



# THE ANCHOR

“so we do not drift away”

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## *A Heart Condition...*

When the house next door to the church, 414 East Calvert, came up for sale I had no idea how God had plans to use a simple house to teach and bless His people: plans to teach us about faith in trusting God and blessing us with not just a property to use for the kingdom, but with a chance to see how He works when His people are obedient. Let me give you a brief history lesson of what has transpired with the 414 Project that I might glorify God for all He's done and that we all might revel in the joy He gives us when we are obedient.

The Long Range Planning committee had been considering possibilities of how the church might grow as we are in a space crunch for both Sunday School and fellowship space, not to mention in need of some seriously updated bathrooms. During this discussion, the 414 house came up for sale. After prayer, the committee felt like they should advise the church to look into purchasing the property. This was announced, and the church prayed about the idea and got ready to talk about it at business meeting. In a show of God's direction, there was great unity in the body as the entire congregation voted to go ahead with purchasing the house, empowering the deacons to make an offer.

The deacons made an offer the next day for the full asking price of \$60,000 which was accepted, and the 414 house was closed on in July. Now the only question was how to pay for the house. Again, after five weeks of prayer the church got together, and after some discussion, in unison again agreed that God was leading us to ask church members to give. So the call was put out for people to pray as individuals and families for the amount God would have them give above and beyond their tithe, and then to bring that money on August 22 and give it as an offering. Along the way many people from far away gave what God laid on their heart, as well as young ones close to home who felt led to empty piggy banks for the offering. As the day of the offering came, \$36,290 had already been given towards the \$60,000. How would God's people respond?

The amount that was given for God's kingdom last Sunday? \$29,009.11. That's right, God didn't put it on our hearts to give just the actual price, but 109% of the price. The total amount given was \$65,299.11! How good God has been and how faithful! He put it on our hearts to purchase the house, He led us to pay for it through an offering, and He led us to give above and beyond that we might know how good He is. Let us glorify Him for what He did that people might know and talk about what God is doing, and as we glorify Him, let us be filled with joy.

Now for the exciting part, God has blessed us for our obedience, and as we continue to follow, I believe we have just started to see the outpouring He desires to give us: in lives saved, in the Gospel being spread, in people becoming disciples instead of pew-sitters... What does God have in store for us next? I hope you're excited and praying for what God wants us to focus on next. Hmmm, maybe we should think about Africa...

## **Weekly Schedule**

### Sunday:

SS	9:45
Worship	11:00
FBCU	6:00
Youth	6:00

### Wednesday:

Prayer Meeting 6:30

## Prayer List



Spiritual Growth  
Unity as a church  
The 414 Project  
Africa Trip  
Youth/Children's  
Minister

## **Monthly Memory Verse:**

*Now to Him who  
is able to do far  
more abundantly  
than all that we  
ask or think,  
according to the  
power that is at  
work within us, to  
Him be the glory  
in the church and  
in Christ Jesus.*

*Ephesians 3:20-21*



**Sound Bytes**

*I [Jesus] made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them. - John 17:26*

It's funny how God continually shapes us into His image through all different means. It seems that once we feel we have a handle on an issue we've been dealing with, the Holy Spirit will convict us of another area that we were completely unaware of and yet still in desperate need of grace and salvation from.

Jesus used a friend of mine to point out one such area not too long ago. I was completely in the wrong with how I had handled a situation and I ended up damaging a relationship. Fortunately, I had it pointed out to me before the situation had gone too far and I was able to reconcile with the person, but it brought to light the fact that I don't always treat people the way Christ has taught me to.

As a child, I always thought of the end of summer in terms of myself. The first day of school was always filled with an excitement for the new closely followed by a fear of that same new, but I never thought about the teachers. Did they feel that same anticipation I experienced? I always assumed it was just another normal day for them.

Fast forward a few years. My mom went back to teaching, and I am now a teacher's wife. I have a whole new perspective on the first day of school. Teachers do experience stress, excitement, sadness for the lost summer months, and some are nervous too. They put aside their jitters in order to start the year with a fresh mind filled with creative ideas.

This year as we tick the days off the month of September, remember to continue praying for the people who are in contact with your children most of the day. Teachers have a big responsibility. They need your prayers for patience, kindness, creativity, energy, a Godly perspective, and knowledge of their subject.

I also pray that list for myself. As a parent I too am a teacher even though it is not a paying job. God has given me a great responsibility to teach my child daily. I pray His wisdom daily to train my child in his ways. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." That is a great promise I can cling to when it becomes hard for me to be the parent God asks me to be.

~Kayla Jones



It's very easy to get up in front of people each week and sing or play for myself, but if I'm not doing it first to God's glory and second to lead others to a place where they can worship the Most High God, then it doesn't really matter what style I'm singing or what music we're doing because the One who really matters isn't involved. I hope that you are involved in whatever music we do anytime that we as a body get together. I hope that I am used as a conduit for the Holy Spirit to speak truth into your life through song.

The bottom line is that in anything I do, I always need to reflect the love that Jesus has loved me with so that there would never be a question of whether or not He is in me.

Just a few closing announcements: 1)The hymn list is coming, but I wanted to give a little more opportunity to get them to me. 2) Please don't forget about our choir practice on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> after FBC University. If you're interested in doing anything with the Christmas Cantata this year, that would be an excellent practice to be involved in. 3) If you would like to sing a special, let me know so I can put you on the schedule.

~Nathan Jones

The WMU would like to invite you to be a part of the Week of Prayer for Texas



Mission and the Mary Hill Davis offering. It is Sept. 12-19, 2010. The theme for this year is "Called to Care," and the scripture is 2 Cor. 5:14, "For Christ's love compels us." We will be having our study program on Tuesday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 with special speaker Jill Roberson from the South Texas Children's Home.

God calls us to care, and Christ's love for us leaves us no choice but to reflect His love to others. He doesn't call us to love for just a moment but rather for eternity. God calls us to love like Jesus; and then like an unbroken circle, love results in caring. As Christ's love compels us to care, to act, to pray, and to give, we can touch lives around us. Together we can touch a whole state, our state, Texas.

~LaVon Johnson

**Announcements & Upcoming Events**

- \*\* There will be a church yard sale on Sat., Sept 4<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your donations to the church. We are storing all donations in the Cubbie Room. All proceeds go towards the Africa Mission Trip.
- \*\* Awanas starts Sept. 15 at 6:00. Invite your neighbors, volunteer in a class, and bring your kids.

# Kid track-

From the Mouths of Babes...

What excites you about the beginning of the school year?

“Seeing all the Teachers” ~ Tyler Gonzales

“Playing at Recess” ~ Landri Cornelius

“Art Class” ~ Jentri Cornelius

“Doing Math Stuff” ~ Haleigh Kunschik

“Recess, I would say Gym but we don’t have a Gym” ~ Madison Clubb

Please be praying for our kids as they return to school. Pray for their spiritual growth as well as their intellectual growth in this new school year.



## YOUTH FACTS

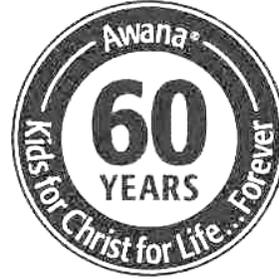
Wow! It is hard to believe that school has already started back up again. Last month we invited the new 7th grade students into the youth group, and we are looking to see how the youth group grows and changes this year.

In July the youth group participated in the spiritual gifts class with the adults. We all enjoyed seeing how God has gifted us and how we can use those gifts to glorify Him. This month we will be back to our normal schedule. We will be meeting on Sunday nights at 6:00 until 7:30 for games, singing, food, and a lesson. Come and bring your friends.

Lastly, I just wanted to remind all the youth that See You At The Pole is on September 22 this year. I encourage all of you to meet with your fellow students to pray for each other and your school that morning.  
~Kayla Jones

### Stewardship

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Received</u>
Month:	11,705.14	15,894.79
Year:	93,641.12	116,309.11



I found this information on the Awana web site – *Each week, more than one million children and youth and 250,000 volunteers worldwide participate in Awana. Over 19,000 churches and 100 denominations conduct Awana programs. We have nearly doubled our influence globally in the last 10 years. There are more than 12,000 local-church Awana programs in the U.S. and nearly 7,000 in 101 countries throughout the world.*

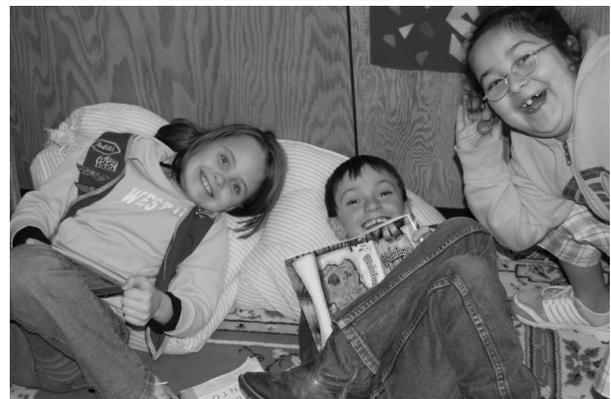
Wow, we really are part of something HUGE. As we start our twelfth year in the Awana program (and it is Awana not AWANA), we have seen the growth that they speak of in our own program. We are literally bursting at seams; which is an awesome thing. With this growth comes the need for more volunteers. We can always use more help and would love to discuss the program with you. The official Awana Conference is September 11 in Garden Ridge; please let us know ASAP if you plan to attend.

We will have an information/registration table setup at the Church Picnic. Our first club meeting is on September 15, with supper served from 5:30 to 5:45 (so please be prompt) and our meeting starting at 6:00 PM. This first meeting is more of a meet and greet/ orientation session with fun and games thrown in for good measure.

As the Awana program celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> year, let us all be **Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed** (Awana), as we work with our children.

Cathie Griffin

Awana Commander ~ FBC KC



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## **September Birthdays**

6– Wayne Wishert

8– Charles E Brown

8– Karissa Davis

8– Eric Gilley

9– John White

12– Kevin McCarley

14– Lorraine Gilley

17– Stacey Martin

17– Joe Weigang

23– Travis Tessman

25– Austen Camber

25– Susan Wishert

