



Hello! This is Pastor Rhett, Children's Ministry Pastor at Calvary Chapel Boise. First off, we just wanted to say thank you for the joy and privilege of serving your kids! As fall approaches, I wanted to let you know that after prayerful consideration we have decided to change our Wednesday night children's ministry service. This year we will not be participating in the AWANA program. Instead, we will be trying something new. I am excited about the possibilities of how we can customize our own curriculum to suit our needs for a Wednesday kids service at Calvary Boise. Our new service will still include kid-friendly Bible lessons, times of prayer and worship, and lots of fun!

AWANA is a great ministry but it is designed to be a true club where children and their families are all dedicated to the program. Our Wednesday night structure does not lend itself well to foster that environment. Some families come for AWANA but others come because AWANA has been the only option for childcare during our mid-week service. As such, we have been forced in the past to greatly modify the traditional AWANA program. We neither want to let down those who want the full-fledged AWANA experience, nor do we want to force people to sign up for something that they aren't interested in joining. We want each child to be served well and to feel like they are a part of what our church is doing no matter why their family is attending.

We at the Calvary Boise children's ministry will continue to dedicate ourselves to teaching the Word of God and sharing the love of God with every child God brings through our doors. If you would prefer to continue your child in AWANA, there are several other churches in the valley that host programs. Please visit [www.awana.org](http://www.awana.org) and put in your zip code to search for clubs near you. If you have any questions or want to talk more about the changes, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for taking time to read this letter. God bless you!

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