

# **Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed**

For Boys & Girls

Ages 2 – Grade 5

**Parent Handbook 2017/2018**



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## Welcome To Awana

We are so excited about our Awana Clubs at Central!

As parents and ministry leaders, we have been given the privilege and honor of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with one of the largest unreached people groups in the world: Children. It is an awesome opportunity, and we are so excited about what God is going to do in the lives of our children. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve your children and help them learn who God is, what His Son did for us, and how we can live our lives for Him.

It is our prayer the children involved in Awana will be so excited about what happens on Wednesday nights that they want everyone they know to attend Awana. Awana is fun and exciting. We play games, learn Bible verses, hear testimonies, and learn how to live a life in service of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We also build relationships, share events in our lives, and help each other get to know Jesus better.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to overseeing this ministry this year and in the years to come. May God richly bless this ministry at Central.

Donna Vaughan

Brandy Weaver

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 6,000 in more than 109 countries worldwide. Local churches reach hundreds of thousands of young people every week by using the Awana ministry. 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!

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

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

### Awana is Online

For more information visit the Awana website at [www.awana.org](http://www.awana.org). On the website you can purchase many items for your children to further enhance their Awana experience. You can also download information for parents, visit blog sites, and join message board discussions.



## **Awana Theme Song**

(Words by Clarence W. Jones and Herbert Booth)

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 for the truth

Building lives on the Work of God, Awana stands!

Our Savior following, with steps unfaltering

And love unaltering, His praise we sing

His banner over us, in service glorious

We'll fight victorious for Christ our King!

Youth on the March!

## **The Awana Cheer**

Leader: What does Awana stand for?

Response: Approved workmen are not ashamed.

Leader: What is the first goal of Awana?

Response: To train them to serve Him!



## Flag and Bible Pledges

### Pledge of Allegiance to the 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.



### Pledge to the Awana Flag

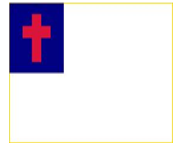
I pledge allegiance to the Awana flag, which stand for the Awana clubs, whose goal is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him.



### Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands.

One brotherhood uniting all Christians in service and love.



### Pledge of Allegiance to the 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.



## Discipline

The goal of discipline is to bring the person to a closer relationship with Christ through correct behavior and actions. Our Heavenly Father disciplines us with love and mercy. This should be the attitude with which we discipline the children He has given us in Awana. The following rules and procedures have been developed to help us in loving the children back into a healthy Christian attitude.

### CBC Awana Club Rules:

1. **Respect God** - means we don't do or say anything that would cause Him to be ashamed of us and we don't use His name in a disrespectful manner.
2. **Respect God's Word** – God's Word is Holy. It deserves the highest respect and obedience. It is the source of communication God has chosen to use with us. It contains God's plan for our daily lives and our only hope for eternal life in heaven.
3. **Respect God's Property** – The things we have to use are not our own. Everything in the church belongs to God and His people. We have their permission to use their things but never to deface or destroy them.
4. **Respect Others** – Treat other people (yes, even the clubbers) like you would like to be treated.

## **5 Count**

The 5 Count is used to get a group of clubbers attention. A leader will slowly count to 5. At the end of the 5 Count, clubbers should be standing still and quiet. Anyone still in motion or talking is given a “1” against their 3 Counts for the night.

## **3 Count**

The 3 Count is used for discipline. Each time a clubbers directly disobeys a command or rule, that clubber is given a disciplinary count.

1. With the first count they simply receive a warning from the Leader.
2. On their second count, the clubber is to be taken to the Commander. The Commander will talk with the clubber and advise them that they have only one more chance to prove themselves that night. The clubber will not return to that session but will be required to study their sections on their own. The clubber is then returned to their group for the next session.
3. After a clubber is returned to their leader or if the clubber shows disrespect to the commander during discipline then the clubber receives a third count and their parents are called to remove the clubber for the night. The clubber is encouraged to return the next week but their right to attend for the current night is suspended.



## **Visitors**

We love for clubbers to invite visitors to our Awana Club. In fact, we strongly encourage them to invite their friends, family and neighbors. After all, we are about leading kids to Christ! We have a general rule for visitors:

- On the 1<sup>st</sup> visit, if the visitor is in a different grade from the clubber who invited them, they may go with the clubber who brought them. If the same child visits thereafter, they must attend the club/grade they are currently in (for example, if the visitor is a 3 yr old, they cannot go with a first grader). If there are any questions, please see one of the Commanders.

## **What We Expect From Parents**

Always encourage your child. Children have much more fun when Mom and Dad show interest in their accomplishments. Help children to attend Awana every week and to arrive on time (Club begins at 6:00pm with a check-in starting at 5:45). Consistency builds friendships, achievement, and self-discipline.

Please review the discipline guidelines found in this handbook with your child. Awana has very few rules of behavior, but in order to insure that all clubbers have an opportunity to learn as well as have fun, some rules of behavior will be enforced.

Please plan to come inside and pick up clubbers. We will have a closing session in the Sanctuary at 7:25 that you will want to attend. You will find out useful information for the next week's meeting. Clubbers will not be permitted to leave the building without an adult coming to pick them up. Clubbers will be dismissed at 7:30.

If your child needs to be excused from participating in Game Time, please send a note to that effect to their leader; otherwise, they will be expected to participate with all other clubbers in all activities.

Parents are not allowed to stay in the classroom with their child. Unfortunately, our insurance will not allow anyone to remain in the classroom if they have not had a confidential background check. Only AWANA approved volunteers are allowed in the classroom with the children. This protects your child. If your child does not adjust well, someone will call you to come and pick him/her up.

### **Beginning and Ending**

Club begins promptly at 6:00 pm with check-in starting at 5:45. We ask that your children do not arrive before then, as there will be no adult supervision. Closing session is at 7:25 and club ends at 7:30 pm. Please be prompt in dropping off and picking up your children. We understand 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.

## **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. Here is our established health policy for the Awana ministry.

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 antibiotic, they must have been on the antibiotic for a minimum of 48 hours prior to attending Awana.

## **Inclement Weather Policy**

If the Town of Darlington has cancelled school or dismissed students early due to inclement weather, there will be no Awana Club Ministries.

If inclement weather should occur and school is not cancelled, we will cancel before 5pm and notify you by phone or email. You can also contact the church office at 843-393-8581.

## **What To Bring To Awana**

- Awana Uniform
- Comfortable shoes for running and playing
- Bible
- Awana Dues/Offering

On Special Theme Nights, we will ask your child to bring items or dress up in to participate in the fun. Throughout the year, specific items will be asked for to help our community and for upcoming church activities. This is helping children learn about missions. These items are not mandatory, but your child will receive extra points for participating in Theme Nights and bringing in requested items.

## **Handbook Guidelines**

- 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 (Cubbies, Sparks, T&T) is different in the scope and sequence of the materials covered, all clubs allow for your child to proceed at their own speed. The handbooks will be kept at the church and will not be sent home. (In past years, we have had many children lose their books or forget to bring them to the meetings.)

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.

## Awana Awards

Each Awana Clubber has the opportunity to earn exciting awards. These awards can be worn on the uniform. The awards you will see listed below are only the basic ones, others are given for completing one or more years of handbook work.

These awards should be displayed and worn proudly. They represent good achievement and spiritual growth in the knowledge of God and His Word. We will encourage all young people to strive for their highest potential.

Each child works at his/her own pace and will be guided and helped by a caring leader.

### For Completing:

### They Earn:

Entrance Booklet

Uniform

Handbook

Award Badge (T&T)

Rank Test

Rank Patch

Discoveries and Challenges:

Patch (Cubbies)

Jewel (Sparks)

Seal (T&T)

Clubbers must pass sections in order.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Where does Awana meet?**

Awana Clubs meet in the sanctuary at Central Baptist Church. Central is located at 512 Spring Street, Darlington, SC.

### **When does Awana meet?**

Awana meets on Wednesday nights from 6:00pm to 7:30pm starting August 30, 2017, and running through April 18, 2018. Check-in time begins at 5:45. The closing session starts at 7:25, and we would like for parents to be present for this.

### **Who can participate in Awana?**

Awana is for all children ages 2 through Grade 5. There are four clubs designed to meet the need of different age groups.

**Puggles:** Puggles recognizes the learning ability of 2- and 3-year olds by introducing biblical precepts at church and equipping parents to teach them at home. Children are welcomed each week with play time, songs and simple crafts and activities. Lessons teach and reinforce four basic biblical precepts:



God Made Everything

God Saw That It Was Good

God is Love

Give Thanks

**Cubbies:** Cubbies is a 2 year preschool program for children ages 3-5. Each night is designed around a particular Bible theme. Club time includes story time, crafts, games, songs and handbook time. The handbooks provide Bible memorization and are geared to encourage parental support. Cubbies wear blue vest with accompanying awards. Cubbies also teaches preschool concepts, such as numbers, colors, shapes and letters.



**Sparks:** Sparks is a 3 year program designed for Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades. Sparks includes a fun firefly character named Sparky. Sparky and friends lead the children through the ranks of the Hang Glider, Wing Runner and Sky Stormer while encouraging and motivating clubbers through handbook achievements, games and Bible stories. The handbooks include Bible memorization and Bible centered activities. Sparks wear red vests with accompanying awards.



**Truth and Training (T&T):** Truth & Training (T&T) is a 3 year program for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Our goal is to teach these older children the truth of God's Word and train them to serve Him in their daily lives. The handbooks in this age group teach Bible memorization and life application. These club members wear a green t-shirt with a reinforced strip to place awards.





## **How much are Awana dues?**

The registration fee for Awana Clubs is \$30 per child. This fee helps offset the cost for uniforms, handbooks, awards, and supplies. This helps provide snacks and materials for theme nights. Financial assistance or payment plans are available for those in need. Please contact the church office or the AWANA Commander at 843-393-8581.

## **How do I sign my child up for Awana?**

There are registration forms at Central Baptist Church. Simply fill out the form, leave it at the church office or bring it with you to your first Awana Club. Children who are visiting for the first time do not need to be officially registered to attend, but will need to be registered before receiving their first handbook.

## **Can I stay in the classroom with my child?**

Parents are not allowed to stay in the classroom with their child. Unfortunately, our insurance will not allow anyone to remain in the classroom if they have not had a confidential background check. Only AWANA approved volunteers are allowed in the classroom with the children. This protects your child. If your child does not adjust well, someone will call you to come and pick him/her up.

## **What do the children do with the points they earn?**

Twice a year, in December and in April, the children go to the AWANA store here at the church. It is filled with toys that the children purchase with their points.

## **How can I serve in the Awana Ministry?**

We have openings in Awana for people who love the Lord and love kids too. In order to serve in Awana at Central Baptist Church, you must...

- Be genuinely saved
- Be willing to submit to a confidential background check

There are many roles you can serve in:

- Club Director – lead a group of club leaders and work with children in small groups to complete handbooks
- Club Leader – help a small group of children work through handbooks and learn Bible verses.
- Listeners – listen to children recite memory verses
- Game Time Leader – help run Awana Games
- Special Event Coordinator –help plan and run special events throughout the year
- Administrative/Secretarial – help behind the scenes with ordering and paperwork
- Story Time/Devotion – be a special guest speaker and teach a large group a Bible lesson.

If you are interested in serving in any area of the Awana ministry, please contact the AWANA Commander.

## **Who do I contact for more information?**

The best people to talk to are our Awana Commanders, Donna Vaughan and Brandy Weaver. They can be reached during AWANA on Wednesday nights or by leaving a message for either one of them at the church office at 843-393-8581 Monday through Thursday.

## Awana Staff

**Commanders**.....Donna Vaughan and Brandy Weaver

**Secretaries** .....Dawn Face, Amy Norris, and Donna Coker

### **Puggles– Ages 2-3**

Director:.....Laura Westbrook

Leader:.....Kaitlyn Westbrook

### **Cubbies—Ages 3-5**

Directors.....Jim & Beverly Watson

Leaders.....Laura Byrd

### **Sparks – 5K – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Director.....Donna Vaughan

Leaders.....Phyllis Caples, Mary Lovelace,

.....Wilbur Vaughan, Barbara Denham, Linda Thibodeau

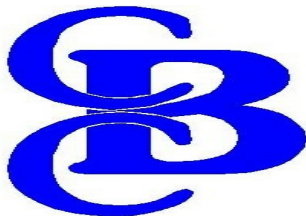
### **Truth & Training (T&T) (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)**

Director.....Dawn Boykin

Leaders.....Daniel Boykin, Amy Dearhart, Darren Byrd

**Game Time Leaders**.....

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## Weekly Opportunities

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Following is our fall schedule :

### Sunday:

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| 9:30am  | Bible Study   |
| 10:30am | Regular Worship   |
| 6:00pm  | Children's Play Practice, N'Focus for Youth, Small Groups |

### Wednesday:

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|--------|---------------------------------------|
| 5:30pm | Prayer Group                          |
| 5:45pm | AWANA                                 |
| 6:00pm | Refuge (Middle & High School Worship) |
| 7:30pm | Adult Choir Practice                  |