



PARENT'S GUIDE



Calvary Baptist Church



Welcome to Calvary Baptist Church

We are a fellowship of believers striving to be about

GRACE, TRUTH and COMMUNITY.

Our ministries are designed to bring glory to God through the faithful stewardship of our resources, spiritual gifts and abilities. We hope this site gives you a glimpse of who we are and where we are going!

Our Awana Club is one of one of our primary ministries designed to assist families in meeting the spiritual needs of their children. Qualified adults provide caring leadership. Teenagers serve as leaders in training. Children have a lot of fun as they discover life-shaping principles from the Bible.

Please accept our invitation to become a part of the caring church family.



SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Service
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Adult Bible Fellowships
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Service

Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Studies
- 6:00 p.m. Awana Clubs
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Groups
- 7:00 p.m. Visitation

OUR PASTORS

Dr. Ralph Wingate, Jr.	Senior Pastor
Mel Barth	Family Pastor
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WHAT IS AWANA?

The acronym Awana comes from the first letters of the phrase “Approved workmen are not ashamed” (II Timothy 2:15). Founded in 1950, the Awana ministry is an international, Bible-centered children’s and youth ministry. We here at Calvary are committed to the evangelism and discipleship of our children.

We embraces five principles:

1. Centered on the gospel
2. Children are trained to serve Him
3. Scripture memory is a key element
4. Make it exciting and fun
5. Built on volunteer leadership

Our prayer is that all children throughout the world will come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. And, though we will never see all children come to know Him, it is clear through God’s Word that it should be our purpose to spread the gospel to all.





NOTE FROM YOUR COMMANDER

Welcome to our Awana Club. We are eager to begin our year, and know it will be filled with truths of God's Word as well as fun and excitement!

Our Awana Clubs are packed with life-enriching experiences for your kids. We provide consistent positive teaching every week stressing strong spiritual and moral values. Clubbers learn about God and are trained and equipped to serve Him. The activities give them a better understanding of God's Word and helps hide His Word in their hearts and Minds.

Thy Word have I hide in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee. Psalm 119:11

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 2 Timothy 3:16

So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void. Isaiah 55:11

Our Awana club is an organization filled with leaders and helpers who genuinely love and care for their clubbers – your children!

For reasons that are evident in the smiles and happy faces of boys and girls worldwide, you'll want your son or daughter to attend our Club as much as they'll want to attend. Parents are always welcome to come and observe the different clubs. As a matter of fact, we strongly encourage it!

Thank you for the wonderful opportunity of showing God's love to your children!

Steve & Shannon Stewart





A WALK THROUGH CLUB NIGHT

You may start arriving at club at 5:45. Cubbies through Sparks, Parents must check in their clubbers at the respective registration tables. T&T clubbers may be dropped off at the door.

Opening ceremony. This usually is the official start to the Club and it includes a welcome, flag ceremony and prayer. Some clubs will start their Story Time / Council Time with this activity.

Handbook Time is the portion of each club night when leaders guide small groups of clubbers through their handbook achievements. Parents are strongly encouraged to work with clubbers at home on sections and activities so that the clubber is prepared each week. Clubbers are allowed two “helps” from a Leader if they are having difficulty with a reference or verse. Clubbers must pass a section with no more than two helps per section. References are required to be known and recited by all school aged clubbers.

Council Time features various elements, a Bible lesson, invitation for clubbers to talk with leaders about trusting Christ as Savior and singing. It is called Story Time in Cubbies and Sparks and Council Time in Truth & Training (T&T). Awards earned that evening are usually presented during this time.

Game Time is the portion of club night that many children look forward to the most. Clubbers play games on the Game Square led by a game director.

The ending of the Club is also very important. It is our responsibility to ensure our Clubbers are safely returned to their family.

- Parents of Cubbies and Sparks are asked to pick up your child in their classrooms where you brought them at the beginning of the Club.
- T&T clubbers will be at the main hallway where they entered the building at the beginning of the club

Leaders will be with your children until you pick them up.



NIGHTLY SCHEDULE

All Clubs

6:00 - 7:30

You may start arriving at 5:45 pm - Please no earlier

Cubbies—3 & 4 yrs old

(must be 3 by September and potty trained)

- 6:00 – 6:30 Handbook Time (Rm 101 – 102)
6:30 – 7:00 Story Time & Award Time (Cafeteria)
7:00 – 7:30 Songs / Game Time (Cafeteria)*

Sparks—Kindergarten to 2nd Grade

- 6:00 – 6:30 Handbook Time (Rm 103-106, 108, 110)
6:30 – 7:00 Game Time (New Gym – K; Old Gym – 1 & 2)
7:00 – 7:30 Story Time & Award Time (New Gym)*

**Clubbers will return to handbook rooms to be picked up by parents*

T&T

- 6:00 – 6:05 Flag Ceremony & Announcements (Old Gym)

Boys

- 6:05 – 6:30 Council Time (Rm 401)
6:30 – 7:00 Handbook Time (Rm 401 – 404)
7:00 – 7:25 Game Time (Old Gym)
7:25 – 7:30 Wrap-up (Rm 401)*

Girls

- 6:05 – 6:30 Game Time (Old Gym)
6:30 – 7:00 Council Time (Band Room 600)
7:00 – 7:25 Handbook Time (Rm 601 - 603)*

**Clubbers will return to the main hallway to be picked up by parents*



Fees

Fees for all Clubs this year will be the same

\$15 Uniform

\$15 Handbook

(\$5 discount if ordered together)

Fees include:

One Entrance Book
One Handbook per year
All Club Night activities
All Awards
Uniform

Fees do not include:

Replacement handbooks
Replacement Awards
Special Events (i.e. Grand Prix,
Ice Skating)

All clubbers are expected to wear their uniform. If they already own a uniform, you are not expected to purchase another one.

Visitors are not required to pay fees.

Note: payment may be made in one of two ways:

1. Payment in full at time of registration.
2. Payment for multi-child families may be made at the rate of one child per month beginning with September with all dues paid by December.

Checks should be made out to Calvary Baptist Church



SPECIAL NIGHTS

Please refer to the Awana Calendar for specific dates. This can be found Calvary Baptist's web site:

www.cbcnormal.org/ministries/awana

Theme Nights

Sparks Store

Grand Prix—Family Night

This will take the place of the regular Club night, which will be the second year with this approach. Cubbies will not be able to enter cars in the Grand Prix Race, but can participate in any and all activities including watching the race. A light meal will be offered prior to the race. The Grand Prix will run as normal. Parents, friends and family will be invited to this event.



SPECIAL EVENTS

T&T Fantastic Fall Frolic

Games and food with a gospel challenge around the campfire at the end of the night. Event held on Saturday at the Church Camp on Jersey Ave in Normal

T&T – Half-way Party

Those who are Half-way through their Book get a special prize. Event held on Saturday.

Awana Bible Quizzing

Sparks-A-Rama and AwanaGames

These are fun events and rewarding to the clubbers as they demonstrate what they have learned during the year. Events are held on a Saturday at Calvary Baptist.





SPECIAL SERVICE PROJECTS

Love One Another

February

Donations are requested on the Club night before Valentines Day for a local charitable organization to demonstrate our Love to the community.

But God commended His love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

Missions Emphasis Month

April

Donations are requested during the month of April for our Awana Adopt-a-Club. We will use a form of a competition across all the Clubs to spark enthusiasm.





CLUB RULES

Rules are necessary for a smooth running Awana club. We have the responsibility of providing a safe and controlled environment to allow everyone the opportunity to learn and have fun.

- The Five Count - By the time the leader counts to five, the clubbers should be in his/her place and quiet.
- The Three Count - when a clubber misbehaves, they will be given warnings by their leaders as follows:
 1. Warning by the leader
 2. Warning by the director and commander
 3. Parents called to pick up the clubber. If a clubber receives a three count, he/she may not return to club until the clubber and parent talk with the commander and agree to abide by the club rules.



AWANA AWARDS SYSTEM

Awards earned throughout the year are to be displayed on the Awana uniform. Instructions explaining the correct placement of awards are in the handbooks.

Cubbies Handbook Awards

Trail Patch - This award is given when a clubber completes the first two Bear Hugs

Lamb or Elephant Patch - As the clubber completes Bear Hug paths, clubber will receive either a Lamb or Elephant patch. Clubber can receive a total of four Lamb patches and four Elephant patches.

Church / Sunday School Attendance Patch—the clubber is awarded a patch to wear on their uniform. Two available per club year.

Sparks Handbook Awards

(Given in Story Time after the award is earned)

Rank Patch - This award is given when a clubber completes the Rank Path

Red Jewel - As clubbers complete each of the four Bible Drills, they will receive a Red Jewel to place in their Rank Achievement Crown / Pilot Wings.

Green Jewel - As clubbers complete each of the four activities, they will receive a Green Jewel to place in their Rank Achievement Crown / Pilot Wings.

Blue Jewel - the clubber is awarded a Blue Jewel to place in their Rank Achievement Crown / Pilot Wings for each quarter of club with no more than one unexcused absence

Church / Sunday School Attendance Patch—the clubber is awarded a patch to wear on their uniform. Two available per club year.



Sparks Store

Sparks use a system of Awana bucks to award clubbers on a nightly basis. Sparks will receive Awana bucks for sections passed, good behavior, game time and other activities as indicated by the Sparks director. These Awana bucks can be saved and used to purchase items from the Awana store. There will be three Awana store nights throughout the club year.

T&T HANDBOOK AWARDS

(Given in Council Time after the award is earned)

Award Badge - This award is given once the clubber completes the Start Zone

Achievement Seal - As clubbers complete each of the eight Discoveries / Challenges, they will receive an Achievement Seal to place on their Award Badge

Attendance Awards – Club attendance is earned quarterly through the year. Sunday school or church attendance is earned twice a year. The clubber is awarded a sticker for their individual handbook when these awards are earned. Both club and church attendance allows no more than one unexcused absence. Clubbers can earn four of these awards in one club year.

Clubber of the Month

The clubber in each T&T club that earns the most points during the month will receive this award.

At the end of the year, the clubber in each T&T club who earns the most points throughout the year will be awarded the **Clubber of the Year**.



AWARDS CEREMONY

Handbook Completion Awards

Cubbies

First Year Book Award - Cubbie Bear Pin

Completion of handbook

Second Year Book Ribbon and Diploma

Completion of handbook

Sparks

First Book Ribbon

Completion of the Hang Glider Handbook

Second Book Ribbon

Completion of both the Hang Glider and Wing Runner handbooks

Sparky Award

Completion the Hang Glider, Wing Runner and Sky Stormer handbooks

Sparks Handbook Review Emblem

Completion of Sparks Handbook Review

Workbook Pins / Frequent Flyer Pins

Completion of Sparks Workbook / Frequent Flyer Extra Credit Cards

Sparks Books must be completed in order



T&T

Book Completion Patch

Completion of each T&T handbook

First Book Ribbon

Completion of T&T Book 1

Excellence Trophy

Completion of T&T Book 2

Third Book Plaque

Completion of T&T Book 3

Timothy Trophy

Completion of T&T Book 4

Truth & Training Books must be completed in order





PLEDGES & AWANA SONG

American Flag

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Awana Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Awana flag, which stands for the Awana clubs, whose goal is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him.


Bible

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. I will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God.

Awana Song

*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 unfaltering,
And love un-altering, His praise we sing.
His banner over us, in service glorious,
We'll fight victorious for Christ our King!*

YOUTH ON THE MARCH!



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. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

John 3:16-17



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