

## 2011/2012 AWANA CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER:

- 11-First night of club
- 18-Regular A WANA
- 25-"Bring a Book Night"

### OCTOBER:

- 2- Regular AWANA
- 9-"Bring a Friend Night"
- 16- Regular AWANA
- 23-"Crazy Hat Night"
- 30-NO AWANA

### NOVEMBER:

- 6-What I Want To Be Night
- 13- Operation Christmas Child
- 20-"Feed the Hungry Night"
- 27-Thanksgiving Break - NO AWANA

### DECEMBER:

- 4- Regular AWANA
- 11-"Store Night"
- 18-What A Gift!
- 25-Christmas Break - NO AWANA

### JANUARY:

- 1-New Years' - NO AWANA
- 8-"Missions Night" Whole family attends
- 15-"Welcome Back Night"
- 22- Regular A WANA
- 29-"Sports Night"

### FEBRUARY:

- 5-NO AWANA-Super Bowl
- 12- Regular AWANA
- 19-Crazy Shoe Night

26- Regular AWANA

### MARCH:

- 4-"pH Night"
- 11- Regular AWANA
- 18-"Backward Night"
- 25- Regular AWANA

### APRIL:

- 1-What Love Is This?
- 8-Easter NO AWANA
- 15- Regular AWANA
- 22-Clubbers' Choice
- 29- Regular AWANA

### MAY:

- 6-"Store Night"
- 13-Mother's Day - NO AWANA
- 20- Regular AWANA
- 27-AWANA Awards Night

\*Schedule is subject to change/adjustment



# First Evangelical Free Church



## PARENT HANDBOOK

Thank you for allowing us to serve you and your family through the ministry of Awana.

Our phone number is: (575) 522-7029

Our Pastors are:

**John Powell**, *Senior Pastor*

**Gordon Douglas**, *Family Ministries Pastor*

**Matt Olson**, *Youth Pastor*

Our website is: <http://www.efclasruces.com>

Our Sunday Morning Services are at:

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Sunday School classes for all ages begin at:

9:45 AM

Dear Parents,

We at First Evangelical Free Church want to welcome you and your child to Awana. We are excited about working with your child in this ministry! Awana is a church-based, community club that is open to youth and children from different faiths and churches.

Your child will be bringing home an entrance booklet if he or she is new to an Awana club. For those returning in Sparks (Grades K-2) or in T&T (grades 3-5/6), your child will continue in the book they were in last May. Please help your child work on their materials each week, as they will benefit greatly from your support. As your child passes sections, they will be eligible to earn awards both for their uniform and at our Awana store.

Dues for AWANA are \$15 for the first child in a family and \$10 for each subsequent child. The dues help to pay for the books, materials and awards. All children will earn badges and/or patches for their uniforms as they complete book sections. To help reduce the financial burden on the church, we are asking parents to pay for their child's uniform vest or shirt. We expect to have your child's uniform one or two weeks following payment. Here are the prices for uniforms:

- Puggles T-shirt-\$9
- Cubbies Vest-\$9
- Sparks Vest-\$10
- T&T Adventure T-shirt-\$13.00
- T&T Challenge shirt-\$14.00

Note : Adventure Is 3-4th grades, Challenge is 5-6th grades

Please make any check payable to First Evangelical Free Church (or FEFC) and write "Awana" in the memo on the bottom left corner of the check.

Please do not let finances stand in the way of your child participating in Awana. If there is a financial need, please let your child's Awana Leader or the Awana Commander know and we will work with you so your child may continue to participate in our Awana ministry. We do not want anything to deter you and your child from having a wonderful experience at FEFC Awana.

If you do not have a church home, we invite you to come visit us. We hope you will come as a visitor and leave as a friend.

In His Service,  
Laurel and Mike Gardenhire  
FEFC AWANA Commanders

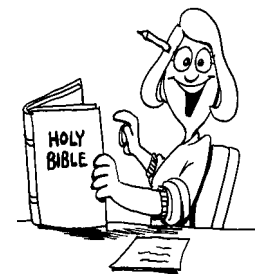
## The History Of Awana

Since 1950, Awana has grown from a one-church program into a ministry that includes more than 12,000 churches in the United States and another 4,300 in more than 109 countries worldwide. Local churches reach hundreds of thousands of young people every week by using the Awana program.

The goal of Awana is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and to train them to serve Him. The word Awana stands for **Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed**, and comes from 2 Timothy 2:15. AWANA is a fun and exciting way for children to learn Scripture and it works!

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to acquaint you with the Awana ministry of First Evangelical Free Church, and how it can benefit not only your child, but your entire family!

*"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth."  
2 Timothy 2:15*



## Dress Code

Children and youth attending Awana should wear comfortable clothing, “long” pants and “tennis” shoes in order to participate in the activities held on a typical evening. Some activities may be difficult to participate in wearing skirts, heels, flip-flops, sandals, dress shoes, etc.

## Wellness Policy

As we all know, sickness can keep going around with children, affecting not only the other children in your child’s Awana group, but your family and other families as the illness goes “back and forth” between the children. Our health policy for the Awana ministry is outlined below.

Children **SHOULD NOT** attend Awana if they have **any** of the following symptoms:

- Fever – 100 degrees or higher within the last 24-hours
- Vomiting within the last 24 hours
- Diarrhea within the last 24 hours
- Runny nose if accompanied by other symptoms and/or colored discharge
- Bad Cough – coughing increases the chance of infection being spread to others
- Any rash that is suspected to be contagious
- If your child is prescribed an anti-biotic, they must have been on the anti-biotic for a minimum of 48 hours prior to attending Awana

## Beginning and Ending Club

**Club begins** promptly at 5:30 PM with check-in starting at 5:15. We ask that your child(ren) do not arrive before then, as there will be no adult supervision. Please make sure your child arrives on time and in uniform.

**Club ends** at 7:00 PM. You are invited to arrive at 6:55 and join us for Awards and Announcements. Please do not let your children go outside after club unsupervised.

**PLEASE** be prompt in dropping off and picking up your child(ren). We are understanding of occasional delays but it is not reasonable to expect the leaders to watch your child for any length of time after club is over on a regular basis.

## Handbook Time

During Awana club we have a time in which each child is given the opportunity to memorize and recite Bible verses and Biblical concepts. Though each club (Puggles, Cubbies, Sparks, T&T, and Trek) is different in the scope and sequence of the materials covered, all clubs allow for your child to proceed at their own pace. Please take time to assist your child in learning the materials in their Handbook each week.

Handbook memorization is not mandatory, but strongly encouraged. We as leaders want to be sensitive to any special needs your child may have, especially in the area of learning. Please contact your child’s Club Director if there are any disabilities or challenges your child may face.

# FEFC Awana Club Rules:

We want our clubbers to have the best time possible in all of our programs. To achieve this, we follow these guidelines:

- If your child has any allergies or medical conditions or is taking any medications that will affect your child's participation, please let the leader or club secretary know.
- Clubbers will not use foul language or gestures while at club.
- All clubbers will show care and respect for all church property.
- Clubbers will address all leaders and fellow clubbers respectfully.
- Clubbers should not push, shove, rough house or run before or after club or in non-game time areas of the church property.
- Clubbers should not be in the church hallways, empty rooms, kitchen, or outside, except during a leader-supervised activity or function.
- Clubbers should not bring gum, candy, or toys to club meetings.

# Discipline

These two methods, the three-count and five-count, are used to keep order in our Awana Club:

The **THREE-COUNT** is a method for disciplining a Clubber who is consistently misbehaving, disruptive, or disrespectful. If the improper behavior continues, the clubber will receive a **ONE-COUNT** from his/her Awana leader with verbal warning.

If after this first warning, the behavior continues, he/she will be placed on a **TWO-COUNT** and will be taken aside to meet with an Awana Director, who will make sure that the clubber understands the rules and reasons for them.

If the clubber chooses not to cooperate after rejoining his/her group, he/she will receive the **THREE-COUNT** resulting in his/her Game Time privileges being revoked for a night. A Director or Leader can also have the Awana Commander call the clubber's parents to discuss the problem.

Awana clubbers are called to order by the use of the **FIVE-COUNT**. The person in charge (i.e. Commander, Director, Game Director, or Leader) does the **FIVE-COUNT** by slowly and loudly counting to five. Children should be told in the beginning of the year and periodically throughout the expectation that by the count of 3 they should be quiet and in their places.

The Awana leaders realize that there are many family situations that may affect a child's behavior. We encourage you to let your child's Awana leader know if there is any situation that may help us in ministering to your child. This helps the Awana leader to potentially minister to the child as opposed to just viewing a situation or action as a discipline problem.