

Parents,

We are excited to provide an adjusted Awana program for 2020-2021! The last months have been challenging at so many levels. As we've waded through Covid-19 concerns and worldwide unrest, we've been praying for you and your kids. What a unique time to shepherd children! We know that while the world feels out of control our kids can rest in knowing God is in charge. We are praying God keeps you steady, and uses you to both protect and shape your kids hearts and minds.

We've tried to answer some of your questions, but welcome you to contact us for clarification or additional detail. You can find our church kids ministry Covid-19 guidelines online at: <http://whitneybaptist.org/covid-19/kids-ministry>

Our Awana specific plans are as follows:

ISOLATED CLUBS: Each club will run in isolation from the other clubs. Parents are asked to drop kids off and pick them at each location.

Cubbies will meet in the Office wing at the north end of the church entryway/foyer. This is the same location as last year. Check-ins will be done at the top of the stairs.

Sparks will meet in the church basement. Check-ins will be at the top of the basement stairs in the entryway/foyer.

TnT will meet at the Activity Center on Nez Perce street.

*Pick-up: often this is a great time for parents to connect with leaders or other families. Because of current concerns, we ask that parents limit conversations so that movement and distancing is possible.

SIGN-UPS: Our clubs are limited this year to those who have signed up in advance. This allows us to prepare our materials and space in a way that provides for distancing. Each week, we will do temperature checks on each child, and ask parents to sign forms indicating recent health. (see kids ministry covid-19 link above). Please register your child(ren) for Awana here: <http://whitneybaptist.org/forms/awana-signup>

ENTRYWAY/FOYER: In the past, we used this area for sign-ups. This year, we are asking that families use this space as a hallway only. We need to keep the space clear so movement with distancing is possible. Our youth group will also need some of this space for their program. We ask that families and children not use the auditorium space.

COMMUNICATION: Each club will handle communication with families directly. This means that instead of receiving one email for all the clubs, we will have you sign up and receive updates directly from each club leader. We hope this allows for clearer and faster communication. After signing up, you should receive confirmation from the club leader of your child(ren), as well as any specific instructions for that group. Our club leaders are:

Cubbies: Rebekah Frank and Crystal Kimball

Sparks: Craig White

TnT: Joel Frenndt

ACTIVITIES: Due to social distancing concerns, we are adjusting our club times by removing the combined song time and limiting games. Crafts, games, story time, book time, and any other activities will be done with the goal of limiting contact while attempting to provide a fun and loving program. We cannot eliminate risk, but are attempting to limit it by following many of the guidelines that day-cares and schools are using.

May God grow us all and give us the insight and strength needed for these days and this time.

Running in the Son,
Pastor Dan