

WE BELIEVE

That God is the One Divine Being, manifest in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

That the Bible is God's Word fully inspired by the Holy Spirit; it is the only basis and adequate guide for Christian faith, life, and service.

That Jesus Christ is the Son of God; He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed miracles, died for the sins of the world, was raised from the dead, ascended into heaven, is now at the throne of God, and He will personally return to earth.

That man was created by God in His image, but because of sin he is lost and destined for judgment.

That a person is saved from his sin by believing in Jesus Christ and receiving Him as personal Lord and Savior.

That all believers should be baptized by immersion as an act of obedience, but not for securing their salvation.

That the church is the extended body of Christ, and seeks to live in obedience to God's Word.

That every Christian is a disciple of Jesus and is a steward of life, talent, time, and treasure.

That loyalty to Jesus Christ takes priority over any other person or organization.

That the Christian experience is one of separation from worldliness and ungodliness to Christ.

That the mission of the church is to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to others in all the world.



2017-2018

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

2827 EAST 32ND ST.

JOPLIN, MO 64804

PHONE: 417-781-5174



2 Timothy 2:15

WELCOME TO AWANA!

A NOTE TO PARENTS:

Thank you for allowing your children to come to AWANA! We trust they will have a great time and will want to keep coming regularly all year! Our meetings are held on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:45 p.m.

The Bible says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6) Realizing that children today are confronted with more difficult decisions than ever before, AWANA's Bible-based program seeks to establish them on a firm Biblical foundation which will provide direction for their daily lives. Each clubber is very special to us and to God.

AWANA presents an opportunity for your children to establish and grow in their relationship with God, and to build self-esteem and good relationships with others. You can really help them in these areas by encouraging them to complete sections in their handbook, and showing interest in their achievements.

Feel free to visit the club meetings any time to talk with us about your special concerns.

If you would like to be involved by working in our AWANA program, call the church office at 781-5174.

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PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Moms and Dads are essential helpers in a child getting the most enjoyment out of club. Please use the following checklist as a guideline:

1. Help children to attend AWANA every week. Consistency will build friendships and achievement.
2. Make sure they wear their uniform each week.
3. Dues are voluntary, however, if possible, we do ask each clubber to bring \$0.25 each week to donate to the Missionary Fund to support our club's missionaries. Collection containers will be available at the check-in tables.
4. The Cost of the child's vest/shirt, as well as the replacement cost for a lost handbook is the parents' responsibility.
5. Be sure they arrive on time - 5:45-5:55 p.m. Promptness helps us to maintain good discipline.
6. Help your child accomplish at least two sections (units) each week. (*Cubbies should do one section each week*). This will insure they finish their book and receive the book award.
7. Attend all major events. Parents are always welcome and may also attend any club meeting.
8. Pick up your children promptly at 7:45 p.m. (*Cubbies will need picked up by 7:40 p.m.*)
9. Send in the completed permission slip and medical release form (these forms are required in order to participate in AWANA game time).
10. Always encourage your child. Children have much more fun when Mom and Dad show interest in their accomplishments.
11. Volunteer to help by working in AWANA.
12. Call the AWANA Commanders if you have any questions.

COMMANDER

LaJeana Sapp (529-4152)

AWANA CANCELATIONS

In the event of inclement weather, if Joplin schools have been cancelled on the same DAY of an AWANA meeting or event, the meeting or event will be cancelled as well. Local news and radio stations will be notified as soon as possible to inform you of any other such cancellations. Be watching and listening for information regarding event cancellations on:

TV stations—KOAM, KFJX, KSNF, KODE

Radio stations—KKLL 1100 AM, KNEO 91.7 FM, New Life Radio 105.3, KZRG 1310 AM, The Talker 1230 AM

AWANA CLUBBER GUIDELINES

In order to have a safe, enjoyable, and orderly environment, our club has established these guidelines. All young people are expected to follow them. Your cooperation will bring about a good time for all.

1. When you arrive, check in with your club secretary and take a seat in pews where your group is assigned.
2. Respect your fellow club members. Treat them as you wish to be treated.
3. Everyone should participate—whether playing games, listening, studying, singing, or anything else, all are expected to be involved.
4. Remain on the church property at all times.
5. No running in the building.
6. Leave all food and drink (including gum) at home, except when provided by your club leader.
7. Do not cross the parking lot without double checking, then walk slowly.
8. Come to attention whenever a leader begins to count to 5.
9. Obey and respect all AWANA leaders.
10. Bring your AWANA book and a Bible every week. *If you don't have a Bible, we can provide you with one.*
11. As soon as you earn your uniform, wear it every week to club.
12. Bring a note from your parents (or have them call your director or leader) if they have a question or request for you.
13. Please take care of the church property and club equipment.
14. Proper attire is important because we do play games:
 - Girls – comfortable pants, jeans, or shorts. NO DRESSES
 - Boys – comfortable pants, jeans, or shorts
 - Sneakers or gym-type shoes must be worn to participate in game time. No sandals or slip-ons, please!
15. Have a good time in every part of club!

SPARKS: Kindergarten through 2nd Grade Boys & Girls

6:00–6:05 p.m. Opening/Flag Ceremony

6:10–7:05 p.m. Council/Music

7:10–7:25 p.m. Games –Girls:

7:10–7:25 p.m. Handbook –Boys

7:30–7:45 p.m. Games – Boys

7:30–7:45 p.m. Handbook –Girls

7:45 p.m. Pick up in Gym

Truth and Training: 3rd & 4th Grade Boys – Pick up in Room 113

Truth and Training: 3rd & 4th Grade Girls – Pick up in Rooms 103/104

6:00–6:05 p.m. Opening/Flag Ceremony

6:10–6:45 p.m. Handbook

6:50–7:05 p.m. Games

7:10–7:45 p.m. Council

7:45 p.m. Pick up (see above)

Truth & Training: 5th & 6th Grade Boys – Pick up in Room 102

Truth & Training: 5th & 6th Grade Girls – Pick up in Room 115

6:00–6:05 p.m. Opening/Flag Ceremony

6:10–6:25 p.m. Games

6:30–7:00 p.m. Handbook – Girls

6:30–7:00 p.m. Council – Boys

7:05–7:45 p.m. Council – Girls

7:05–7:45 p.m. Handbook – Boys

7:45 p.m. Pick up (see above)

Store (5:00–5:55 p.m. and 7:45–8:00 pm) according to the AWANA calendar

(SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

If a serious infraction occurs, such as fighting or aggressive speech, in addition to the Three Count, the parent will be notified. Full suspension is also a possibility depending on the infraction. The clubber will be allowed to return to the program only after agreeing to abide by club rules and respect the authority of the Awana Leadership.

AWANA AWARDS

Each club has an entrance booklet that must be passed in order to earn a handbook. In addition to earning a handbook, a uniform should then be purchased to display the awards earned by completing handbook sections. Section awards vary from club to club, from sew-on patches to badges that hold insertable awards. These are the awards that are handed out as each child earns them. Uniforms must be worn for the child to receive each award.

Clubbers finishing their handbooks earn larger book awards that are given out during the year-ending Awards Celebration.

Attendance awards are given out on a quarterly basis as well.

AWANA CLUB SCHEDULE

2017-2018

Check in for all ages (except Puggles) will be located in the church Sanctuary.

CUBBIES: Age 3 (as of July 31, 2017; Must be potty trained to participate) - Pre-K

6:00-6:05 p.m. Opening

6:10-6:25 p.m. Handbook

6:30-6:45 p.m. Games

6:50-7:40 p.m. Story Time

7:40 p.m. pick up in Room #3 on east side of campus.

OUR CLUB PROGRAMS

PUGGLES 2 and 3 year olds - Pick up and drop off in Room #2 on East side of campus

CUBBIES 3 and 4-year old preschoolers-must be 3 by, July 31st, 2017 and must be potty trained to participate - Drop off in Sanctuary. Pick up in Room #3

The remaining clubs will begin their evening in the Sanctuary:

SPARKS K - 2nd grade boys and girls - pick up in the Gym

Truth and Training 3rd - 4th grade boys - pick up in Room 113

Truth and Training 3rd - 4th grade girls - pick up in Rooms 103/104

Truth and Training 5th - 6th grade boys - pick up in Room 102

Truth and Training 5th - 6th grade girls - pick up in Room 115

MATERIAL COSTS

Dues are voluntary, however, any donations will be divided between the two missionary families that we support. Josh & Tina Kuhns serve as TEAM missionaries in the country of Nepal and Joel & Veronica Culberson serve as AWANA missionaries to the KS/MO region.

Upon completion of the entrance booklet, your child becomes eligible to purchase a uniform. Uniforms are the expense of each club member. Books will be issued to each child free of charge. However, should a book be lost or destroyed, the replacement book will cost your child \$11.00.

THE UNIFORM

The AWANA uniform is a vital part of the club program. It helps all clubbers feel a part of the club, and is the place where all awards are displayed. Uniforms may be purchased after the young person has finished their entrance booklet. This usually takes 2-4 weeks of club. The privilege of wearing a uniform then becomes an award for completing this short beginning booklet. No further awards will be given until the club member has a uniform on which to display them. Each child should wear the complete uniform each night. Uniform inspections are given occasionally, and extra shares are given to those who pass inspection. Cubbies wear their vests until they promote to Kindergarten. Sparks wear their vests until they promote to 3rd grade. Clubbers in Truth and Training wear one shirt for books 1 & 2 (Ultimate Adventure) and a second one for books 3 & 4 (Ultimate Challenge.) If parents choose, the child can continue to wear the first uniform and award patches will still be given. The uniforms run small, so order with your child's growth in mind.

COST OF UNIFORMS

Cubbie Vest - \$11.00

Sparks Vest - \$11.00

3rd & 4th Ultimate Adventure T-Shirt Style - \$10.00 (Until discontinued style runs out)
OR Soccer Style Jersey - \$16.00 (Child & Adult Sizes)

5th & 6th Ultimate Challenge Soccer Style Jersey - \$16.00 (Child & Adult Sizes)

When your child qualifies for a shirt, an order form envelope will be sent home listing the size options to choose from. Please make checks payable to Fellowship Baptist Church. Give payment to your leader.

Our church desires that no child be deprived of participation in club or uniforms because of cost. Should expenses be too high for your family, please talk to your leader. Alternative ways to pay for costs are available.

Hint: Please sew on all patches. They will fall off when ironed on.

SNACKS

NO food or drink will be allowed except what is provided by the teachers. In other words, the pop and snack machines are off limits until after AWANA. We will provide a snack for the children in Cubbies. If you would like to help by periodically sending cookies, kool-aid, etc., please contact your club director. We need to know if your child has any food allergies or special needs that would affect snack time.

THE AWANA STORE

Each week clubbers may win or earn AWANA shares (like paper money) which can be saved and traded for items out of our AWANA store. The store is meant as a motivator to help each child achieve in every area of club, especially in their handbook work. Shares can be earned by meeting certain requirements in each club. These requirements are set by each individual club director. The store will be open from 5:00-5:55 p.m. and 7:45-8:00 p.m. periodically each quarter. See the AWANA calendar for store dates.

Cubbies (Pre-K) and Sparks (K-2nd) must be accompanied by a parent to the store. We request that if your child purchases something before AWANA, that the item be taken to the car by the parent so that it will not cause disruption during class time.

If shopping before AWANA, Cubbies and Sparks should be accompanied to Check-In time in the sanctuary foyer by 5:55 p.m.

If you would like to donate new or gently used items to the AWANA Store please see our Store Director, Tammy DeVine, during store hours.

DISCIPLINE

AWANA has established two main methods of discipline for use in AWANA clubs:

The Five-Count System: When it is necessary to quiet the entire group of clubbers, the five-count system is used. It is most often used during the game time, but may be used at any time during the club meeting. One blast of the whistle may be given, followed by the Five-Count. The time it takes to count to five gives the clubbers and leaders ample opportunity to become quiet. When "five" is reached, absolute silence should reign. If a single individual seems to be the cause of the problem, the Three-Count should be used.

The Three-Count System: The Three-Count System is used when a clubber is misbehaving. At the first occurrence of unacceptable behavior, the clubber is given a one count by the leader. At the second occurrence, he/she is given a two count and counseled away from the group by the Club Director and another leader. At the third occurrence, he/she is given a three count and taken to the Commanders' office for counsel and possible suspension from the rest of the evening's activity.