



**First United Methodist Church
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Dear Awana Family's,

It is our privilege to have your child attend the Awana Club. We sincerely hope that this experience will be a fun time of learning and growth for your child.

The word AWANA is an acronym derived from the words "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed". This comes from II Timothy 2:15 which reads, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth".

Each weekly meeting is composed of various elements. Your child will enjoy the active, but safe AWANA games during "Game Time". These are uniquely created to promote team play. During "Handbook Time", a trained adult leader works with clubbers, assisting them in progressing through their club handbooks. "Large Group Time" is a time of singing, sharing together, listening to Bible stories and receiving awards.

You the parent/guardian have a critical part in all of this. In order for your child to get the most out of the AWANA program, your partnership with us is essential. Please support your child's interest in the program by helping with memorization and encouraging enthusiasm about AWANA.

During the course of the year, your child has the opportunity to receive many different types of awards. Awards vary by club, but include uniform patches, pins, stickers for handbook scripture memorization and club attendance. Another way for your child to earn rewards is by adhering to the uniform policy. This entails your child attending each weekly meeting with their vest/shirt, handbook and bible. Initially each child will be required to complete their club "Entrance Booklet" prior to receiving their vest/shirt, and handbook. Once clubbers receive these items and attend club in full uniform they will begin to receive points. Points lead to AWANA dollars to be used at the AWANA store.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact any of the Club Representatives. We ask for your prayers as we work with your child during this new and exciting venture.

Best Regards,
Your AWANA Team
Lillian Chamel – Co-Commander
Valerie Griggs – Co-Commander
Patsy Cassell – Co-Commander