

## Parent Handbook - 2023/2024

2275 West Main Street, Lowell MI  
September 7, 2023 - April 28, 2024  
6:15-8:00 pm

## SERVICES at First Baptist Church of Lowell

<b>SUNDAY</b>	
9:30 am	Morning Worship
	Children's Church & Nursery available
11:00 am	Electives for all ages
<b>MONDAY</b>	
6:30-8:00 pm	Youth Group, 6th - 12th
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
6:00-9:00 pm	Tae Kwon Do
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
6:30-9:00 am	Men's Coffee Time
6:00-6:15 pm	<b>Awana Check-in</b>
6:15-8:00 pm	<b>Awana Club Activities</b>

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.



Pastor Jon Pickens, Lead Pastor  
Pastor Andrew Bolkcom, Pastor of Discipleship  
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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-2<sup>nd</sup>**



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

**Director: Emily Clark**



**T&T**

**Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>**

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 on Mondays 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.....\$12.00

Handbook....\$11.00/book



### Sparks (K-2<sup>nd</sup>)

Vest.....\$12.00

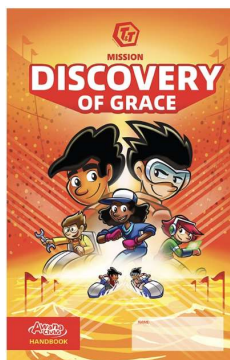
Handbook....\$11.00/book



### T&T (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>)

Shirt (optional)....\$14.00

Handbook.....\$11.00/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** (T&T uniform is optional)
- 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, this cover the whole year.

## 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 evening for everyone. Race day is Saturday **March 9**. Early registration and test runs will be available Friday evening, **March 8**. Race car kits will be on sale starting January 3. Come on out and enjoy a morning of racing.

**AWARDS NIGHT:** Awards night will be held on Wednesday **April 24**. 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!  
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Awana Ministry Director – John Gerard  
Cubbie Director - Willow Cramer  
Sparks Director - Emily Clark  
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**

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.

There are resources on our web page to help your child complete their book. Visit [fbclowell.org](http://fbclowell.org) to see what resources are available.



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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 - 7:25 pm	Small Group Time (verses & books)
7:25 - 7:35 pm	Large Group Time (Bible story)
7:35 - 7:55 pm	Snack & Game Time
7:55 - 8:00 pm	Closing & Clubber Pick-up



6:00 - 6:30 pm	Check-in and Say Verses
6:15 - 6:25 pm	Opening (Auditorium)
6:25 - 6:55 pm	Game Time
6:55 - 7:25 pm	Large Group Time
7:25 - 7:55 pm	Small Group Time
7:55 - 8:00 pm	Closing (Auditorium)



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Sparks Teaching Schedule		
Date	Teaching Topic	
6-Sep	What does Awana stand for?	
13-Sep	Who or what is God?	
20-Sep	What is sin?	
27-Sep	Who has sinned?	
4-Oct	Who is Jesus?	
11-Oct	Missionary Visit	
18-Oct	What is Prayer?	
25-Oct	What is the Bible?	
1-Nov	How can a Christian Grow?	
8-Nov	Should I tell others about Jesus?	
15-Nov	Good News	
29-Nov	Prophets Told About Jesus' Birth	
6-Dec	Angels Spoke to Mary and Joseph	
13-Dec	Jesus Was Born	
20-Dec	Jesus Has Power Over Creation	

Date	Teaching Topic	
10-Jan	Jesus Has the Power to Provide	
17-Jan	Jesus Has Power Over Sickness	
24-Jan	Jesus Has Power Over Evil	
31-Jan	Jesus Has Power Over Death	
7-Feb	Parable of the Vineyard Workers	
14-Feb	Parable of the Wedding Feast	
21-Feb	Parable of the Faithful Servant	
28-Feb	Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus	
6-Mar	Parable of the Talents	
13-Mar	The Last Supper	
20-Mar	The Triumphal Entry	
27-Mar	Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection	
10-Apr	Jesus Appeared to the Disciples	
17-Apr	Jesus Gave the Great Commission	

