



### Directors and Room Assignments

MINISTRY	AGE OR GRADE	DIRECTOR	ROOM
Cubbies	3 & 4 Year Olds	Jane McCray	130
Sparks	Kindergarten	Pamela Veal	110
Sparks	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Girls	Linda Simms	113
Sparks	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Boys	Chester Buster	123
Sparks	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Girls	Sandra Brennan	118
Sparks (Gate Test)	New Sparks	Vickie Washington	124
Truth & Training	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls	Wymell Shoats	211
Truth & Training	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys	Larry McCormick	209
Truth & Training	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls	Donna Guthrie	203
Truth & Training	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys	James Graves	202
Game Time	All Clubbers	Courtney Krider	Wyatt Annex
Share Store	All Clubbers	Linh Truesdale	124

### AWANA Class Schedule

GROUP	GAME & SNACK TIME	COUNCIL TIME	HANDBOOK TIME
Cubbies	7:00 – 7:20 pm	7:45 – 8:15 pm	8:20 - 8:50 pm
Sparks (K-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade)	7:20 – 7:40 pm	7:45 – 8:15 pm	8:20 – 8:50 pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls	7:45 – 8:15pm	7:00 – 7:40 pm	8:20 – 8:50 pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys	8:20 – 8:50 pm	7:00 – 7:40 pm	7:45 – 8:15 pm



**APPROVED WORKMEN ARE NOT ASHAMED**  
 II Timothy 2:15

**A Christian Education Program for Boys and Girls (Age 3 – Grade 6)**

**PARENT HANDBOOK 2014 - 2015**

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**AWANA PARENT HANDBOOK**  
**SEPTEMBER 2014 – JUNE 2015 MINISTRY YEAR**  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HIGHLAND PARK**

The goal of the AWANA Ministry is “to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him”. The purpose of AWANA, therefore, is two fold: evangelism and training.

- **Evangelism:** To draw children to AWANA where they can hear the gospel and accept Christ as their Savior.
- **Training:** To encourage children to memorize scripture and know the principles of God’s Word so that the Spirit of God can work in them (1) an understanding of the relevance of God’s Word on a daily basis, (2) the ability to discern right from wrong according to God’s Word, and (3) a desire to share the Gospel and the AWANA ministry with their friends and family.

**What does the Acronym “AWANA” mean ?**

“AWANA” is an acronym for “Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed.” It is taken from II Timothy 2:15, which states, “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth”.

**What do kids do at AWANA ?** Game Time, Handbook Time, and Council Time. Playing games on the unique AWANA Game Circle, kids have fun, get exercise, and learn good sportsmanship. During Handbook Time, children progress through age-appropriate handbooks by memorizing and demonstrating an understanding of Bible passages. The main feature of Council time is a Bible lesson, but it also includes recognition of achievement and presentation of awards.

**What is a section ?** A section is a segment of material to be studied, focusing on two or three Bible verses to be memorized. Sections also include brief quizzes, puzzles, questions, and definitions designed to increase Bible knowledge and understanding.

**ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS:** New members receive an entrance booklet. It consists of six or seven sections that teach basic Bible truths and introduce children to AWANA. On completion of the entrance booklet, children may order the appropriate uniform and handbook. Once they start working in the handbook, either first achieve their rank (which includes a Sunday School attendance requirement), and then work on Bible Drills and Activities. Encourage children not to put off their Activities until late in the club year.



They may start on Activities anytime even before they complete their rank or Bible Drills. When you first see the entrance booklet or handbook, look through it so you become familiar with what your child is required to do. Help your child work at a pace that will enable him or her to complete the handbook before the end of the club year.

**AWANA MEETING SCHEDULE:** AWANA meetings will be held every Friday, except the 3rd Friday of the Month, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. A listing noting the Director for each group and main room number is noted on the next page. During our regular meetings, groups do rotate to different rooms for handbook, council, and game time. If you need to pick up your child early or arrive late, please check-in at the main office on the first floor of the James J. McCord Education Building so that you can be directed to the appropriate room.

**MEMBERSHIP:** In order to join the AWANA Ministry, a child needs to: Come 2 weeks in a row and pass their entrance questions – booklet is provided. Once your child(ren) joins the ministry, he/she will be eligible to order an AWANA uniform and club book. The uniform is very important to the individual for this is where they display their awards in the form of patches, pins, etc. The AWANA award system encourages children to learn more about God’s Word. The ministry is open to children 3 years of age to the 6th grade.

**UNIFORM & HANDBOOK COSTS:** The uniform and handbook cost \$8.50 together. There is a fee to replace lost items.

**DONATIONS:** We request \$15 per year for 1 child and \$20 per family. If this is prohibitive, please contact your child’s Director.

**DISCIPLINE:** AWANA is not a babysitting service. It is a ministry to children and can only operate in an atmosphere of order, respect, and love. Children must be able to adhere to the specific rules set up by each group Director and must be able to respect the authority of the Adult leaders in their group. Parents will be contacted and are expected to intervene in cases of severe disobedience.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Every parent is needed in order for us to continue ministering to the number of children that God has brought to AWANA. We are, therefore, requiring that every parent, who is not a regular leader, volunteer for 3 sessions during the AWANA year-September through May. A form must be filled out when you register your child.

**AWANA SHARES STORE:** The AWANA store is open on a monthly basis. Children will be able to purchase toys, jewelry, stickers, etc., with AWANA shares that they receive as awards for memorizing verses, bringing a friend, meeting set deadlines, etc. An AWANA share is a paper certificate with a monetary value. As children accumulate their shares, they can redeem them for AWANA store items. Cubbies and Sparks will be able to deposit their shares in a make believe bank to avoid losing them. Older children will be given their shares. Lost shares cannot be replaced by the share store.

**SOME TIPS FOR PARENTS**

- ✓ Know the name and phone number of your child’s handbook group leader and feel free to call if you have any questions.
- ✓ Designate a place in your home where the child’s Bible, uniform, and AWANA handbook is to be kept. Encourage your child to put it back in the same place after studying each night.
- ✓ Spend an average of 10 minutes a day having your child either recite or write their memory verses. This will help your child remember.
- ✓ Make your child’s participation in AWANA a priority.
- ✓ Make yourself available to help in your child’s AWANA group. Feel free to give the Director ideas and input. You know your child best.

