Awana Clubs 2026-2027

PARENT HANDBOOK

MBC KIDS

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A Note to the Families

We are excited to welcome you to the Awana Clubs ministry at Williamston Memorial Baptist Church! We are glad you are here! Awana's mission is to use a combination of energetic games, Bible based teaching, and small groups to reach children with the gospel of Jesus Christ and engage them in lifelong discipleship. Awana is a wonderful way for your child to grow deeper in their faith and knowledge of God.

This Parent Handbook is designed to provide you with information about the ministry and to help answer common questions most families ask. A typical Awana night will include opportunities for your child to develop new relationships, memorize Scripture and develop a deeper understanding of God's Word.

We strongly encourage parents to take an active role in their child's Awana experience. Please set aside time during the week to discuss what your child is learning and to review/complete handbook sections. Our prayer is that your child will experience spiritual and emotional growth while having fun through their involvement with our Awana program.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or suggestions. We are looking forward to an exciting and fun Awana year!



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What are Awana Clubs?

For over 70 years, Awana has partnered with local churches to bring God's Word to children around the world. Awana incorporates Bible teaching and scripture memorization with tons of fun. This is our 6th year offering Awana at MBC. Each year we learn new and better ways of doing things and any new aspects to our Awana program will be covered in this handbook.

Engage Kids With the Gospel and Build Lifelong Faith

Leader-Child Relationships

The Awana Clubs program is designed to foster connection with loving, caring adults so kids know they belong.

Bible Engagement

Learning and memorizing Scripture helps children know the Gospel, study God's Word and believe what is says about life.

Spiritual Development

Through relationships and Scripture, children are discipled to grow deep and lasting faith.

Our Awana program offers four clubs for boys and girls from 3 years old through 5th grade:

- Puggles - 3 & 4 year olds
- Cubbies - Pre-K & Kindergarten (4s, 5s, & Kindergarteners)
- Sparks - 1st and 2nd grade
- Truth & Training - 3rd through 5th grade

Our clubs meet on **Wednesday nights from 6:15pm-7:30pm** with dinner served each week beginning at 5:45pm. Our first club will begin **September 2nd** and we will end our year with our Awana Celebration on **May 26th.** A full calendar will be provided at the end of this handbook.

Puggles (must be 3 by August 31st) recognizes the learning ability of 3 year olds by introducing Biblical precepts at church and equipping parents to teach them at home. Participating in Puggles will give your child a head start on the path to loving and following God for life.

In Puggles, children are welcomed each week with play time, songs, and simple crafts and activities. Leaders present age-appropriate lessons using large, colorful teaching cards, finger puppet plays and more. Lessons teach and reinforce four basic Biblical precepts:

- God Made Everything
- God is Great
- God Loves Us
- We Give Thanks

Puggles Materials



The Puggles Coloring and Activity Book has 32 coloring and activity pages that help children review and engage artistically with the weekly lessons and memory verses. There are also 10 bonus coloring pages and an age-appropriate gospel message in the back.

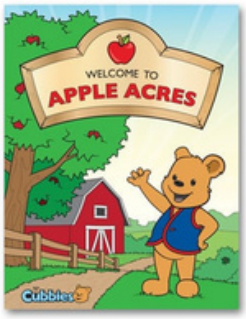
This whimsical booklet is an introduction to the Awana Puggles program for ages 2-3. This booklet equips parents as they review biblical themes with their children at home.



Cubbies is designed for 4 & 5 year olds (must be 4 or 5 by August 31st) and those going into Kindergarten. Classes use music, games, and puppets where fun and learning God's Word go hand in hand.

Each week, parents/guardians help their Cubbie complete the scheduled Bear Hug. Each aspect of the Bear Hug or section enforces the same Bible Truth. At club, we center everything around the same truth that you worked on at home. Our story, games, scripture memory verses and other activities will reinforce the teaching your child has recieved from you. By creating this partnership, we hope to really "cement" these truths in our Cubbies minds and hearts!

Cubbies Materials



The Apple Acres entrance booklet is the first part of Cubbies. It contains 2 "Bear Hugs" as well as basic information about the Cubbies program. All Cubbies must complete this booklet before they receive their handbook.

The AppleSeed and HoneyComb handbooks contain the weekly Bear Hug to be completed at home in preparation for the teaching at club that week. Cubbies will recite the memory verse to their leader at club during handbook time.



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Sparks is designed for First and Second graders. A typical club night for Sparkies include large group time, worship, small group time, and game time.

All clubbers starting in Sparks (no matter the grade) need to complete the Flight 3:16 Entrance Booklet before they can purchase their handbook. All Sparkies start in the same book as each other no matter the grade.

- HangGlider
- WingRunner
- SkyStormer

They are allowed to work backwards and complete previous sections, but may not work ahead of the group.

Sparks Materials





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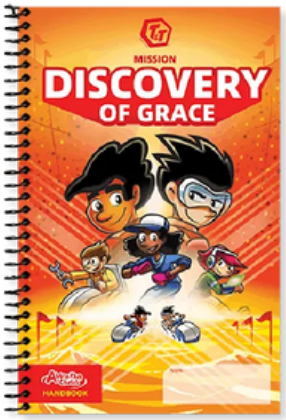
Truth & Training is designed for 3rd through 5th grade boys and girls. The T&T curriculum teaches kids the truth of God's Word and trains them to follow Him. T&T Clubbers spend time learning how the characteristics and attributes of God relate to them on a personal level. In addition, they have a fresh and fun story to dive into each week.

Regardless of age or grade, a new clubber must complete the Start Zone booklet. Returning Clubbers must also complete the Start Zone booklet at the beginning of each club year. After finishing the Start Zone, Clubbers are then allowed to start in the T&T Handbook. They are allowed to work backwards and complete previous sections, but may not work ahead of the group.

For the 2026-2027 year T&T Clubbers will finish the last unit in Discovery of Grace before moving on to Grace in Action in January of 2027. Returning T&T Clubbers are encouraged to bring their book from last year. New T&T Clubbers will be provided copies of the last unit rather than a whole new book.

T & T Materials





Sept. - Dec. 2026



Jan. 2027

Parental Involvement

At the heart of learning in the Awana curriculum is scripture memorization and the acquisition of the truth from God's Word. Each clubber is asked to purchase a handbook to take home. Handbooks are designed to be completed **at home.** All clubbers will stay in the same section the small group leader is presenting for that night and if time permits, may work backwards to complete any sections missed.

During small group time, the group leaders work with small groups of clubbers, helping them to recite the section they have prepared and discuss the meaning of the verses they have learned.

No matter how old your child is, they will need help with Bible memorization. Encourage and work with your child on their book during the week so that they can be prepared for Club night to individually recite the memory verses with minimal assistance from an Awana leader. By working with your child during the week, your child will begin to see the importance of reading and understanding God's Word. Our goal is not to "check a box" or "get an award". **Our goal is to plant scripture deep in their heart so that it may be called upon in the coming years.**

Please discuss any special needs related to reading and/or scripture memorization with your child's leader and/or our Children's Minister.

Awana Club Schedule & Locations

This schedule is subject to change for special events, theme nights, etc. We will do our best to provide advanced notice of these changes.

5:45pm – Dinner
6:15pm – Awana Begins

Parents, please have your child(ren) visit the restroom before taking them to their class. Please make sure you walk your child(ren) to their class, as this is where you will sign them in from now on. Please see the check-in section of this handbook for more information.

Puggles

First Preschool Hallway (Downstairs)

6:15 – Arrival & Play Time
6:45 – Bible Story Time
7:00 – Activity
7:15 – Outside/Free Play
7:25 – Return to Classroom

Cubbies

First Preschool Hallway (Downstairs)

6:15 – Arrival & Play Time
6:30 – Puppet Show
6:40 – Songs & Bible Story
7:15 – Outside/Free Play
7:25 – Return to Classroom

Sparks

Upstairs

6:15 – Arrival & Large Group
6:35 – Recreation
7:05 – Handbook/Small Group
7:25 – Return to Classroom

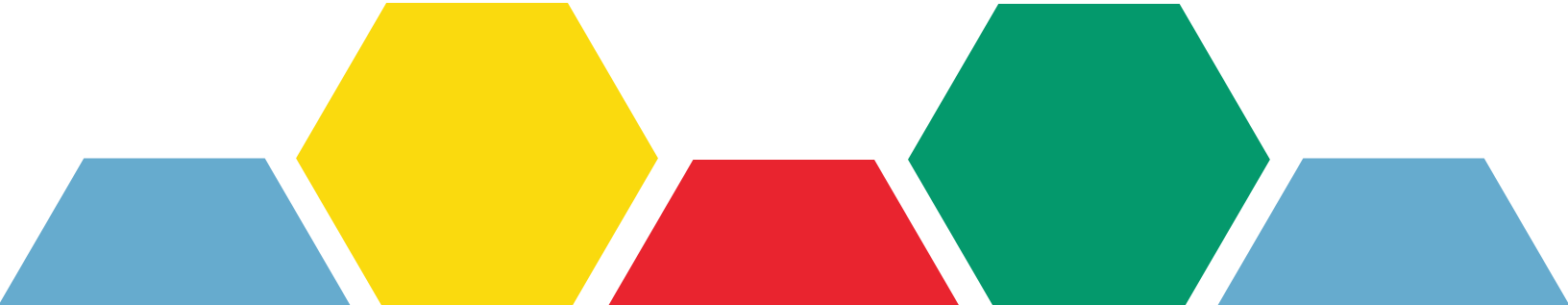
T&T

Upstairs

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7:30pm – Check Out

Parents, please return to your child(ren)'s classroom for check-out/dismissal.



Awana Club Activities (Sparks and T&T)

Large Group

Clubbers begin their night at Awana with a time of worship, age-appropriate Bible stories, and exposure to missions both at home and beyond.

Handbook/Small Group

Learning and memorizing God's Word is the most important part of Awana Clubs. Each leader will meet with a small group to review their handbooks, recite scripture, and discuss what they have learned.

Recreation

Sparks and T&T participate in recreation games. Awana games are an exciting and safe time of fun and friendly competition.

Club Costs

Handbook
Puggles Coloring & Activity Book ($2)
Cubbies, Sparks, and T&T Handbooks ($10)

Handbook Bag
Cubbies, Sparks, and T&T ($5)

MBC does not want any child to be deprived of participation in Awana due to finances. Please reach out to our Children's Minister if you or someone you know has a financial need.

Club Expenses

The cost of running our Awana Club charter is not covered by the purchase of handbooks or bags listed above. That money only goes towards the purchase of handbooks and bags.

We may have one or more fundraisers each year which help us to provide the awards, classroom materials, store items, etc. Families participating in Awana will be given the opportunity to help whenever we have a fundraiser.

General Information

What to Bring Each Week:

Bible
Club Handbook (or entrance booklet)
Handbook Bag

Theme Nights:

Theme nights are special times for our Clubbers and are designed to encourage club attendance. Theme nights will be announced a few weeks in advance.

Awana Bucks & The Awana Store:

Store night is open to all clubbers 3 times during the club year. Clubbers are able to spend the "Awana Bucks" that they have earned by means of attendance, bringing their Bible & handbook, reciting memory verses, bringing a friend, displaying leadership etc.

Kids use their bucks on Store Night to buy fun toys; some choose to buy gifts for their family or friends.

General Information cont.

Food Allergies & Medical/Behavioral Needs :

If your child has a food allergy or a medical/behavioral need, please be sure to indicate on your registration. Only food allergies will be printed on their name tag. Other allergies and medical notes will be documented and shared as necessary with leaders.

Communication:

Awana leaders typically send out announcements and reminders via text message. We also send home flyers occasionally. The Children's Minister will send email newsletters and text messages from Breeze. Please make sure that you are signed up to receive those texts.

Occasionally, our meeting will be cancelled due to inclement weather. With advanced notice, the Children's Minister will send email and/or text, and utilize communication on MBC's Facebook Page.

MBC SAFETY & SECURITY
Policies & Procedures

We will be transitioning away from the print out stickers to a reusable clip on tag for each child. Parents will also have a reusable name tag that they will wear or show to their child's teacher at pickup. **Please read through the information below and let us know if you have any questions.**

Check-In

- Parents will sign each child in **at their classroom** on the sign in sheet. We will not use the iPads for Awana check-in this year.
- We will be using **reusable clip on name tags** this year. These name tags will be located in baskets on a table near the welcome desk. These baskets will be labeled alphabetically (A-F, G-L, M-R, & S-Z). **Parent and child name tags will be located in the corresponding basket based on last name.**
- Once you have gotten name tags from the baskets **you will take them to their classes to sign them in.**
- For those in Kindergarten and younger, **please clip their tag to their back.**
- Babies younger than 18 months **will not have to have a tag clipped to them, theirs will go on their diaper bag only.**
- For those in 1st-5th grade, **they can choose where to clip their tag, but on their back may be a good option** as well if the tags may be a distraction for them.

Check-Out

- Dismissal will take place in **each individual classroom.**
- A volunteer will be positioned at the door at pick up time and call each child as their parent arrives.
- Each child will only be **released to an adult** or a **teenage sibling (age 13+)** who are listed on their name tag.
- Parents **should be wearing or show** their name tag to the teacher at pick-up.
- Parents, you will turn in your parent tag to **the last classroom** that you pick up from.
- Volunteers will remove the child's name tag and place it in the designated basket in each classroom. Please place any extra tags from bags in the baskets as well.

Name Tag Information





Children who have any allergies or important medical information will have a **RED star** on their name tag and that information will be listed on the back of their name tag.

An extra tag will be provided for children in Cubbies and younger that you can clip on their bag if they have one.

Babies younger than 18 months will not have to have a tag clipped to them, they will just need one clipped to their diaper bag where it will be visible for the volunteers.

Visitors will still receive a stick-on name tag with a matching parent pick-up sticker.

Other Policies & Procedures



- Parents/adult guardians of preschoolers or younger are **required to stay on campus.**
- **Sickness**
  - It is our desire to provide a healthy and safe environment for all of the children at WMBC. Parents are encouraged to be considerate of other children when deciding whether to place a child under our care.
  - In general, children with the following symptoms should not be dropped off:
    - Fever, diarrhea, or vomiting within the last 24 hours
    - Green or yellow runny nose (accompanied by fever)
    - Eye or skin infections
    - Other symptoms of communicable or infectious disease
- **Only adults who have met the requirements to be approved volunteers as outlined in the Memorial Baptist Child/Youth Protection Policy are permitted to be in classrooms with children.** Parents/guardians who remain on campus during Awana are invited to attend the adult Bible study class that is offered on Wednesday nights.

Parents are strongly encouraged to have their children visit the bathroom prior to each class.

2026-2027 Awana Clubs Calendar

Sept 2
Sept 9
Sept 16
Sept 23
Sept 30
Oct 7 - No Awana (Life Action Revival)
Oct 14
Oct 21
Oct 28 - No Awana (Harvest Hoopla)
Nov 4
Nov 11
Nov 18
Nov 25 - No Awana
Dec 2 - No Awana (Kids Christmas Program)
Dec 9 - Store Night
Dec 16 - Kids "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" Christmas Party
Dec 23 - No Awana
Dec 30 - No Awana
Jan 6
Jan 13
Jan 20
Jan 27
Feb 3
Feb 10
Feb 17
Feb 24
Mar 3 - Store Night
Mar 10
Mar 17
Mar 24 - Easter Egg Hunt
Mar 31 - No Awana (Spring Break)
Apr 7
Apr 14
Apr 21
Apr 28
May 5
May 12
May 19 - Store Night
May 26- Celebration Night

Special Dates

October 4th-11th:

Everyone is invited to attend the Life Action Revival here at MBC. More details to come!

October 28th:

Join us for our annual Harvest Hoopla event from 6pm-8pm.

December 16th:

In lieu of Awana, after dinner families will head over to the Red Barn and celebrate how sweet it is to trust in Jesus with a Gingerbread House decorating party! Families will need to RSVP so that we know how many houses to prepare. Forms will be sent home in November.

Store Nights

Sparks and T&T have the opportunity to spend Awana Bucks they have earned. Younger groups have a fun time of receiving special blessings as well.