

# Welcome to 2011-2012



A fun club that meets weekly for



(Kindergarten to 2nd grade),



(3rd - 4th grade),



(5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade)



Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:05 PM, and  
24/7 (7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade) from 6:30 to 7:00 PM

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God,  
a worker who does not need to be ashamed,  
rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15

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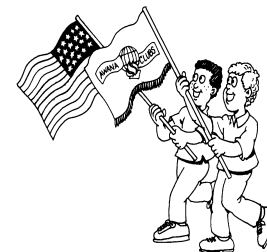
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## The Awana Night

You are invited to visit our club any night for a first hand look at all that goes on, but here is an overview! There are 3 parts to the night:

Council time – we listen to a message or story from God's Word and receive award for memory work.



Handbook time – children memorize Bible verses and quote the verses to their leaders.



Game time – a fun time with different running, ball, relay, bean bag, and balloon games. Make sure to ask your child how their night at Awana went!

## Attendance

Each child is able to earn awards for 2 different areas of attendance: Club Attendance on Wednesday nights and Sunday School Attendance on Sunday mornings. The standard is the same for both: 80%. We will accept a written excuse for sickness or extreme conditions.

If you currently attend Sunday School somewhere, it is not necessary for your child to come to First Baptist Church Avoca. If you do not have a home church, we invite your entire family to join us for worship on Sunday.



## Check out the web

We try periodically to post pictures of our Awana club on our web page. You can access them by going to [www.firstbaptistavoca.org](http://www.firstbaptistavoca.org)

Awana Clubs International also has several areas of interest for parents and kids at [www.awana.org](http://www.awana.org). Their site includes a very cool demo of software designed to help children review the Truth and Training material.



## First Baptist Church of Avoca



We are an unaffiliated Baptist church that accepts the authority of the Bible as the Word of God and the sufficiency of Jesus as the Son of God. We believe the Bible to be the infallible, inerrant and

authoritative revelation of God to man.

Sunday services: Contemporary Service – 8:15 AM; Traditional Service – 11:00 AM; Sunday School – 9:45 AM with classes for all ages; Sunday Evening Bible Study – 6:00 PM.

### Our Goal

We want to train others to be approved workers for God! There are two steps needed.



**First**, it is necessary to have a relationship with God. We need to realize that:

- Everyone has sinned. All of us are born sinful and commit acts of sin every day by actions and thoughts that God says are wrong.

- God is holy and cannot allow sin in to Heaven. The punishment for our sin is death (separation from God) in Hell forever. "For the wages of sin is death;

but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

- Christ is the only One Who can save us from our sin. Nothing we do can ever save us. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)

- Christ's death on the cross paid the penalty for our sin. He took our punishment for us. We must personally trust Christ as our Savior and accept His death on the cross as the payment for our sin in order to be saved. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

**Second**, we need to grow in our relationship to God. That is why Awana stresses memorizing verses from God's Word, attending Sunday School, inviting others to hear about Jesus, and behaving in a way that would please God in every part of our lives.



## Money

Unfortunately, we have found, just as you have, there are expenses to everything. Quality materials and supplies cost. Our church does try to provide a reduced price for most of the necessary items; however, if you still find that the expense is keeping you from participating please talk to a leader and we will do our best to help.

### Uniforms

Please order a large size to plan for the uniform to last during the entire club period.

The blue **Cubbie's vests** are worn until Kindergarten. They cost \$10 and are available in size S/4,M/5,L/6,XL/8. OR XXL/10.

The red **Spark's vests** are worn from Kindergarten - 2nd grade. They cost \$10 and are available in even sizes from 6 - 14.



The green t-shirt **Clubber's uniforms** are for 3rd - 6th grades. They cost \$10. Please discuss sizes with our Awana secretaries.

**Family Plan:** The first uniform is full price, all others are half price (\$5).

**Used Uniforms:** We will give half price credit for Cubbies and Sparks uniforms in good condition personally returned to our secretaries. Used uniforms, if available, may be purchased at half price by checking with the Awana office.

### Books

The necessary **Handbook** is \$6. Your child's leader will let you know if and when additional memory material is needed.

### Other Items

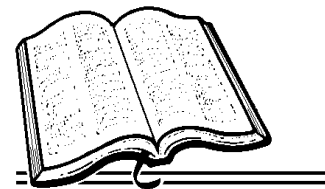
If you are interested in other Awana items, please stop by the Awana Office which is in the downstairs of our church. The catalog includes many things which could be used for birthday and Christmas presents such as: T-shirts, jackets, bumper stickers, pencils, banners, and more.



### Earning Points

Points are earned for bringing guests, a Bible, their Handbook, and

**Dues of \$.50/week.** Children also earn points for wearing their uniform, for attending Sunday School and for reciting sections. **It is possible to pay dues ahead several weeks or the whole year (\$14.00).** Guests are usually those who have not been to Awana yet this year.



# The Awana Handbook

Each book is made up of a number of sections. A section is usually one or two pages marked by a section number and ending with a place for an Awana Leader to sign and date.

Each section must be completely done at one sitting with only two helps allowed. Children can practice one verse at a time, but are not given credit until the entire section can be said at one time.

The most important goal is for each child to understand the Word of God that they are memorizing.

**For the Sparks:** The first unit of each book is the Rank Emblem. It must be completed before moving on to other work. Each section is to be done in order.

After the Rank, there are four Red Jewels and four Green Jewels; these must be worked on in the order they are in the book.

**For the Clubbers:** All 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be working in the Truth and Training program. Read the Ultimate Adventure or Ultimate Challenge introduction at the beginning of the handbook. These books are set up to answer four questions with Biblical answers. The questions in the first book are: "Why did God give us the Bible?", "Who is God?", "Who is the Lord Jesus?", and "How does God want me to live my life?"

Kids will need to know the answer in each section. In addition, the basic rule of thumb is that if it is in **bold print** the children need to memorize the verse, fill in the blanks or do the puzzle. They should know the definitions of the words in the word wise parts.

There are many sections which require at home preparation. Please make sure to look ahead in the book to help your child be ready for the next week of Awana.



## Schedule 2011 - 2012

Awana will meet every Wednesday night from September 7 through April 18 with the exceptions of November 23, December 28, and April 11.

<b>First Quarter - 8 weeks</b>		<b>Second Quarter - 7 weeks</b>	
		Nov 2	
Sep 7	First Night of Awana!	Nov 9	Patriotic Night – Red/White/Blue
Sep 14		Nov 16	
Sep 21	Crazy Hair Night	Nov 23	No Awana/Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00 pm
Sep 28		Nov 30	Elmer Fudd Night
Oct 5		Dec 7	
Oct 12		Dec 14	T & T Christmas Auction
Oct 19	Awana Store Open – one night only	Dec 21	
Oct 26	Meal 6–6:30Carnival Night Bring parents	Dec 28	No Awana
<b>Third Quarter- 9 weeks</b>		<b>Fourth Quarter - 6 weeks</b>	
Jan 4		Mar 7	
Jan 11	Color Team Night	Mar 14	A Bug Night
Jan 18		Mar 21	
Jan 25		Mar 28	
Feb 1	Feb 11 - Grand Prix Workshop 9am	Apr 4	Beach Night
Feb 8	Uniform Inspection	Apr 18	No Awana - Spring Break
Feb 15		Apr 25	Closing Program
Feb 22	Feb 24 – Grand Prix w/ Dinner 6pm Weigh In		
Feb 29			

## Cancellations

If there is a need to cancel Awana due to extreme weather or other circumstances, it will be announced on our internet site, [www.firstbaptistavoca.org](http://www.firstbaptistavoca.org)



## Specials

12/14/2011 **Auction for T&T Clubbers at Christmas**, an opportunity to use your shares to buy some gifts!

02/24/2012 **Awana Grand Prix**. Build your own pinewood car to race!

04/25/2012 **Closing Awards Program** 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Parents and friends are invited & encouraged to attend!