the peace of Jerusalem, Ps. 122:6; Isa. 62:6, 7

FEBRUARY 2009

23 Ethel Sherman's 103rd Birthday!

MARCH 2009 (MISSION'S MONTH)

01 Communion Observance / Elder Steve Weaver

08 Annual All Church Outing / Golden Corral

08 Daylight Saving Time Begins (clocks forward 1 hour)

15 Guest speaker / Pastor at NE and Minister's Conferences (GA)

22 Gideon Speaker

29 SS offering to missions

Future Dates: Apr 5, Palm Sunday – Jennifer Wetzel, speaker / Apr
12 Easter: Andrew Weaver, assisting; 'Son'rise 8a.m., Breakfast
9a.m., Worship 10a.m. / May 3, Annual Membership Mtg / Jun 1-5
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SEPT. 13, 2009 / 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45A.M.
WORSHIP 10:45A.M.

Musicians: Sharon and Mark Cain
Welcome / Announcements / Prayer

Worship Hymns: Mark Cain

198 No Not One

453 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Prayer / Offering

Message: "We're The Clay, God's The Potter"

Key Verses: Rom 9:19-26; Job 42:5-6; 1 Thess 5:16-18;
Isa 6:1-5; Rom 12:1-21

"Broken Vessels" (Grace Cain, on tape)

On The Lite Side:

"Do you believe in life after death?" the boss asked one of his employees. "Yes, Sir," the new employee replied. "Well then, that makes everything just fine," the boss went on. "After you left early yesterday to go to your grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you."