



Over the course of human history there are events that just simply change things. For me, that happened September 11, 2001. I was a junior in college running late for class. As I entered the classroom the professor was not at the blackboard as usual, but sitting with a bunch of students watching a TV running the news. For those of us who lived through such times all it takes is a single question, and we are taken back to that very moment. Where were you when the towers fell?

Even through tragedies, hope can be found. There seemed to be a kind of unity in this country I never had seen before. We saw the selflessness of those First Responders who headed into the blaze as others ran out. Countless others lined up to donate blood, and volunteers from across this nation gave their time and resources to clean up and help rebuild. Even our church pews felt tighter than they had in years. In time, however, the momentum of these events would begin to wain. The constant cloud of wars and human suffering on the nightly news seemed to numb us to the misery of others. Our country either grew tried or worse became apathetic to the plight of our neighbors around the world.

As I think about this event I am reminded of the story of Esther. We probably have more in common with Esther and her world than we care to admit. She was an alien in a foreign land, but for whatever reason was blessed with a seat of influence. Unfortunately, she was also faced with a heavy burden. She had to make a choice between a privileged life with a guarantee of security and risking it all to stand for God. As Christians in America, we too, have to make a choice. We can quietly worship in our sanctuaries, keep our beliefs to ourselves, and go about our way making an honest living. Nothing about that sounds inherently wrong. This is however, the same life Esther could have chosen for herself, but she didn't. She chose to use her seat of influence and resources to make a difference. To stand up for those who were being persecuted and oppressed, for the outcast of society, and the least among us. As citizens of this great country we have been blessed with an incredible seat of influence that can shape our entire world. "For if you remain silent at a time such as this relief and deliverance will come..."but will we be a part of it?



AWANA:

Well, as I say goodbye to summer, I anticipate our Fall schedule. I always look forward to something new happening. Kids Kamp is a memory and now Awana occupies my time. I am always looking for ways to make Awana easier and more fulfilling for my volunteers. I

feel this will be our best year yet! If you wish to help out in any way, please contact me. We can always use more adults working with these children. For so many of them, Awana is their only church experience! Come be a part of sharing Jesus with these children.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

I want to let you know about an exciting event on September 11. This is called a Full Circle Event and will take place at Southcrest Baptist Church in Lubbock at 7:30pm with a reception to follow. A young girl name Yuliya will be giving her testimony about receiving a shoebox and how the Lord worked in her life through her box. This is a free event, they are just wanting people to join in the celebration of what the Lord has done with just one box! If we have enough interest, we can take a church vehicle. Let me know if you want to go!

Remember as you start shopping for your shoebox gifts, I have a LOT of items in the nursery that I saved from our last Awana store. Come by and use as many items as you need to fill your shoeboxes. I still have some cardboard boxes left from last year if you need one. If anyone wants to pay for shipping, I can fill the boxes for you. Shipping this year is \$9.00 per box.

SEPTEMBER

**We will not have an evening service
September 3**

Labor Day
September 4– Office Closed

Deacons' Meeting
September 10 @ 5:00 pm

Mary Hill Davis Week of Prayer
I Am Texas Missions
September 10-17
Church goal:\$1,000.00

Ladies Night @ Main Street Pizza
September 12
Van will leave church at 5:45 pm

Food Bank Delivery
September 18

See You At The Pole
September 27



There are so many people I need to thank for making Kids Kamp successful again! Each and every one of you that helped with any part of Kids Kamp are so important: from the very first planning meeting to the evaluation meeting, the Sunday night prep workers, sponsors, night sponsors, junior sponsors, all of the workers in craft, Bible study, music, at the pool, snack shacks, media team, H2O patrol, hamburger cookers, invitation counselors, trolley drivers, nurses, towel washers, follow up team, luggage handlers, and everyone that came to the camp to just help where ever needed! This year we registered 223 kids. We had 10 salvation decisions, several other decisions and rededications, and lots of prayer requests. I am sincerely grateful for *every one of you* that took time out of your busy schedules to help minister to the kids. You are truly a blessing to Kids Kamp!

Jana

**WEDNESDAY
ACTIVITIES**

All Wednesday activities will begin September 6. A meal will be served at 5:50 for those attending evening activities. The charge is \$2 per person. We need an RSVP by the Friday before each week. There is also a standing RSVP list if you plan to attend each week. You can call the office 983-3755 or use this form on the website <http://fbcfloydada.org/rsvp-wednesday-night-meal>

Monthly Report

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| July | \$56,224.57 |
| Amount needed each month: | \$58,378.33 |
| YTD | \$343,188.78 |

