



# Yea! Summer is Over!

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Although the days are still hot, I smile as I watch the school bus drive by my house each morning. Summer vacation is over and school is back in session. Yea!!! It has been a terrific summer of new experiences and drama (good and bad) but now we can all settle into a routine that brings order to our lives. This is my favorite time of year! It kind of feels like a summer hangover or something (not that I know what a hangover feels like...). Over Labor Day weekend, I found myself sleeping late, waking for a meal then back to sleep in the chair for a nap until the next meal. I did accomplish a few needed tasks like mowing the lawn. I was glad the neighbors didn't join together in the street to applaud my effort since the grass was so ridiculously high.

## Here's the good and bad of summer 2013:

- Mission trip to East Asia and several children accepted Christ. (Amazing and eye-opening!)
- Started my Doctorial Studies for Children's Ministry. (I must be a nut case!)
- My computer was stolen. (Still whining about stuff I lost on that machine.)
- Speaking at events every week for 6 weeks- Last two weekends in Dallas. Michigan & Midland, TX Sept 13-17.
- Buying Shoes and Socks like a crazy man. (Might need and intervention or some steps-Ha!)
- My new children's book at the printer. (Should be released this fall.)

## There are many new things starting now:

- Promotion Day kicked-off with 435 kids. (Wow! Need more workers!)
- Still enlisting workers for Sunday Morning (Need more workers!)
- Wednesday night Kicked-off (Quail Kids). We use Bible Skills, Drills and Thrills (T-shirt was printed wrong).
- Church Weekday started this week (It was fun to watch parents crying while kids played.)

## Checklist right now! Have you done these things yet?

- Equip Classrooms
- Clean out Resource Rooms
- Update all class rolls and prospect lists
- Finish enlisting workers (including greeters, subs and list of rescue workers)
- Send publicity about Wednesday night programs
- Next summer dates ready to be calendared and confirmed
- New Christians Class for kids
- First Grade Bible Presentation scheduled
- Upwards Basketball enrollment
- Faster than the Pastor 5K Run (Kids Fun Run) [https://www.eco-xsports.com/register/event.php?event\\_id=18](https://www.eco-xsports.com/register/event.php?event_id=18)
- Light the Night- Halloween Alternative
- Order Christmas Missions Material

