



By God's grace we seek to make Christian disciples who by God's grace will make Christian disciples.

Dear Mom or Dad,

We are glad to have your child attend our Awana Club on Wednesday nights. If you have other children, they too are invited to one of our Awana Clubs.

### **Our Awana Clubs are:**

**Sparks: Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade.**

**Truth and Training (T&T): 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.**

All clubs and programs meet weekly on **Wednesday evenings, 5:45 P.M. – 7:20 P.M.** Our Awana clubs are part of thousands of Awana Clubs in churches around the world. These church-based, community clubs are open to all youth and have children attending from many different faiths and churches. While your child is not required to attend the functions of our church, all our church services and opportunities are available to your family.

An Awana club meeting consists of Handbook (achievement) time, Game time, Green Meadow Time for Sparks and Council (Bible story) Time for T & T. While the church supplies our facilities and equipment, each clubber should bring 25 cents weekly dues to help defray the cost of awards and supplies. We ask that you not pay your child's due for the entire year at one time. We encourage children to be responsible and bring their dues each week to earn a point towards their AWANA bucks.

Your child has brought home an entrance booklet, which is the first step in Awana achievement. We hope you will help your child complete this booklet in the next three weeks. After completing the entrance booklet, your child is eligible to earn more awards as member of his or her Awana Club. We want to work with you in providing balanced physical, social, mental, and spiritual activities for your child.

We invite you to join us each week at **7:20 PM for the closing ceremony**, and ask that you **please pick your children up from the Sanctuary promptly by 7:25 PM.**

If you do not have a church home, we invite you to visit our church!

Bible Study: Sundays, 9:15 A.M. and 6:00 PM

Worship Service: Sundays, 10:30 A.M.

Awana: Wednesdays, 5:45 – 7:20 P.M.

Ladies Bible Study: Thursdays, 9:30 AM and 6:30 PM

Men's Prayer Breakfast: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, 7:00 A.M.

Small Groups: Please call the church office, 972.542.1032 for more information.

Building Live Together,

Awana Leaders



Awana is an international, nondenominational, Bible-centered youth organization providing weekday clubs and programs for three-year-olds through high schoolers.

The acronym Awana comes from the first letters of the phrase:

**A**pproved

**W**orkmen

**A**re

**N**ot

**A**shamed (2 Timothy 2:15)

Awana exists to reach children and youth with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him. The priorities of Awana also include reaching parents and other family members with the gospel and training adults to minister to youth.

## **T & T**

**T & T** stands for **Truth & Training**. Truth & Training is an evangelistic and discipleship program that teaches Scripture memory, emphasizes Bible memorization, Bible-centered achievements, basic Bible truths and real-life application within the physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual parameters of the third- through sixth-grade child.

## **Sparks**

The club for kindergartners through second-graders that emphasizes Bible memorization and Bible – centered activities.

## **What Makes Awana Unique?**

### **Message**

The heart of Awana is the gospel message – that Jesus Christ died for our sins and rose again.

Everyone is a sinner and deserves eternal punishment. Jesus Christ, God's Son, paid the penalty for our sin when He was crucified on the cross and rose from the dead. If we trust Jesus Christ our Savior, we receive God's gift of eternal life in heaven.

Once we trust Jesus Christ as our Savior, we can never lose our salvation.

### **Memorization**

Awana believes that memorizing and understanding the Bible is vital. Studying and memorizing God's Word are keys to winning the battle against sin,

### **Motivation**

**Games** – Each night of club includes an exciting Game Time that attracts clubbers and keeps them coming back.

**Awards** – Awana offers a two-level award system that motivates clubbers to achieve.

1. Individual awards are earned through handbook achievements.
2. Weekly awards are earned by team members through accomplishments in handbooks and Games Time and by proper behavior throughout the club meeting.



## AWANA CLUB STANDARDS

1. Doors open to clubbers at 5:40 P.M. Clubbers should go directly to the Sanctuary upon arrival. **Club starts promptly at 5:45 P.M. and ends at 7:20 P.M.**
2. Respectful language is expected before, during, and after club.
3. Care and respect should be shown for church property.
4. Pushing, shoving, and roughhousing are not allowed.
5. Running is allowed only during Game Time.
6. Leader supervision is required for clubbers at all times. Children may not enter the church office, kitchen, or other areas and rooms of the church without leader supervision.
7. Chewing gum should be left at home and not brought to club.
8. Clubbers should wear shoes appropriate for running to be able to fully participate in the Awana games. Flip-flops, backless sandals and shoes, and high heels should not be worn to Awana meetings.
9. At times the Commander, Director, or Leader in charge will begin counting from one to five. By the time number five is reached, each clubber is expected to be waiting quietly for instructions for the next activity. In Awana, leader and clubbers are taught to respect the “five-count”.
10. The “three-count” will be utilized for individuals not following club behavior standards. If a clubber receives three warnings in one meeting, he or she will be sent home for the night. Clubbers who have received a “three-count” and are sent home may return to club in the future if they agree to abide by club rules. The Commander will determine whether the clubber will serve a one- or two-week suspension from club. Two or more leader will take clubbers showing disruptive behavior home from club.
11. Uniforms may be purchased when clubbers have completed their entrance booklet. Upon receiving the uniform, the clubber should wear it to every regular Awana meeting
12. If a clubber should lose his/her handbook, the parent/guardian will be charged the full cost for a replacement book, and the clubber will be expected to start back at the beginning of the book.
13. Clubbers may only receive earned awards if they are in uniform during the Awana meeting, and are on time for the award ceremony.
14. Clubbers must pass sections in one session. A maximum of two helps per section is allowed. Normally, only five sections may be passed in one club meeting.
15. Awana clubbers are expected to address workers respectfully—Mr., Mrs., or Miss.
16. Awana clubbers are encouraged to regularly attend club and Sunday School.
17. Game Time is a privilege. In cases of extreme disorderliness, the Commander or Director may revoke it for a night.
18. Each clubber is expected to bring 25 cents for dues each week. These dues are used to purchase awards and supplies.
19. Children must **remain in the Sanctuary** after the closing ceremony until parent/guardian picks them up.
20. Parents are encouraged to attend the closing at 7:20 P.M. **Parents must pick up their children no later than 7:25 P.M. from the sanctuary.**