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Do We Have to Give Up Our Dreams?

By Michelle Painter

I heard a surprising comment indicating that home educating meant that we, as mothers and fathers, had to sacrifice our own dreams to provide the home schooling opportunity to our children. Since that time, I have pondered the question, "Does home schooling *really* mean we have to give up our dreams?" So, in examining this issue, I sought answers from the Bible. Here are four important revelations that encouraged my own spirit regarding any former dreams of my own. I pray that they encourage you as well.

1. Align completely with God's plans. Be sure that your "dreams" are also the dreams that God has planned for you. If you are home educating with the nagging thought of all the self-designed dreams that you have sacrificed, then you are missing out on a multitude of blessings. Having a "God-focus" provides the best dreams of all for you and your family.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. [Jeremiah 29:11](#)

2. Claim contentment. God is the one who has given you the perfect gifts of the exact children that you have. God is the one who blessed you with a calling you to home educated them. Both of these and so much more are God's perfection planned just for you! He knows best of all exactly what we need and exactly when we need it. Our contentment suffers when we think we know better.

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Home Court Advantage Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday, Sept. 26th, 6:30 PM
WHERE: Olive Garden Restaurant
5743 Johnston St.
Lafayette, LA 70529

Home Court Advantage Meetings are a chance for mom's to come together to discuss home school topics. We talk about struggles and challenges that we have faced, and also bring encouragement, especially from those who have been home schooling for a long time. We usually share a scripture or two to go along with our topic for the night. Nursing infants are welcome. Join us to get your 2017-18 Home school questions answered. We would love to see you there! Home Court Advantage is a CHEF of Lafayette members only activity. However, member moms can invite a friend to attend the monthly gatherings.

RSVP with Monica Gauthreaux (337) 207-0738
monicagaux@bellsouth.net



September Field Trip

What: "Recipe for Fun"

When: Tuesday, Sept. 12,
1:30 – 3:30 pm

Where: LSU Ag Center
415 Providence Street
New Iberia, LA 70560

RSVP: Fri., Sept. 8, 2017 (Please list number of adults
& number of children attending, along with a
contact number.)

Cost: Free

Contact Person: Laura Horn

[337-394-8919](tel:337-394-8919) or laurashorn@hotmail.com

Description: A hands-on workshop presented by Area Nutrition Agent Ms. Mandy Armentor. Workshop will guide the children and adults in following recipes, actually cooking, eating, and washing the dishes. Everything provided: bowls, cutting boards, measuring cups, ingredients, oven, stove, sink,... and a lesson in hand washing and measurement 101.



Monthly Park Day Gatherings

Join us at Thomas Park, the 1st and 3rd
Friday of this month, for fellowship and
play! Don't forget snacks and water for
the little ones. Meet by the playground.

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 1st and Sept. 15th

TIME: 2:30 – 5:00 PM

WHERE: Thomas Park, 300 Geraldine Dr.,
Lafayette, LA 70503



CHEF Field Trip

Unitech Training Academy – August 25, 2017



Missions

(Teaching our children God's great commission)



In Matt. 28:19, Jesus commands us to "make Disciples of all nations".

Please join us at 9:45 am on Tuesday, Sept. 19th to bless the residents at Cornerstone Village, 103 W. Martial Ave., Lafayette. We will join/assist in craft time with the residents. Children are welcome to recite scripture, play the piano, perform a song or read a poem. RSVP Laura Gavlas – 303-667-8607 or LauraGavlas@gmail.com

CHEF Co-op Learning

The CHEF Co-op will be starting

WHEN: Wednesday September 6th

10 am – 12:30 pm for 10 weeks

WHERE: Open Door – 1709 Dulles – Lafayette, LA

We will be teaching Geography and country studies in one session and plants and aquatic animals in the second. We would like to separate younger (5-8 years old) and older (over 8 years old) children but it depends on how many people we have joining the group. The cost is \$10 per family which we will donate to the church for the use of their venue. For younger children we will be using this book which you will need to purchase ahead of time:

[Around the World Coloring Book \(Dover History Coloring Book\)](#)

https://www.amazon.com/dp/0486439836/ref=cm_sw_r_sms_c_api_dy3OzbHSDZ7GP

And for the older children this book: [Travel Dreams Fun-Schooling Journal: 30 Fascinating Cities – An Adventurous Approach...](#)

https://www.amazon.com/dp/1530091241/ref=cm_sw_r_sms_c_api_Tz3Ozb5N88TTH

Contact Jenni Lawrie to reserve your spot ASAP
337-258-3840 or jenlawrie@gmail.com

The Art of Non-Newtonian Fluids

Submitted by Ethan Horn, Age 18, Grade 12

This project, as I have found it, is one that can be enjoyed by all. It is easy to do and is rather messy so you will need a non-porous surface such as a plastic or metal tray. Carpet = no, no.

A Non-Newtonian fluid is any fluid that is not dependent on temperature for its viscosity. While the viscosity of a fluid is its ability to resist a shear force. "Oobleck" is an excellent example of matter in such a state, however almost any starch suspension will work well enough.

Let's make some Oobleck.

You will need:

A medium sized bowl

9 Tbs. of corn starch

6 Tbs. of water

A spoon (any tool to stir your mixture will do)

And a mind that is engaged towards science.

First take your bowl and pour in the starch, next stir the dry starch while pouring in the water. *Remember adding more starch will make it harder, while adding water will make it thinner.*

Notice how the suspension looks like a liquid, when it is relaxed, but as soon as it is disturbed it turns into a solid. As long as the force is constant it will remain a solid. Try poking it with your finger. Anything happened? Try tapping it. How about that time? Ask a parent to cut it with a butter knife. What happened then? Be creative; try to make your own experiments.

Now for the science.

All liquid forming molecules will expose signs of friction upon contact with another surface, therefore moving the top layer of the liquid. This in turn will move the next, which experiences a force in the opposite direction by the next, and so on. If it is dependent on the temperature then it is a Newtonian fluid. If it is not dependent on the temperature it is a Non-Newtonian fluid. Can you guess who figured this out? That's right, Mr. Johann Bernoulli. He is also famous for the equation $P + q = P_0$ (static pressure + dynamic pressure = total pressure) (*simplified*) which is used in a common hydraulic jack. However this substance is not of a normal nature. It is a Non-Newtonian fluid therefore explaining the reason for its tendency to build up and form a solid when stressed.

For those who wish to venture forth, the Chemical composition of this starch is about a third amylose polymer while the rest is usually amylopectin. Its formula is $C_{27}H_{48}O_{20}$. Notice how it has two oxygen molecules that are willing to share with another atom, thus the reason why it mixes well with water.

As for high school students, always do research on any scientific experiment to further your education and to enrich your abilities towards common sense.

Do Not Put In Garbage Disposal For It Might Cause Damage To Machine. As said before, it can be messy, but can be washed out of hair with soap and water. It also helps to have a bowl of water and a towel to rinse and dry off hands in between testing.

"He made you special, and he loves you very much."
Veggie Tales



For I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. [Philippians 4:11](#)

3. Seek God's wisdom. If you feel like you are clueless... join the club. What home school mom hasn't felt clueless from time to time? We can educate ourselves by reading a million books, going to a billion seminars, meeting with a trillion support groups, etc., etc., etc. However, if we have done all of these and **not first sought God's wisdom**, then we will still be clueless in the long run.

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. [James 1:5](#)

4. Have faith. No matter how challenging, no matter how exhausting, no matter how monotonous, no matter how overwhelming, no matter any of the multitudes of excuses that we can come up with, God provided the hope we have by choosing to home educate our children... we must simply have faith that He will see us through!

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. [Hebrews 11:1](#)

Does choosing to home school mean we have to give up our dreams? I don't believe that it does at all. In fact, following God's calling to home school has showered me with realities better than any dreams I could have ever imagined before. He has generously supplied all the contentment, wisdom, patience, and every need of my heart when I keep my focus wholly on Him. He has astonished me with so many, many blessings that were previously undreamt of before embarking on this challenging, rewarding, privileged, God-led journey. I pray that you, too, will allow Him to fill you to overflowing with His absolute best!

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SEPTEMBER IN HISTORY

Submitted by: Donte' Gauthreaux, age 14, 9th grade

September 2, 31 B.C. - Roman legions under Augustus Caesar defeated Mark Anthony's naval force at Actium. Fun fact: Augustus Caesar was the emperor of Rome when Jesus was born; he lived from 63 B.C. to A.D. 27.

September 5, 1774 - The First Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia with 56 delegates, representing every colony, except Georgia. Attendants included Patrick Henry, George Washington, Sam Adams and John Hancock. The Second Continental Congress managed the Colonial war effort and moved incrementally towards independence, adopting the **United States Declaration of Independence** on July 4, 1776.

BirthDay - British scientist [Michael Faraday](#) (1791-1867) was born September 22 in Surrey, England. His discovery of electromagnetic induction proved that moving a magnet through a coil of wire produces a current, resulting in the development of electric generators.

September 8, 1883 - The transcontinental Northern Pacific Railroad across the U.S. was completed and was (now, this is cool and entirely coincidental) 1776 miles long. It began in Iowa on an already existing rail system, and three private and separate companies cooperated together on the construction.

BirthDay- Wild West legend Jesse James (1847-1882) was born September 5th in Centerville, Missouri. Following the American [Civil War](#), Jesse and his brother Frank formed a group of outlaws, robbing banks, trains, stagecoaches and stores. In 1882, after the governor of Missouri offered a \$10,000 reward for their capture dead or alive, a member of the gang shot and killed him, and claimed the reward. Remember, crime might appear fun, but it always ends in betrayal, death, or imprisonment, literally or figuratively; and inevitably, eternal hell.

September 12, 1990 - A treaty was signed by East and West Germany and the Allies of World War II allowing for the restoration of sovereignty to a re-unified Germany.

September 11, 2001 - The worst terrorist attack in U.S. history occurred as four large passenger jets were hijacked then crashed, killing nearly 3,000 persons.

Etcetera

September Birthdays

Collin Guidry – 5th

Ross Little – 5th

Seaneen Hebert – 6th

John Ward – 7th

Sunshine Minnich – 10th

Ann Julee Minnich – 11th

Paige Hamilton – 17th

Jessica Ward – 21st

Roy Cuthkelvin – 23rd

Aiyana Thompson – 24th

Vincent Karaba – 25th

Philip Greig – 26th

Shelbie Rogers – 27th

Celeste Greig – 27th



September Anniversary

Dennis & Tammy Breaux – 9th



Important September Upcoming Dates

Park Day Gatherings - 09/01, 09/15, 2:30-5:00 pm

CHEF Co-op Learning Begins – 09/06, 10 – 12:30 pm

Field Trip – Recipe for Fun – 09/12, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Missions – Nursing Home Visit – 09/19, 10:45 am

Homeschool Mom's Connection – 09/26, 6:30 pm



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