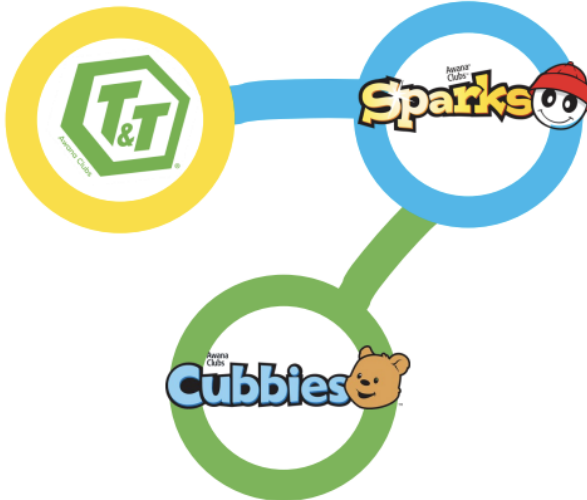




FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

CHRIST-CENTERED, KINGDOM-FOCUSED HOMES



Parent Handbook - 2026/2027

2275 West Main Street, Lowell MI
September 2, 2026 - April 28, 2027
6:15-8:00 pm

SERVICES at First Baptist Church of Lowell

SUNDAY	
9:30 am	Morning Worship
	Children's Church & Nursery available
11:00 am	FBC Life Groups / Children's Classes
6:30-8:00 pm	Youth Group, 6th - 12th
TUESDAY	
6:00-9:00 pm	Tae Kwon Do
WEDNESDAY	
6:30-9:00 am	Men's Coffee Time
6:00-6:15 pm	Awana Check-in
6:15-8:00 pm	Awana Club Activities

We enjoy having your children in our Awana Club. Listed above are just a few of our other opportunities at FBC. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to join us.



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Pastor Mac Hildebrand, Lead Pastor
Awana Ministry Director – Ray Kastanek

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"Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed"
II Timothy 2:15



What is Awana?

Awana is an international organization whose goal is to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. FBC's Awana program consists of three clubs:



Cubbies

**3-5 years of
age**

Cubbies includes games, crafts, and activities to encourage a lively experience while learning God's Word

Director: Willow Cramer

Sparks

Grade K-2nd



Takes boys and girls into God's Word with age-appropriate activities to instill an understanding of the Gospel of Christ

Co-Directors: Emily Clark and Laura Roberts



T&T

Grades 3rd - 6th

Focuses on discipleship in the Gospel through in-depth engagement with God's Word.

Note: 6th graders have an additional option to join the FBC Youth Group Sundays evenings in addition to Awana.

**Directors: Kelly Bruinekool (Girls),
Jake Wittenbach (Boys)**

What do we do in Awana?

The club night is divided into three periods of 30 minutes each.

- **GAME TIME** is a time for fun and competition. Children are divided into teams and participate in various games.

Please wear tennis shoes.

- **SMALL GROUP TIME** focuses on clubbers understanding the meaning of the verses they are learning. During the week the children work on handbook sections at home and come prepared to recite them from memory when they arrive at club. Parents are an invaluable help to kids learning new sections! Sections are recited with only two helps from the leader. Clubbers can earn awards as they complete their sections.
- **LARGE GROUP TIME** - is where a Bible lesson is taught to help build the principles of God's Word into their lives.

Clubber Handbook Guidance

Each clubber handbook is created to fit each clubber's age-group. It has "sections" that your child will need to work on prior to club night. NOTE: Some sections require parental involvement.

What happens if there is a discipline problem?

In most cases, we use a "five-count"; this is a method that tends to get the child's attention. They have five seconds to settle down, most of the time that is all it takes. If they do not follow the leader's request, they may visit the club director or ministry director. In those instances, we have a discussion with the child. We review why his or her behavior is unacceptable. In some cases, the child will lose game time privileges for a period, or other incentives may be set aside. If needed, we will discuss the behavior with the parents.

Here is where you can help. We ask that you support us and encourage your child to obey their Awana leaders. In some cases, we may ask you to spend an Awana club night with your child. All this is done for the purpose of responding to the needs of the individual child.

Purchase of Uniforms and Books



Cubbies (3-5 years)

Vest.....\$15.00
Handbook....\$15.00/book



Sparks (K-2nd)

Vest.....\$15.00
Handbook....\$15.00/book



T&T (3rd-6th)

Shirt\$5.00
Handbook.....\$15.00/book



Uniforms and Handbooks are to be purchased by the Awana Participant.
Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church.

Clubbers are expected to:

- wear their **vest or uniform**
- bring their **handbook/Bible**
- contribute **dues** to the club (this can be done weekly or as a one-time contribution)

Dues

Each child attending Awana is asked to bring dues of \$.50 per club night. This money is used to help with the cost of awards which the children receive for memory work and for the activities of regular club nights.
*You are welcome to pay for the entire year for each club member; \$15.

FBC Awana Cancellation Policy

Awana will be cancelled if Lowell Public Schools cancels classes or events due to weather related issues.

Awana will NOT be held even if conditions seem to improve when Lowell Public Schools have cancelled classes or events.

WCSG FM 91.3, WFUR FM 102.9, WOODTV and WZZM will also broadcast information regarding Awana cancellations.

The Awana staff will not contact each family, this policy covers all means of program cancellation.

FBC Awana Tornado Policy

Awana will be cancelled if a Tornado Watch or Warning is issued by the National Weather Service extending beyond 4:30 p.m.

In the event of a Tornado Watch being issued after Awana has started then parents must pick up their clubber immediately. Staff will not transport children.

In the event of a Tornado Warning being issued after Awana has started children will be kept in a FBC designated area until the warning has expired. Parents should wait until the warning has expired before picking up their clubber. Staff will not transport children.

*****The safety of your children and our staff is very important*****

Your clubber must be signed out by an authorized parent or guardian at the end of each club night before they may leave. Thank you for allowing us the privilege of having your child with us in Awana.

PLEASE MAKE SURE we have a completed registration/medical form for your child.

GRAND PRIX: Grand Prix is an exciting event for everyone. Race day is Saturday **February 27**. Early registration and test runs will be available Friday evening, **February 26**. Race car kits will be on sale starting **January 27**. Come on out and enjoy a morning of racing.

AWARDS NIGHT: Awards night will be held on Wednesday **April 28**. Please plan on coming to celebrate your clubber's achievements.

BOOK FINISHER: We believe that summer camp can be very impactful on kids' spiritual development. Scholarships are available to Lincoln Lake Camp for clubbers who:

- Are Sparks or T&T.
- They have finished a book.
- Attended Awana for at least 20 nights during the year.

**If you have a question or a concern,
or you would like to just
talk to someone about Awana,
please feel free to call us!
616-897-7168**

**Awana Ministry Director – Ray Kastanek
Awana Secretary – Dawn Milley
Cubbie Director - Willow Cramer
Sparks Co-Directors - Emily Clark and Laura Roberts
T&T Girls Director - Kelly Bruinekool
T&T Boys Director – Jake Wittenbach**

Partnering with Parents

Cubbies

Cubbies encourage parental involvement. Your child's handbooks feature parent-child activities for home. You will lead your child through handbook sections, called Bear Hugs, to prepare for the next club gathering. Each Bear Hug includes optional activities, called "Under the Apple Tree," for reviewing Bible verses and lessons learned earlier.

At the club, your child will review the verse you helped teach at home. Working through the handbook with your child develops your spiritual leadership and helps you instill your child with a lifelong biblical worldview.

Sparks

Invest in your child's growing faith by reading and discussing the Bible and the handbook sections with your child and by helping her/him memorize the verses. Use the Parent Ideas section in each handbook to help your child understand the biographies and see how they fit in the Bible.

T&T

The clubbers will explore the meaning of being an Agent of Grace and how it affects their lives. Topics include: the character and nature of God, the structure and sequence of the Bible, the redemption narrative, and key discipleship practices.

There are resources on our web page to help your child complete their book. Visit

<https://www.fbclowell.org/Ministries/Childrens-Ministry/Awana>



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Club Night Schedule



6:00 - 6:45 pm	Check-in, craft, and supervised play
6:45 - 7:00 pm	Opening (Pledges, Songs, & Puppets)
7:00 - 7:15 pm	Small Group Time (verses & books)
7:15 - 7:20 pm	Restroom and water break
7:20 - 7:30 pm	Large Group Time (Bible story)
7:30 - 7:40 pm	Snack
7:40 - 7:55 pm	Game Time
7:55 - 8:00 pm	Back to Handbook Room



6:00 - 6:15 pm	Check-in and Say Verses
6:15 - 6:25 pm	Opening (Auditorium)
6:25 - 6:55 pm	Game Time/Small Group Time
6:55 - 7:25 pm	Small Group Time/Game Time
7:25 - 7:55 pm	Large Group Time
7:55 - 8:00 pm	Closing (Auditorium)



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6:55 - 7:25 pm	Small Group Time
7:25 - 7:55 pm	Game Time
7:55 - 8:00 pm	Closing (Auditorium)

Cubbies HoneyComb Schedule

Date	Section	Theme
9-Sep	Bear Hug A	1st Night of Club
16-Sep	Bear Hug B	Wear Pink
23-Sep	Bear Hug 1	Outdoor Game Night
30-Sep	Bear Hug 2	Crazy Hair Night
7-Oct	Bear Hug 3	Any Coin Night (Missionaries)
14-Oct	Bear Hug 4	Dress as a 1st Responder
21-Oct	Bear Hug 5	Missionary Night
28-Oct	Bear Hug 6	Bring a Friend Night
4-Nov	Bear Hug 7	Wear Favorite Color
11-Nov	Bear Hug 8	Wear Red, White, & Blue
18-Nov	Special Day 1	Wear Yellow
2-Dec	Bear Hug 9-10	Super-Hero/Princess Night
9-Dec	Bear Hug 11	Christmas Festive Night
16-Dec	Special Day 2	Happy Birthday Jesus
6-Jan	Bear Hug 12	Wear Blue
13-Jan	Bear Hug 13-14	Wear a Hat
20-Jan	Bear Hug 15	Wear Hawaiian Clothes
27-Jan	Bear Hug 16	Nickel Night (Alpha)
3-Feb	Bear Hug 17-18	Wear Superbowl Colors
10-Feb	Special Day 3	Wear Red
17-Feb	Bear Hug 19	Backwards/Missmatch Night
24-Feb	Bear Hug 20	Dime Night (Alpha)
3-Mar	Bear Hug 21	Wear Flannel Night
10-Mar	Bear Hug 22	Put Stickers on Leaders
17-Mar	Bear Hug 23	Wear Green
24-Mar	Special Day 4	Easter Night
31-Mar	Bear Hug 24	Handbook Catch Up Night
14-Apr	Bear Hug 25	Quarter Night (Alpha)
21-Apr	Bear Hug 26	Last Night of Club
28-Apr	Awards Ceremony & Fair	

Sparks Teaching Schedule

Date	Teaching Topic
9-Sep	What is sin?
16-Sep	Who has sinned?
23-Sep	Who is Jesus?
30-Sep	What is Prayer?
7-Oct	What is the Bible?
14-Oct	How can a Christian grow?
21-Oct	Missionary visit
28-Oct	Should I tell others about Jesus?
4-Nov	Good News
18-Nov	Thankfulness
2-Dec	Angels speak to Mary and Joseph
9-Dec	Jesus is Born
16-Dec	The wise men visit Jesus
20-Jan	Jesus: power over sickness
27-Jan	Jesus: power over evil
3-Feb	Miracles of Jesus
10-Feb	Miracles of Jesus
17-Feb	Miracles of Jesus
24-Feb	Miracles of Jesus
3-Mar	Miracles of Jesus
10-Mar	Miracles of Jesus
17-Mar	The triumphal entry
24-Mar	The Last Supper
31-Mar	Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection
14-Apr	Jesus appeared to the Disciples
21-Apr	Jesus gave the great commission
28-Apr	Awana Awards & Fair

Sparks Hang Glider Section Schedule - Kindergarten

Hang Glider Section	Clubbers says verse on...
Rank 1&2	16-Sep
Rank 3	23-Sep
Rank 4	30-Sep
Rank 5	7-Oct
Rank 6	14-Oct
Rank 7,8	21-Oct
Red Jewel 1:2	28-Oct
Red Jewel 1:3	4-Nov
Red Jewel 1:4	11-Nov
Green Jewel 1:1, 1:2	18-Nov
Green Jewel 1:3	2-Dec
Green Jewel 1:4	9-Dec
Red Jewel 2:1, 2:2	16-Dec
Red Jewel 2:3	6-Jan
Red Jewel 2:4	13-Jan
Green Jewel 2:4	20-Jan
Red Jewel 3:1, 3:2	27-Jan
Red Jewel 3:3	3-Feb
Red Jewel 3:4	10-Feb
Green Jewel 3:1	17-Feb
Green Jewel 3:2, 3:3	24-Feb
Green Jewel 3:4	3-Mar
Red Jewel 4:1	10-Mar
Red Jewel 4:2	17-Mar
Red Jewel 4:3	24-Mar
Red Jewel 4:4	31-Mar
Green Jewel 4:1	14-Apr
Green Jewel 4:2, 4:3	21-Apr
Green Jewel 4:4	21-Apr
Awana Awards & Fair	28-Apr

Sparks Wing Runner Section Schedule - 1st Grade

Wing Runner Section	Clubbers says verse on...
Rank 2	16-Sep
Rank 3	23-Sep
Rank 4	30-Sep
Rank 5	7-Oct
Rank 6	14-Oct
Rank 7,8	21-Oct
Red Jewel 1:1, 1:2	28-Oct
Red Jewel 1:3	4-Nov
Red Jewel 1:4	11-Nov
Green Jewel 1:1	18-Nov
Green Jewel 1:2	2-Dec
Green Jewel 1:3, 1:4	9-Dec
Red Jewel 2:1, 2:2	16-Dec
Red Jewel 2:3, 1:4	6-Jan
Green Jewel 2:1	13-Jan
Green Jewel 2:2	20-Jan
Green Jewel 2:3	27-Jan
Green Jewel 2:4	3-Feb
Red Jewel 3:1	10-Feb
Red Jewel 3:2-3:4	17-Feb
Green Jewel 3:1- 3:3	24-Feb
Green Jewel 3:4	3-Mar
Red Jewel 4:1	10-Mar
Red Jewel 4:2	17-Mar
Red Jewel 4:3	24-Mar
Red Jewel 4:4	31-Mar
Green Jewel 4:1	14-Apr
Green Jewel 4:2, 4:3	21-Apr
Green Jewel 4:4	21-Apr
Awana Awards & Fair	28-Apr

Sparks Sky Stormer Section Schedule - 2nd Grade

Sky Stormer Section	Clubbers says verse on...
Rank 2	16-Sep
Rank 3	23-Sep
Rank 4, 5	30-Sep
Rank 6	7-Oct
Rank 7, 8	14-Oct
Red Jewel 1:1, 1:2	21-Oct
Red Jewel 1:3	28-Oct
Red Jewel 1:4	4-Nov
Green Jewel 1:1	11-Nov
Green Jewel 1:2	18-Nov
Green Jewel 1:3	2-Dec
Green Jewel 1:4	9-Dec
Red Jewel 2:1	16-Dec
Red Jewel 2:2	6-Jan
Red Jewel 2:3	13-Jan
Red Jewel 2:4	20-Jan
Green Jewel 2:1, 2:2	27-Jan
Green Jewel 2:3	3-Feb
Green Jewel 2:4	10-Feb
Red Jewel 3:1	17-Feb
Red Jewel 3:2-3:4	24-Feb
Green Jewel 3:1, 3:2	3-Mar
Green Jewel 3:3	10-Mar
Red Jewel 4:1	17-Mar
Red Jewel 4:2	24-Mar
Red Jewel 4:3	31-Mar
Red Jewel 4:4	14-Apr
Green Jewel 4:1-4:3	21-Apr
Green Jewel 4:4	21-Apr
Awana Awards & Fair	28-Apr

T&T Agents of Grace Schedule			
Leader Lesson	Handbook Section	Verse(s)	Clubber Says Verse(s) on...
START ZONE			
9-Sep		Ephesians 2:8,9	16-Sep
16-Sep		Romans 10:7	23-Sep
HANDBOOK			
23-Sep	1.1	Titus 3:4-5	30-Sep
30-Sep	1.2	Romans 15:13	7-Oct
7-Oct	1.3	1 John 2:1	14-Oct
14-Oct	1.4	Psalms 46:1	21-Oct
21-Oct	1.5, 1.6	John 16:33	28-Oct
28-Oct	2.1	Romans 1:20	4-Nov
4-Nov	2.2	2 Tim. 3:16-17	11-Nov
11-Nov	2.3	John 14:26	18-Nov
18-Nov	2.4	Psalms 12:6	2-Dec
2-Dec	2.5	2 Peter 3:2	9-Dec
9-Dec	2.6	2 Peter 1:16	16-Dec
16-Dec	2.7, 2.8	Hebrews 4:12	6-Jan
6-Jan	3.1	John 6:35	13-Jan
13-Jan	3.2	John 8:12	20-Jan
20-Jan	3.3	John 10:7	27-Jan
27-Jan	3.4	John 10:14	3-Feb
3-Feb	3.5	John 11:25	10-Feb
10-Feb	3.6	John 14:6	17-Feb
17-Feb	3.7, 3.8	John 15:5	24-Feb
24-Feb	4.1	Joshua 1:9	3-Mar
3-Mar	4.2	Phil. 2:3	10-Mar
10-Mar	4.3	James 1:5	17-Mar
17-Mar	4.4	John 14:15	24-Mar
24-Mar	4.5	Romans 12:10	31-Mar
31-Mar	4.6	Psalms 43:5	14-Apr
14-Apr	4.7, 4.8	1 Cor. 25:4	21-Apr
21-Apr	Last night to say sections		
28-Apr	AWARD CEREMONY & FAIR		

AWANA Theme Nights

9-Sep	1st Club Night, Welcome Back
16-Sep	Pink Arrow Night (Lowell Event)
23-Sep	Outdoor Game Night
30-Sep	Crazy Hair Night
7-Oct	Any Coin Night (Missionary)
14-Oct	Dress as a 1 st Responder
21-Oct	Meet a Missionary Night
28-Oct	Bring a Friend Night
4-Nov	Wear your favorite colors
11-Nov	Red, White and Blue Night
18-Nov	Wear Yellow Night
2-Dec	Super-Hero/Princess Night
9-Dec	Christmas Spirit Night
16-Dec	Happy Birthday Jesus
6-Jan	Blue Night
13-Jan	Hat Fun Night
20-Jan	Hawaiian Night
27-Jan	Nickel Night (Alpha Care Center)
3-Feb	Super Bowl Color Night (Feb 14)
10-Feb	Wear Red Night (Share the Love)
17-Feb	Backward/Mismatch Clothes Night
24-Feb	Dime Night (Alpha Care Center)
3-Mar	Flannel Night Stay Warm
10-Mar	Put Stickers on a Leader/ Leaders
17-Mar	Wear Green for St Patrick's Day
24-Mar	Easter Night
14-Apr	Quarter Night (Alpha Care Center)
28-Apr	Awards Ceremony & Fair