



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ALLEGAN

Third - Fifth/Sixth Graders

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Dear Awana Families,

Thank you for allowing your child to come to our Awana Club. We hope your child has a great time with all the exciting activities our club has to offer!

The focus of Awana is to teach boys and girls Biblical truths and to be approved workers who are not ashamed. (II Timothy 2:15)

Our children are confronted with difficult decisions. Awana's Bible-based program seeks to establish them on a firm biblical foundation that will provide guidance for many of the challenges they face. Each clubber is very special to us and to God.

Awana provides an opportunity for your child to establish and grow in their relationship with God. Through team cooperation and individual achievement, Awana promotes the building of self-esteem and good relationships with others. By encouraging your child to complete handbook sections and by showing interest in their achievements you can make Awana an enjoyable experience.

We welcome your visits to club meetings and we look forward to an amazing year with your children!

Sincerely,

Nathan Smith
Awana Commander

How to help your child THRIVE in AWANA

Parents and Guardians are essential helpers in the enjoyment of Awana. Please consider the following tips in order to allow your child to get the most from his/her Club:

- Help your child to attend Awana every week.
- Make sure they wear their uniform and bring their handbooks each week.
- Be sure they arrive on time: 6:15-6:30 p.m. Promptness helps maintain good discipline.
- Attend all major events. Parents and guardians are always welcome to attend any club meeting.
- Pick up your child promptly at 8:00 p.m. All clubbers need to be picked up from their classroom by a parent/guardian.
- Always encourage your child. Children have more fun when their parents or guardians show interest in their accomplishments.
- Set aside a few minutes at bedtime, after dinner or Sunday afternoons to review your child's verses with them. Bible memorization is a great way to help children make good decisions later in life.



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T&T Song: Firmly Awana Stands

Firmly AWANA stands, led by the Lord's commands,
"Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed,"
Boys and girls for His service claimed!
Hail! AWANA! On the march for youth;
Hail! AWANA! Holding forth the truth.
Building lives on the Word of God AWANA stands!
Our Savior following with steps unflinching,
And love unaltering, His praise we sing,
His banner over us, in service glorious,
We'll fight victorious for Christ our King!
YOUTH ON THE MARCH.

T&T is the Awana program for kids in 3rd - 5th/6th grades. Truth and Training's curriculum teaches third to sixth graders the TRUTH of who God is and TRAINS them to share this truth as they follow Him. T&T focuses on the basics of the Christian faith and guides kids to a deeper understanding of God's grace. Each year of T&T contains lessons about God (Unit 1), the Bible (Unit 2), Jesus (Unit 3), Life Application (Unit 4), and corresponding memory verses.

Each week clubbers will use their book to guide them through activities to think about the Bible and apply it to everyday experiences. They will dive deeper into Scripture by looking up passages, memorizing verses, and seeing biblical truths repeated throughout Scripture. They will spend their small group time in discussion about their counsel time lesson and having a time of prayer together.

By saying memorization verses your clubber will earn T&T Awana bucks which can be used in the T&T store throughout the year. Your child can earn extra bucks by completing the "Small Group" section of their handbook at home each week as a part of their quiet time. They can also earn extra Camp Scholarship money and Awana bucks by completing the Silver and Gold sections of their handbook.

To ensure that your T&T member benefits from the evening club's activities could you please:

- Study with them between meetings, memorizing with your child is such an encouragement to them!
- Encourage your clubber to complete the Explore section of Bible Study for each section. This will help them learn more about their memory verse and work toward a camp scholarship.
- Have your clubber wear their T&T jersey to club each week and have fun with the dress-up themes.
*Jerseys may be purchased from T&T Directors.
- Be on time to drop them off and pick them up each week.

We look forward to this new year of T&T fun!

Materials and Costs: It is the desire of our church that no child be deprived of participation in Club because of costs. If you find that some of the expenses are too high for your family, feel free to talk to your director.

T&T Price List

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| Handbook | \$10.00 |
| Uniform Jersey | \$15.00 |

Payment Options: Cash or Check can be given to Club Directors or you can pay online by scanning this QR Code.



Check-In: Check-in starts at 6:15 p.m. When coming to Awana you will want to check your clubber in using our electronic check-in system located in the upstairs lobby or near the gym entrance. This will print you a sticker name tag for each child and a parent/guardian tag that you will use at Check Out. Your clubber should wear their sticker name tag throughout the evening. Sparks and T&T club members will check in with Awana Leaders at the downstairs check-in spot to get their points counted for the night.

Cubbies: Report to Room 235

Sparks & T&T: Report to the gym following Check In

Check Out: Check out starts at 8 p.m. At 8 pm parents/guardians should report to Awana rooms to pick up your clubbers using the parent sticker you received at check-in. Each room has an entrance door and exit door for pick up. This allows for parents and kids to easily flow through the room. All clubbers need to be picked up from their classroom by a parent/guardian.

Cubbies: Room 235

Sparks: Room 125

T&T: Room 126

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| Important Dates: | Awana Begins | September 20, 2023 |
| | Thanksgiving Break, No Awana | November 22, 2023 |
| | Christmas Break, No Awana | December 20, 2023 |
| | Christmas Break, No Awana | December 27, 2023 |
| | Awana Grand Prix | February 28, 2024 |
| | Spring Break, No Awana | April 3, 2024 |
| | Awana Closing Ceremony | April 10, 2024 |

Awana Camp Scholarships: It is our joy to celebrate the accomplishments of Awana Clubbers who complete their handbooks during the Awana program. Camp Scholarships are given out to individuals and are not transferable to another person or family member and must be used in the same year as it was earned (no roll over).

T&T Program Scholarship Amounts

\$ 125 Completed Book (See notes below)

**All memory verses including reviews & all Explore sections bible study*

An additional \$50 completes all "Silvers" (extra credit)

An additional \$75 completes all "Golds" (extra credit)

Awana Grand Prix: During the month of February, T&T Clubbers will be making an Awana Grand Prix race car. The Grand Prix is where our clubbers design a race car out of a block of wood. We then have a race night where the kids race the cars they have made against each other. There are trophies given out to the three fastest cars and the three cars voted best in design. More information on the AWANA Grand Prix will be available as we get closer to winter.

Parents, if you would like to take part in helping your child build their Grand Prix race car, you are welcome to join us or work with your child outside of Awana. If you intend to work Grand Prix cars outside of Awana nights please contact Sarah Bayley or Cheyenne Smith in January so we can give you the car kit. Please remember that if you take the car kit home, you are responsible for that kit! Every child will be given one car kit for free. If the parts come up missing or if it is lost, you will be charged for a second kit. Car kits are \$5.00 each.

Our Awana Grand Prix Race Night will be held on Wednesday, February 28th at 6:30p.m. in the church gymnasium. Family and friends are encouraged to come and cheer on their child!

Weather Updates: In case of bad weather, the church staff along with the commander will determine whether to cancel club. Listen to WoodTV 8 OR watch the First Baptist Church Facebook page for cancellation information.

Discipline Policy: Group Discipline The 1-5 Count system is used for group discipline. The leader counts from 1-5 with the expectation that the clubbers will be silent by the time leader gets to "5". If spoken with authority (with some grace) and enforced, this process is quite effective. If a group does not comply then the whole group must sit silently for a minute or two before moving on to the next activity. If it continues to be a problem, we remind them we will have to miss some game time.

Individual Discipline - 3 warning system

All leaders/directors and commander need to be in constant communication to be able to identify situations when individuals have "been warned".

Warning 1 - when a child does not comply with the adult or misbehaves in some way, the adult gently reminds the child of the rules and explains the infraction, and gives the first warning.

Warning 2 - If the child continues to disrupt (that same night) child and leader will talk to the commander (if available) or director. The commander or director will take the child aside and be very specific with the child (discuss rules, infractions, possible reasons for misbehavior, and eventual consequences.) Depending on the severity of the behavior and availability of personnel director or commander may have the child sit out of game time that evening.

Warning 3 - If a child continues to misbehave, the child will be warned a third time and a meeting with parents must be called. (If this can be handled at pick-up that is great.) Parents will be told of all behaviors leading up to the meeting and a review of the behavior policy will take place. *Depending on the severity of the infraction the child may be asked not to return for one week of club.

After a child has been through all three of these warnings and comes back to club, he or she will get a clean slate. However, if the clubber returns and the behavior continues, they will have the three warnings described above. If after the second time of speaking with the parents the child's misbehavior continues, the commander and director will meet with the parents to determine what is the best course of action.

*The FBC Awana program reserves the right to suspend the attendance of a child after one meeting with the parent if the misbehavior arises to a point that endangers or threatens the safety of other clubbers or leaders.