



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. An audio CD included in your child's handbook has review material that you can listen to together.

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

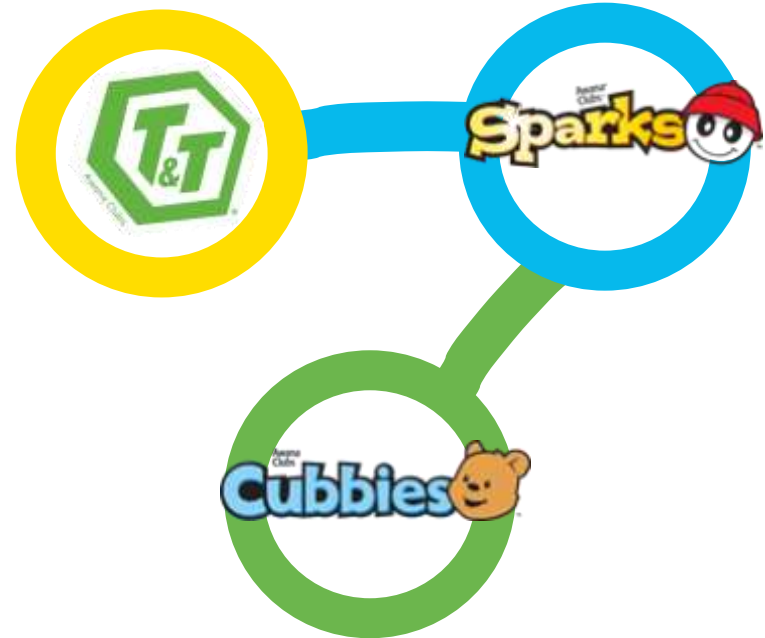
Invest in your child's growing faith by reading and discussing the Bible and the handbook sections with your child and by helping him memorize the verses. Use the Parent Ideas section in each handbook to help your child understand the biographies and see how they fit in the Bible

T&T

In T&T handbooks, every "Discovery" or "Challenge" begins with a parent page that explains how you can reinforce the truths taught in subsequent sections and help your child succeed.



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First Baptist Church
Parent Handbook
2275 West Main Street, Lowell MI

6:15-8:00 pm

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SERVICES....at First Baptist Church of Lowell

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship-
Children's Church & Nursery available

11:00 a.m. Life Group for Adults
Sunday School for Nursery - High
School

MONDAY

6:30-8:00 p.m. Youth Group for 6th - 12th grades

WEDNESDAY

6:15-8:00 p.m. **Awana**

We enjoy having your children in our Awana Club.
Listed above are the times of our services. If you do not
have a church home, we invite you to worship with us.



Pastor Jon Pickens, Lead Pastor
Pastor Andrew Bolkcom, Pastor of Discipleship
Christi Swain, Children's Ministry Director

Special Awana Nights

SHARE A BLESSING: Families have the opportunity
to bless other families in the Lowell community. **October 30-
November 20**

GRAND PRIX: Grand Prix is an exciting evening for
everyone. Race day is **February 5**. (Race car kits will be on
sale starting December 4). Come on out and enjoy an evening of
racing competition.

AWARDS NIGHT: Awards night will be held **May 6**
Please plan on coming to celebrate your child's achievements.

BOOK FINISHER PARTY: At the end of each
Awana year, we host our annual free "Book Finishers Party" to
honor your child's efforts. In order to qualify for this outing
children must:

- Be in Sparks or T&T
- Must have finished a book
- Attended Awana for at least 20 nights that 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!**

Awana Commander—Angie Ingram.....644-0338
Cubbie Director—Willow Cramer.....745-2762
Sparks Director—Evelyn Zalis.....808-8031
T&T Girls Director—Kelly Bruinekool.....901-4946
T&T Boys Director—Herb Whorley.....450-0371
FBC Office.....897-7168

Awana Cancellation Policy

First Baptist Church of Lowell

Awana will be cancelled for the following reasons:

- Lowell Public Schools cancels classes or events due to weather related issues.
- A Tornado Watch or Warning is issued by the National Weather Service extending beyond 5:30 p.m.

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 is unable to contact each family individually so the above policy serves as notice of program cancellation.

In the event of a Tornado Watch being issued after Awana has started children should be picked up immediately. Staff is unable to transport children.

In the event of a Tornado Warning being issued after Awana has started children will be kept in the church basement until the warning has expired. Staff will not transport children during a warning. Parents should wait until the warning has expired before picking up their (child) children.

If Awana is cancelled for any other reason, every attempt will be made to contact each family.

*The safety of your children and our staff is very important. Your clubber must be signed out by authorized parent or guardian at end of 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.

***“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. Our Awana program consists of three clubs:



Cubbies 3-5 years of age

Sparks Grades K - 2nd



Truth and Training Grades 3rd & 6th*

* 6th graders may choose to join the *Morph* Youth Group on Mondays as well as attend Awana on Wednesdays.

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.

While each of the clubs is arranged differently, a sample Awana evening may look like the following:

6:00—6:15p.m.	Check-in
6:15—6:25p.m.	Opening
6:25—6:55p.m.	Game time
6:55—7:25p.m.	Handbook time
7:25—7:55p.m.	Council time
7:55—8:00p.m.	Closing



What happens if there is a discipline problems?

In most case, 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 director or Pastor. 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 of time, or other incentives may be set aside. If needed , we will discuss the behavior with the parent.

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..... \$10.00
Handbook.....\$10.00/book



Sparks (K-2nd)
Vest..... \$10.00
Handbook.....\$10.00/book



T&T (3rd-6th)
Shirt.....\$10.00
Handbook.....\$10.00/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 **uniform** or **vest**
- 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.

*If you desire to write one check of \$15.00, that would cover the whole year.

