



Dear Awana Families,

Welcome to Awana! We're excited for your child to join us for a fun-filled Awana Program. Our main goal at Awana is to teach children **Biblical truths** (II Timothy 2:15) and help them build a strong foundation for life. We believe every child is special and that Awana helps them grow in their relationship with God, build self-esteem, and form good relationships with others through teamwork and individual achievements. We look forward to an amazing year!

Sincerely,
Melanie Webb
Awana Commander

Your Child's Awana Success: Key Tips

To help your child get the most out of Awana, please consider these simple tips:

- **Attend Regularly:** Consistent attendance helps your child stay engaged and progress.
- **Be Prepared:** Please ensure your child brings their handbook and bible each week.
- **Be On Time:** Arrive between **5:45-6:00 p.m.** Promptness helps us start smoothly.
- **Encourage:** Show interest in your child's accomplishments and help them review verses throughout the week.
- **Pick Up Promptly:** Please pick up your child promptly at **7:30 p.m.**

Important Dates - Mark your calendars for these key Awana dates:

- **Awana Begins:** September 23, 2026
- **Thanksgiving Break (No Awana):** Nov 25, 2026
- **Christmas Break (No Awana):** December 23 & 30, 2026
- **Awana Grand Prix:** February 24, 2027
- **Spring Break (No Awana)** April 7, 2027
- **Awana Closing Ceremony:** April 14, 2027

T&T (Truth & Training) Program (3rd-6th Grade)

T&T (Truth & Training) focuses on teaching kids the truth of who God is and training them to follow Him. It covers the basics of Christian faith, guiding kids to a deeper understanding of God's grace. Each year explores themes like God, the Bible, Jesus, and practical life application, all supported by corresponding memory verses.

Weekly, clubbers will use their handbooks to explore the Bible, memorize verses, and apply truths to everyday life. Small group time will include discussion and prayer.

Earning Awana Bucks & Store Nights

Awana Bucks are our way of rewarding participation and progress! Kids earn them for accomplishments and good behavior, then use them to "buy" prizes on Store Nights. Our goal is to motivate children, celebrate their achievements, and teach them about saving and earning in a positive environment.

How Your Child Can Earn Awana Bucks:

- **T&T Handbook Progress:**
 - **3 Bucks:** For each completed section (includes memorizing a verse and completing the "Explore" portion).
 - **1 Buck:** For completing a Silver section (extra credit).
 - **3 Bucks:** For completing a Gold section (extra credit).
 - **3 Bucks:** For reviewing sections they've already completed.
- **Bonus Bucks:**
 - **Theme Dress Up:** Get a BONUS BUCK for dressing up according to the weekly theme.
 - **Bringing Handbook + Bible:** Earn a BONUS BUCK for bringing both each week.
 - **Quiet Seat Bonus:** A BONUS BUCK for demonstrating good listening & kindness during small group time.

Working on Awana Memory Verses

Awana memory verses and songs are available on Spotify and Apple Music. Searching for "Awana" on either platform will reveal albums containing songs set to the weekly memory verses for different club levels (Cubbies, Sparks, and Truth & Training).

Materials & Costs

We don't want costs to prevent any child from participating. If expenses are a concern, please talk to your director.

T&T Price List:

- Handbook \$10.00
- Uniform Jersey *Optional* \$15.00
- **Payment Options:** Cash or Check can be given to Club Directors.
You can also pay online by scanning this QR Code



Check-In & Check-Out Procedures

Check-In (Starts 5:45 p.m.)

Programming begins at 6:00 p.m.

Please use our electronic system in the upstairs lobby or near the gym entrance. This prints a name tag for your child and a matching parent/guardian tag for pick-up.

- **Cubbies:** Room 235
- **Sparks & T&T:** Gym or Counsel Time Room

Check-Out (7:30 p.m.)

Parents/guardians should report directly to the Awana rooms to pick up clubbers using their parent sticker.

- **Cubbies:** Room 235
- **Sparks & T&T:** Gym

Awana Camp Scholarships

We celebrate handbook completion! Clubbers who finish their handbooks can earn camp scholarships. These scholarships are for the individual and are non-transferable. Scholarship money earned September 2026-April 2027 can only be used from May 2027-April 2028. Becky Verhoven (bverhoeven@fbcallegan.com) needs to be notified of camp plans. There will be a list of approved camp options included with the Scholarship Award Certificate.

T&T Scholarship Amounts:

- **\$125:** Completed Book (all memory verses + reviews & all Explore sections)

- **+\$50:** Completes all "Silvers" (extra credit)
- **+\$75:** Completes all "Golds" (extra credit)
- **\$400** is the total maximum award allowed. This also applies to Timothy Award recipients.

Awana Grand Prix

Our T&T clubbers get to design and race cars from wood blocks! Trophies are awarded for the fastest cars and best designs.

- **Take-Home Car Kits:** Available starting **December 16, 2026**.
Each child receives one free kit; additional kits are \$5.00. (Please read measurement requirements carefully!)
 - **Car Nights (Optional Help):**
 - Cutting/Sanding/Priming: January 13 & 20, 2027
 - Painting: January 27 & February 3, 2027
 - **Car Turn-In:** Cars can be turned in starting **February 3, 2027**.
All cars must be turned in by **February 10, 2027**, to race.
 - **Race Night: Wednesday, February 24, 2027, at 6:00 p.m.** in the gym. Family and friends are warmly welcome to cheer them on!
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Weather Updates

Cancellations due to bad weather will be posted on the **First Baptist Church Facebook page** and sent via **email**.

Group Attention: The "Call & Echo" Method

We use a simple "Call & Echo" method to get the group's attention quickly and respectfully.

How it works: A leader says a clear phrase and raises one hand. Everyone stops, freezes, raises their own hand, and loudly echoes the phrase. The leader waits for silence before continuing. All leaders model this, and we'll practice it often to build the habit.

Individual Discipline: Our 3-Step Plan

At Awana, we use a clear 3-Step Behavioral Plan to address misbehavior and keep parents informed, ensuring a positive environment for all.

- **Step 1: Warning** If a child isn't following a rule, their leader will calmly give a First Warning, reminding them of the rule. The child gets a choice: follow the rule or take a break. Leaders will track these warnings.
- **Step 2: Take a Break** If behavior continues, the child will "take a break" in a designated quiet zone for 5 minutes with a director. A "Behavioral Check-In Form" will be completed and given to you at pick-up, detailing the specific behavior.
- **Step 3: Parent Joins Next Awana Night** If a child receives two forms in one night or two in one month, a parent must attend the next Awana night with their child, staying in their small group. This helps us partner with you to support your child's success.

When Behavior Continues or is Severe:

- **Ongoing Issues:** If behavior doesn't improve (even with a parent present), we'll schedule a meeting with you to create a specific plan together.
- **Serious Incidents:** For dangerous behavior, harming others, or property damage, the child will be immediately sent home.

