

Parent Handbook – 2025/2026

2275 West Main Street, Lowell MI
September 3, 2025 – April 22, 2026
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
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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"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),
Ray Kastanek (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 to teach sportsmanship. Children are divided into teams and participate in various games.
Please wear tennis shoes.
- **SMALL GROUP TIME** focuses on the Bible. During the week the children are to work on handbook sections at home and come prepared to recite them from memory. Sections must be recited with not more than two helps from the leader. Parents are an invaluable help to kids learning new sections! Awards, to be worn on the clubber uniform, are earned during Handbook Time. The Awana uniform should be worn to receive awards.
- **LARGE GROUP TIME** combines singing and sharing Bible lessons to help the children build the principles of God's Word into their lives. Our goal is to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him.

Clubber Handbook Guidance

Each clubber handbook is created to fit each clubber's age-group. Each clubber handbook has "sections" that your child will need to work on prior to club night. Some sections also have pages in which parents are required to interact with their child.

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 leaders 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.....\$14.00

Handbook....\$12.00/book



Sparks (K-2nd)

Vest.....\$14.00

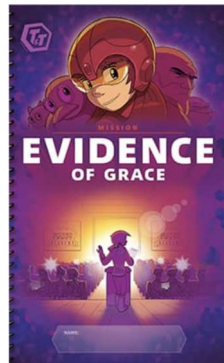
Handbook....\$12.00/book



T&T (3rd-6th)

Shirt (optional)....\$12.00

Handbook.....\$12.00/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**
- contribute **dues** to club each week.

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 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 basement 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 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 **March 7**. Early registration and test runs will be available Friday evening, **March 6**. Race car kits will be on sale starting February 5. Come on out and enjoy a morning of racing.

AWARDS NIGHT: Awards night will be held on Wednesday **April 22**. 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.
- 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 – John Gerard
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 - Ray Kastanek

Partnering with Parents

Cubbies

Cubbies encourages 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 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 God's grace and how it affects our lives. Topics include attributes of God, information about the Bible, who Jesus is, and understand more about God's grace to us all.

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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Awana Clubs
Cubbies

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

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Sparks Teaching Schedule			
Date	Teaching Topic	Date	Teaching Topic
3-Sep	What does Awana stand for?	7-Jan	Jesus Has the Power to Provide
10-Sep	Who or what is God?	14-Jan	Jesus Has Power Over Sickness
17-Sep	What is sin?	21-Jan	Jesus Has Power Over Evil
24-Sep	Who has sinned?	28-Jan	Jesus Has Power Over Death
1-Oct	Who is Jesus?	4-Feb	Parable of the Vineyard Workers
8-Oct	What is Prayer?	11-Feb	Parable of the Wedding Feast
15-Oct	Missionary Visit	18-Feb	Parable of the Faithful Servant
22-Oct	What is the Bible?	25-Feb	Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus
29-Oct	How can a Christian Grow?	4-Mar	Parable of the Talents
5-Nov	Should I tell others about Jesus?	11-Mar	The Last Supper
12-Nov	Good News	18-Mar	The Triumphal Entry
19-Nov	Prophets Told About Jesus' Birth	25-Mar	Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection
3-Dec	Angels Spoke to Mary and Joseph	1-Apr	Jesus Appeared to the Disciples
10-Dec	Jesus Was Born	15-Apr	Jesus Gave the Great Commission
17-Dec	Jesus Has Power Over Creation	22-Apr	Awards Ceremony

Sparks Hang Glider Section Schedule			
Learn Date	Hang Glider Section	Learn Date	Hang Glider Section
3-Sep	Rank 1&2	17-Dec	Red Jwl 2:4
10-Sep	Rank 3	7-Jan	Green Jwl 2:4
17-Sep	Rank 4	14-Jan	Red Jwl 3:1, 3:2
24-Sep	Rank 5	21-Jan	Red Jwl 3:3
1-Oct	Rank 6	28-Jan	Red Jwl 3:4
8-Oct	Rank 7,8	4-Feb	Green Jwl 3:1
15-Oct	Red Jwl 1:2	11-Feb	Green Jwl 3:2, 3:3
22-Oct	Red Jwl 1:3	18-Feb	Green Jwl 3:4
29-Oct	Red Jwl 1:4	25-Feb	Red Jwl 4:1
5-Nov	Green Jwl 1:1, 1:2	4-Mar	Red Jwl 4:2
12-Nov	Green Jwl 1:3	11-Mar	Red Jwl 4:3
19-Nov	Green Jwl 1:4	18-Mar	Red Jwl 4:4
3-Dec	Red Jwl 2:1, 2:2	25-Mar	Green Jwl 4:1
10-Dec	Red Jwl 2:3	1-Apr	Green Jwl 4:2, 4:3
		15-Apr	Green Jwl 4:4

Learn Date	Hang Glider Section	Pass Date
17-Dec	Red Jwl 2:4	7-Jan
7-Jan	Green Jwl 2:4	14-Jan
14-Jan	Red Jwl 3:1, 3:2	21-Jan
21-Jan	Red Jwl 3:3	28-Jan
28-Jan	Red Jwl 3:4	4-Feb
4-Feb	Green Jwl 3:1	11-Feb
11-Feb	Green Jwl 3:2, 3:3	18-Feb
18-Feb	Green Jwl 3:4	25-Feb
25-Feb	Red Jwl 4:1	4-Mar
4-Mar	Red Jwl 4:2	11-Mar
11-Mar	Red Jwl 4:3	18-Mar
18-Mar	Red Jwl 4:4	25-Mar
25-Mar	Green Jwl 4:1	1-Apr
1-Apr	Green Jwl 4:2, 4:3	15-Apr
15-Apr	Green Jwl 4:4	15-Apr

Sparks Wing Runner Section Schedule

Learn Date	Wing Runner Section	Pass Date
3-Sep	Rank 2	10-Sep
10-Sep	Rank 3	17-Sep
17-Sep	Rank 4	24-Sep
24-Sep	Rank 5	1-Oct
1-Oct	Rank 6	8-Oct
8-Oct	Rank 7,8	15-Oct
15-Oct	Red Jwl 1:1, 1:2	22-Oct
22-Oct	Red Jwl 1:3	29-Oct
29-Oct	Red Jwl 1:4	5-Nov
5-Nov	Green Jwl 1:1	12-Nov
12-Nov	Green Jwl 1:2	19-Nov
19-Nov	Green Jwl 1:3, 1:4	3-Dec
3-Dec	Red Jwl 2:1, 2:2	10-Dec
10-Dec	Red Jwl 2:3, 1:4	17-Dec

Learn Date	Wing Runner Section	Pass Date
17-Dec	Green Jwl 2:1	7-Jan
7-Jan	Green Jwl 2:2	14-Jan
14-Jan	Green Jwl 2:3	21-Jan
21-Jan	Green Jwl 2:4	28-Jan
28-Jan	Red Jwl 3:1	4-Feb
4-Feb	Red Jwl 3:2-3:4	11-Feb
11-Feb	Green Jwl 3:1- 3:3	18-Feb
18-Feb	Green Jwl 3:4	25-Feb
25-Feb	Red Jwl 4:1	4-Mar
4-Mar	Red Jwl 4:2	11-Mar
11-Mar	Red Jwl 4:3	18-Mar
18-Mar	Red Jwl 4:4	25-Mar
25-Mar	Green Jwl 4:1	1-Apr
1-Apr	Green Jwl 4:2, 4:3	15-Apr
15-Apr	Green Jwl 4:4	15-Apr

Sparks Sky Stormer Section Schedule

Learn Date	Sky Stormer Section	Pass Date
3-Sep	Rank 2	10-Sep
10-Sep	Rank 3	17-Sep
17-Sep	Rank 4, 5	24-Sep
24-Sep	Rank 6	1-Oct
1-Oct	Rank 7, 8	8-Oct
8-Oct	Red Jwl 1:1, 1:2	15-Oct
15-Oct	Red Jwl 1:3	22-Oct
22-Oct	Red Jwl 1:4	29-Oct
29-Oct	Green Jwl 1:1	5-Nov
5-Nov	Green Jwl 1:2	12-Nov
12-Nov	Green Jwl 1:3	19-Nov
19-Nov	Green Jwl 1:4	3-Dec
3-Dec	Red Jwl 2:1	10-Dec
10-Dec	Red Jwl 2:2	17-Dec

Learn Date	Sky Stormer Section	Pass Date
17-Dec	Red Jwl 2:3	7-Jan
7-Jan	Red Jwl 2:4	14-Jan
14-Jan	Green Jwl 2:1, 2:2	21-Jan
21-Jan	Green Jwl 2:3	28-Jan
28-Jan	Green Jwl 2:4	4-Feb
4-Feb	Red Jwl 3:1	11-Feb
11-Feb	Red Jwl 3:2-3:4	18-Feb
18-Feb	Green Jwl 3:1, 3:2	25-Feb
25-Feb	Green Jwl 3:3	4-Mar
4-Mar	Red Jwl 4:1	11-Mar
11-Mar	Red Jwl 4:2	18-Mar
18-Mar	Red Jwl 4:3	25-Mar
25-Mar	Red Jwl 4:4	1-Apr
1-Apr	Green Jwl 4:1-4:3	15-Apr
15-Apr	Green Jwl 4:4	15-Apr

T&T Evidence of Grace Teaching Schedule			
Date	Teaching Topic (Handbook Section)		Date Teaching Topic (Handbook Section)
Start Zone			Unit 3 - Redemption
3-Sep	Explain Ephesians 2:8,9 (Start Zone)		17-Dec Image of God (3.1), Gen 1:26
10-Sep	Explain Rom 10:7 (Start Zone)		7-Jan Satan (3.2), Gen 3:1
Unit 1 - God Is...			14-Jan The Fall (3.3), Gen 3:6
17-Sep	God Is Truth (1.1), Jere 10:10		21-Jan Sin and Suffering (3.4), Rom 5:12
24-Sep	God Is All-Powerful (1.2), Jere 10:12		28-Jan Jesus Christ (3.5), Rom 5:19
1-Oct	God Is Everywhere (1.3), Ps 139:7-10		4-Feb The Lord's Return (3.6), 1 Thess 4:16-17
8-Oct	God Is All-Knowing (1.4), Ps 139:1-3		11-Feb Eternity (3.7, 3.8), Ps 102:25-27
15-Oct	Missionary Visit (1.5, 1.6)		Unit 4 - Evidence
Unit 2 - The Bible...			18-Feb Faith (4.1), Hebrews 11:6
22-Oct	Books of History (2.1), Gen 12:1-2		25-Feb Prayer (4.2), 1 John 5:14
29-Oct	Books of Wisdom (2.2), Prov 1:7		4-Mar Studying God's Word (4.3), 2 Tim 3:16-17
5-Nov	Books of Prophecy (2.3), Deut 18:18-19		11-Mar Worship (4.4), John 4:23-24
12-Nov	The Gospels (2.4), 1 Cor 15:3-4		18-Mar Serving (4.5), Matt 20:28
19-Nov	Acts (2.5), Acts 13:48-49		25-Mar Fellowship (4.6), Eph 4:1-3
3-Dec	The Epistles (2.6), 2 Thess 2:15		1-Apr Witnessing (4.7), Matt 5:16
10-Dec	Rev (2.7, 2.8), Rev 1:1-2		15-Apr Jesus Gave the Great Commission (4.8)
			22-Apr Awards Ceremony

<u>AWANA Theme Nights</u>			
3-Sep	First Night of Club		31-Dec NO CLUB
10-Sep	Bring a Friend Night		7-Jan Mismatching Clothes Night
17-Sep	Outdoor Game Night		14-Jan Wear Blue Night
24-Sep	Pink Night (Lowell Event)		21-Jan Go Hawaiian Night
1-Oct	Penny Night (Alpha Care Center)		28-Jan Nickel Night (Alpha Care Center)
8-Oct	Dress as a 1 st Responder You		4-Feb Super Bowl Colors Night
15-Oct	Meet a Missionary Night		11-Feb Wear Red for Valentines Day
22-Oct	Crazy Hair Night		18-Feb Backwards Night
29-Oct	Wear your favorite colors		25-Feb Dime Night (Alpha Care Center)
5-Nov	Favorite or Crazy Sock Night		4-Mar Be Warm & wear your Flannels
12-Nov	Hat Night		11-Mar Wear Green for St Patrick's Day
19-Nov	Wear Yellow Night		18-Mar Handbook Section Catch Up Night
26-Nov	Thanksgiving Break		25-Mar Quarter Night (Alpha Care Center)
3-Dec	Super-Hero/Princess		1-Apr Pajama Night
10-Dec	Sport Night		8-Apr NO CLUB
17-Dec	Happy Birthday Jesus		15-Apr Easter Night
24-Dec	NO CLUB		22-Apr Awards Ceremony