



“PENCILING IN” GOD

“Yet the news about Him spread all the more, so crowds of people came to hear Him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.” (Luke 5:15, 16)

The struggle to schedule appointments with each other is constant. We “pencil in” dates in advance just to erase them and put in more “urgent” items. We are constantly bumping into people but never stopping to develop the strong ties of personal relationships.

In my own life, I have watched myself even have a tendency to “pencil in” God. He seems always to be pushed to the bottom of the “to do” list, a place where I rarely arrive in my daily journeys.

I excuse my lack of relationship with God with all the standard comments. I have to serve people, and one never knows when people need to be served or I need some time to myself to relax so I can do a better job. I am helplessly struggling against the gravitational pull of a “black hole” which viciously swallows my time.

Constantly overwhelmed by these feelings, I am always fascinated by Jesus’ lifestyle. He had more demands on His time than I will ever experience. People were constantly coming to be healed. The Pharisees were always trying to

ensnare Him with questions. The disciples were constantly confused or getting in trouble.

Yes, Jesus always had a significant amount of time for God.

Especially in the Gospel of Luke, we see Jesus spending much time in prayer to God. In Luke 4, He leaves the masses at daybreak to pray. In Luke 5, the writer says that He often withdrew to pray. In Chapter 6, we are told that He spent the whole night praying. The transfiguration even occurred during a time of prayer.

I have not yet developed the ability to pray all night. I am encouraged, however, by a busy Savior who always had time for God. Hopefully, His example will encourage me to use my time more wisely instead of just wishing I had more time in my schedule.

Two mistakes I have identified in my own life may be helpful to you in your effort to make more time for God.

Mistakes of Concentration. — the lunch meeting lasting thirty minutes longer than the business warrants...the phone call stretching on to meaningless chit-chat...the newspaper that takes forty-five minutes to read or the acceptance of too many outside projects that distract from primary task. We must remember that we hold the keys to our time. We must not let disorganized organization use it.

Mistakes of Delegation—We often think that our shoulders are much broader than they really are. There is a multitude of people who can do many things we think **urgent**. Many are just waiting for the opportunity to help.

We can have more time for God and, at the same time, be more productive. To do so, we must constantly be evaluating the use of our time. The results are worth the effort.

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R&B YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Sunday Mornings: Revolutionary Jesus

Wednesday Evenings: Burning Questions

Youth Devotional Tonight! Food, fun, friends, and time to re-focus on God! Invite your friends—this is a great chance for us to reach out!

Rockwall and Brin Hosts the Summer Youth Series! Monday, August 2, 7:30-8:30pm. We are anticipating around 170 youth and adults will be here to share songs, hear a devotional talk, and eat ice cream sundaes. **What we need from you: 10-15 adults to chaperone/serve ice cream. Also, we need you to supply the sundae toppings. A sign up sheet is located in the foyer on the Youth and Children’s Table. We’re excited to host the Summer Youth Series!**

Halo Night! This Thursday, 7:00-9:00pm in the youth room. We’ll hook the Xbox’s up to the projector and have some serious Halo action. Talk to David Taylor for more information.

NETkids Camp, August 8-12. Staff will leave at 5:00pm Saturday evening, kids will leave at 1:30pm on Sunday from the Church Building. We will return around noon on Thursday. We’re looking forward to a great camp session! David will have information forms for you very soon.

End-of-Summer Lock-In. August 13-14 (Friday night-Saturday morning) in Commerce. The NET-SYS group has rented out the ET A&M Rec Center, and we’ll have a great night of games and fellowship! Cost is \$15.00 per person.

Children’s Promotion, Sunday, August 22, 9:00am

Summer Youth and Children’s Calendars are located on the Youth and Children’s Table in the Foyer!

All Youth and Children’s information is now located on the “Youth Table” by the water fountain in the foyer. Please stop by and pick up calendars, info sheets, and keep up with what’s going on!

ONGOING & UPCOMING EVENTS:

Quilting Class - Tuesday - 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Share Center - Stock on Wed. - Open on Thursday

Wednesday Night Meals @ 5:45 - \$3 per person/

\$7 per family

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TODAY, FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CHILDREN ASSOCIATED WITH THE SHARE CENTER.

BIBLE 101

Today, we will begin a weekly Bible study for those who have little to no knowledge of the Bible, or have fundamental questions about Christianity. This discussion will take place at the church office (the yellow building directly North of the church) at 4:00pm, and will be facilitated by David Chisholm.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

We will have a congregational meeting on August 15th following a brief devotional 5PM.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP:

Keith & Joyce Feerer

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Joyce’s cell 972-672-1293

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL SUCCESS!

Last Wednesday night we had 92 eat the evening meal at 5:45 PM. This week we will have catfish, hush puppies, fries, cole slaw & cobbler.

SIGN UP THIS MORNING!

See you at 5:45 and for Bible Class at 7:00 p.m.