

Awana CLUBS

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a purple t-shirt, is smiling and looking down at a group of young children. The children are wearing blue AWANA vests with red trim and various patches. They are in a room with a large mural on the wall behind them. The entire image has a blue tint.

AWANA Information Booklet

**Learn more about the early childhood education
ministries of Vision Baptist Church**



WELCOME to AWANA Clubs at Vision Baptist Church. AWANA Clubs introduces children to Jesus Christ, starts them on a lifelong relationship with Him, and equips them to know, love, and serve Jesus through fun, Scripture-rich experiences and relationships with others. Our team is eager to partner with you as parent/guardian in the spiritual development of your child.

There is still time to register your child for AWANA. Just complete the registration at VisionBaptist.com AWANA or fill out the form at the end of the booklet and drop off at the church office.

or If you have any questions about AWANA, contact us at [770.456.5881](tel:770.456.5881)

WHAT HAPPENS AT AWANA?

Each of our Awana Clubs has its own unique flow tailored to the needs of the age group participating. Awana begins at 6:30 pm and ends at 8pm on Thursday nights during the school year. Clubs feature segments for games or other fun activities, small-group Bible learning, large-group Bible teaching, worship, announcements and awards. There are also special events through the Awana Club year like the Awana Grand Prix, Awana Games, and Destination: Unknown.

CHILDREN ARE DIVIDED INTO AGE APPROPRIATE CLUBS. THESE INCLUDE:



Puggles for toddlers age 2-3 introduces them to basic biblical concepts on Wednesdays and equips parents to teach these concepts at home in a fun and safe environment.



Cubbies for kids age 3 (potty trained) - 5 (and not in Kindergarten) celebrates the spiritual potential of preschoolers by helping them develop respect for God, His Son, and His Word.



Sparks for kids in Kindergarten through 2nd grade ignites the curiosity of early elementary age kids to learn about the people and events of the Bible, building a foundation of wisdom for knowing Christ.



T & T for kids in grades 3 through 6 engages these students in answering their questions about God and the Bible to guide them through this pivotal life stage to grow in Christ's grace.



TREK By allowing students to dive deep into the Scriptures and answer these questions for themselves we allow them to own their faith and discover what they actually believe. Who am I? Why am I here? Who's with me?

We come from a rich legacy ...

History of Awana

Awana is a global, nonprofit ministry with fully integrated evangelism and long-term discipleship programs for ages 2 to 18 that actively involves parents and church leaders. Each week, more than 4 million children and youth, 470,000 volunteers and 260 field staff take part in Awana in over 47,000 churches around the world. Offered through local churches, Awana reaches kids where they're at and walks alongside them in their faith journey.

How did the Awana program begin

In 1941, the children's program at the North Side Gospel Center in Chicago laid the foundation for the principles of Awana. Lance Latham, North Side's senior pastor, collaborated with the church's youth director, Art Rorheim, to develop weekly clubs that would appeal to churched and non-churched kids. As a pioneer in children's ministry, Art created new and innovative ways to reach kids with the gospel and lead them to know, love and serve Jesus Christ.

Other churches learned about the success of the program and inquired about its availability. In 1950, Latham and Rorheim founded Awana as a parachurch organization.

By 1960, 900 churches had started Awana programs. By 1972, Awana began its first international club in Bolivia. Today, children and youth in 104 countries participate in Awana programs and millions of adults are alumni.

Across the globe, Awana gives kids from every background and cultural setting a place to belong, build confidence and grow in faith. Awana continually expands to make disciples by pursuing new locations and partnerships. God is using the ministry of Awana in prisons, refugee camps, slums and other hard to reach places around the world.

Philosophy

We believe that the sweet spot of discipleship happens at the intersection of highly relational and highly scriptural. Awana calls this The Great Connection. This disciple-making approach is at the core of every Awana program.

Structure

While Awana programs are adaptable and flexible to fit the size of your church's volunteer force, building and budget, most Awana programs have some things in common. The program usually runs for one and a half to two hours and involves a rotation through three segments:

Large Group- a time for a Bible lesson, worship, recognition, skits, or anything else that would bring growth as a whole.

Small Group- a time for discipleship, individual prayer and requests shared, and Scripture memory.

Activity Time- a time to have lots of fun and for leader to encourage and get to know their students in a different environment. This is a great way for a small group to cheer on their teammates and work together- whether through games, crafts, puzzles, or team building activities. If you don't have a lot of space you can fill the activity time with games that don't take as much space, crafts, and other options. Just make it fun and interesting for your kids.

Uniforms & Awards

Uniforms and awards fulfill several purposes for both leaders and kids. Uniforms help to foster a sense of belonging, and awards give kids a sense of accomplishment. Both encourage kids to be a part and inspire them on in their Scripture learning.

Information & Registration

For over six decades, the Lord has used the ministry of Awana to reach kids, equip leaders, and change the world. The unchanging truth of the gospel drives the same vision we've held all these years to reach children in every corner of the globe as we walk boldly into the future and continue to be used by God to help change the world.

Note: So far, for Fall 2022, we are only able to offer Cubbies, Sparks, TnT clubs, and Trek. Potty trained 3 year olds will be part of Cubbies, and non-potty trained 2-3 year olds will be part of Nursery.

Each child must be registered to be part of AWANA Clubs at Vision Baptist Church. You can register all the children in your family with one form. Registration provides us with information about your child, your contact information, and some other essential information so we can ensure the safety and well-being of every clubber.

Throughout the year, we have special theme nights and events. Theme nights are fun and usually have the opportunity for clubbers to earn extra shares (rewards) they can use on Store Nights. Access the fall and spring calendars below.

Registration & Calendar available at VisionBaptist.com/Awana

Club Fees

Part of being an AWANA clubber is participation through dues. These dues help defray the costs of the extras, such as parties, candy, awards, and other special events. There are 2 options for dues. There are per clubber.

- \$20 for the whole Awana year due in September.
- \$10 for each semester, due in September and January.

We do recognize that some families cannot fit this extra into their budget, therefore no child will be prevented from being part of AWANA because of dues. However, we certainly encourage this participation by every family. Dues can be paid online, checks made out to Vision Baptist Church, or via cash (exact change, please).



The Curriculum

Each clubber benefits fully in AWANA Clubs with a handbook. As part of our investment in children, First Alliance Church does not require families to pay for the \$10.00 handbook, however any contribution toward your child's book is greatly appreciated. If your child loses his/her book, then we do ask that families cover the entire cost to replace it. Explore the curriculum yourself! Download a sample|

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Awana helps you build a family discipleship strategy for ages 2-18 with the following core curriculum components.

Puggles (2-3 years)

Puggles teaches toddlers basic truths about God and equips parents to reinforce these truths in a practical way throughout the week.

Cubbies (Pre-K)

Cubbies display the greatness of God's character to preschoolers who are constantly asking questions!

Sparks (K-2 Grade)

Sparks ignites a child's curiosity to learn about the people and events of the Bible, building a foundation of wisdom for knowing Christ.

T&T (3-6 Grade)

T&T takes students on a journey by answering their questions about God and the Bible while guiding them to grow in Christ's love and live out their faith.

Trek (Middle School)

Trek invites students to wrestle with the three questions they are facing: "Who am I, why am I here, and who's with me?"

Who Leads AWANA Clubs

Members of Vision Baptist Church serve as part of the Awana Clubs Ministry Team. Trained volunteers who have completed background checks oversee the entire ministry as well as spiritually interacting with each child. Our goal is not only a spiritually impactful ministry, but one that is safe and secure as well. So that children develop meaningful relationships with their leaders, we make sure there are two leaders for every 4-6 children. Younger-age clubs have a smaller ratio per leader.

We also encourage high-school students to get involved as student leaders. Working alongside adult Awana leaders, student leaders not only work with younger-age clubbers but also learn how to serve in the process. Clubbers see student leaders setting the example of what it means to love, know, and serve Jesus at any age.

There are many ways for people to serve in Awana. These include working directly with kids, teaching, leadership, support roles, and prayer. Not all roles require you to be present for the whole Awana time. It takes many working together for Awana to work well. If you'd like to learn more about being part of this team, [contact us](#).

Parent Partners

Parent Partners is an opportunity for you to spend time with your child as part of their group and the Awana experience (large group, small groups, and games) that evening. We firmly believe that we are here to help you disciple your student.

We want to partner with you in their spiritual development, help you understand what they are doing each Wednesday at Awana, and help you help them take next steps to share with their friends. Our room leaders will seek to involve you as much as you are comfortable, but we would, at the very least, encourage you to be involved with your child during small group/book time.

On the registration form is a place for you to indicate your willingness, or you can let us know you are interested when you check your child in. We will work with you to choose a week that is best for everyone. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity. This is open to all parents/guardians of all kids.

Safety Drop Off & Pick Up

We are thrilled to have your student as part of AWANA. Because you hand over responsibility of your child to the Awana team, we take steps to ensure your child is cared for and secure throughout the ministry time, and is safely returned to you at the end of the evening.

CHECK IN– When you come to our campus for an Awana night, you will need to follow the signs to AWANA check-in.

From there, your clubber(s) can go into their classes. As a reminder: Awana **begins at 6:30pm. We cannot receive your child any earlier than 6:25 pm on Thursdays.**

CHECK-OUT– When you come to pick up your child(ren), you will first need your check in slip that should have the names of all registered children. You will need to show that to the Awana worker, and then you can enter the ministry area to get your child. Only parents (not older siblings) will be able to pick up Awana students. If another adult, other than a parent/guardian will be picking up your child, you can let us know who that will be when you register/check-in your child (they will need to have the check-in slip).

With this in mind, Vision Baptist Church has the following release policy:
Workers are not to release a child to a teenager or adult without complete certainty that the parents or parents' representative is receiving the child. All children are to be held in their room until picked up.

This policy applies to all children involved with AWANA.

Once you have picked up your child, you are responsible to monitor them for their safety. Our team members cannot turn your child over to an older brother/sister or any other representative without first receiving your permission, nor will children be released to go find their parents or to play.

As a reminder, AWANA ends at 8pm each evening. *Please pick up your child no later than 8:15 pm* so our team members can finish cleaning up and head home.

AWANA Store Donations

The ability of Awana clubbers to learn Scripture each and every week is amazing! Each semester we want to encourage them by rewarding their hard work through the Awana Store. We collect new and gently used items such as: art/school supplies, toys for all ages, kids' jewelry & purses, candy, etc. For the December store, we also like to collect items the Clubbers can purchase as gifts for family members to give at Christmas. These donations can include: candles (new), figurines, Christmas decor, coffee mugs, etc. Donations can be dropped off at the church office anytime or at the Awana office on Thursday nights. Thank you for your support as we celebrate the accomplishments of clubbers!

At Awana, our theology is the backbone of our mission. Our beliefs are what allow us to partner with 1000s of churches in order to reach kids with the gospel and discipleship.

Beliefs

What We Believe...

Vision Baptist Church is an independent local congregation committed to historic Christianity; and, in particular, historic Baptist principles. This page is provided to list our basic doctrinal position. Its purpose is not to provide a comprehensive embodiment of our doctrine but rather a broad outline so that you can know what to expect at Vision Baptist Church.

We accept the Bible as the Word of God without requiring logical or observational proof. The Bible claims to be the perfect Word of God, and since we accept the Bible we must accept this claim.

We consider the belief that God exists to be so obvious to every observational and rational faculty and to every culture in history, that such belief is not necessary to state. The pivotal concept is that God exists as He is revealed in the Bible. All other items in the Doctrinal Statement are drawn from an examination of the Scripture.

Doctrine

The Bible

We believe that the BIBLE is the WORD OF GOD, and that it is divinely inspired. We believe in the plenary, verbal inspiration, that it is the only complete and final revelation of the will of GOD to man, and the supreme, infallible authority in all matters of faith and conduct. We use the King James Bible for all teaching and preaching in English. II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20,21; Mark 13:31; John 8:31,32; John 20:31; Acts 20:32

God

We believe in the Trinity, the unity of the Godhead. There are three persons: The FATHER, The SON, and The HOLY SPIRIT. They are equally perfect in every divine quality, and execute distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. (A) We believe in GOD the FATHER (B) We believe in JESUS CHRIST (C) We believe in the HOLY SPIRIT. Genesis 1:1,26; John 1:1,3; Matthew 28:19; John 4:24; Romans 1:19,20; Ephesians 4:5,6

The Father

We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He infallibly foreknows all that shall come to pass, that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. Luke 10:21,22; Matthew 23:9; John 3:16; 6:27; Romans 1:7; I Timothy 1:1,2; 2:5,6; I Peter 1:3; Revelation 1:6

Jesus Christ

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe Jesus Christ is God. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth. Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38; John 1:1; 20:28; Romans 9:5; 8:46; II Corinthians 5:21; I Peter 2:21-23; John 20:30, 31; Matthew 20:28; Ephesians 1:4; Acts 1:11; Romans 5:6-8; 6:9,10; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 9:28; I Timothy 3:16

The Holy Spirit

We believe in the person of the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher and guide. John 14:16,17,26; 15:26,27; John 16:9-14; Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; Galatians 5:22-26

Man

We believe that all men by nature, choice and practice are sinners, but that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." We believe, therefore, that those who repent of their sins and by faith receive Christ as Lord and Savior will rejoice forever in God's presence, and those who refuse to receive Christ as Lord and Savior will be forever separated from God. John 3:14,16; 5:24; John 5:30; 7:13; 8:12; 10:26; Romans 9:22; II Thessalonians 1:9; Rev. 19:3,20; 20:10;14,15; 21:18; Psalm 51:7; Jeremiah 17:9; James 1:14; Romans 3:19; 5:19; Proverbs 28:13; I John 1:9; John 3:16; John 1:13; II Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:1

Eternal State

We believe in a literal Heaven, the eternal home of the redeemed. We believe Heaven to be the literal place where the saved will live forever in the eternal bliss and blessings of God. We believe in Hell, the Christ-less eternity for the lost, where there will be burning and tormenting for those without salvation, who have refused to receive the gospel and Jesus Christ as Lord. We believe that Hell, unbelievers, Satan and all the fallen angels shall be cast into the lake of fire to be tormented day and night forever and forever. Matthew 13:41-43 Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:19-24; John 14:2; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Revelation 21-22

Salvation

We believe salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. Genesis 3:15; Exodus 3:14-17; 6:2-8; Matthew 1:21; 4:17; 16:21-26; 27:22-28:6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:11-14,29; 3:3-21,36; 5:24; 10:9,28-29; 15:1-16; 17:17; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 15:11; 16:30-31; 17:30-31; 20:32; Romans 1:16-18; 2:4; 3:23-25; 4:3ff.;

5:8-10; 6:1-23; 8:1-18,29-39; 10:9-10,13; 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18,30; 6:19-20; 15:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; 3:13; 5:22-25; 6:15; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-22; 4:11-16; Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:9-22; 3:1ff.; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; 2 Timothy 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 2:1-3; 5:8-9; 9:24-28; 11:1-12:8,14; James 2:14-26; 1 Peter 1:2-23; 1 John 1:6-2:11; Revelation 3:20; 21:1-22:5.

Baptism

We believe in baptism by immersion after salvation with no merit for salvation in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost (Spirit). We reject infant baptism and any form of sprinkling for infants or adults. Baptism is an outward expression of our faith in Jesus Christ and simply a public testimony of what God has done by His grace. Romans 6:1-5; Acts 8:36-38; Acts 2:41; Matthew 3:16; Matthew 28:19-20,24; John 14:2; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Revelation 21-22

The Church

We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of professing, born-again believers in Jesus Christ, immersed on a credible confession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that to those local churches we are committed, for perpetual observance of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and that God has laid upon these churches the task of proclaiming to a lost world the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and the enthroning of Him as Lord and Master. Its scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture. Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:42; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Ephesians 2:19-22; Ephesians 5:19-21; 1 Timothy 2:9-14; 3:1-15; 4:14; Hebrews 10:23-25.

The Relationship between Church and State

We believe that every human being is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and autonomous and must be free from any ecclesiastical or political authority; therefore, Church and State must be kept separate as having different functions with each fulfilling its duties free from the dictation or patronage of the other. Matthew 22:21; Mark 12:17; Luke 20:25; Acts 5:29; 1 Timothy 2:5; Romans 13:1-7; 14:7-9,12

Spiritual Gifts

We believe that spiritual gifts are given to the church for the express purpose of winning the lost and edifying other believers. The Holy Spirit is given to each believer upon acceptance

of Christ and His purpose is to exalt and bring people to Christ. Speaking in tongues was the least important of these gifts and was given as a sign for unbelieving Jews. That is why Vision Baptist Church does not teach or practice speaking in tongues. John 7:37-39; 14:17; Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 1:22; 3:16-17; 6:19-20; 12-14

Eternal Security

We believe in the eternal security of all blood-bought individuals or believers and that such inheritance is incorruptible, and undefiled, and that each believer is kept by the power of God and nothing can separate us from Him, ourselves included. We believe that believers can lose the joy of fellowship with God, can grieve God and can quench the Spirit of God in him or her, but not lose his/her salvation. John 3:16; 5:24; 6:37-39; 10:27-30; Romans 8:35-39; Philippians 1:6; Titus 1:2; 1 Peter 1:5; 1 John 5:11-13; Jude 24

World Evangelism

We believe that the apostolic office ceased with the death of the Apostles. We believe that it is His church that He promised continual existence, to continue the work He started until He comes again. We believe that the ministry of reconciliation is committed to every believer and all are saints/priests of God. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. Matthew 16:18; 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; John 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 1:6; 5:10

Second Coming

We believe in the literal return of Jesus Christ to the clouds to take all saved people from the earth before the beginning of the Tribulation period. We believe in his bodily visible return with his saints at the close of the Tribulation period to rule and reign for a thousand years on earth. We believe that unbelievers will face God and be judged at the Great White Throne Judgment according to their works, not for salvation, but for their proper and rightful places in the lake of fire. I Thessalonians 4:13-18, Revelation 4:1, Matthew 16:27; Mark 14:62; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; Phil. 3:20; Thessalonians 4:15; II Timothy 4:1; Titus 2:13; I Corinthians 4:5; I Corinthians 15; II Thessalonians 1:7-10; Revelation 20:4-6,11-15

Biblical Separation

We believe that all the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord; and that separation from all religious apostasy, all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices and associations is commanded of God. II Timothy 3:1-5; Romans 12:1-2, 14:13; I John 2:15-17; II John 9-11; II Corinthians 6:14-7:1

Ecumenicalism

We believe that doctrinal purity is essential to gospel harmony and that the Bible commands us to not associate ourselves with someone who is preaching another gospel, or teaching contrary to sound doctrine. Romans 16:17-18; II Corinthians 6:14-18; 11:1-4; Galatians 1:8-9; Ephesians 4:14-15; 5:11; Philippians 3:1-2; Colossians 2:8; II Thessalonians 3:14; I Timothy 1:3; 6:3-5; II Timothy 3:5,13; Titus 1:10-14; 3:9-11; II Peter 2:1-3; 3:17; 2 John 7-11; Jude 3; Revelation 2:2,6,14-16,20-23

Registration Form

Family Information

Parent/ Guardian

First and Last Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Email(s): _____

***email is our primary communication for reminders and updates**

Child 1:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Gender (circle): Male or Female

CLUB (circle): Cubbies (ages 3-5), Sparks (K-2), T&T (grades 3-6), Trek (grade 7-8)

Puggles

Birthdate: ____/____/____

Grade in Fall: _____

Medical or Special Concerns (include allergies):

Child 2:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Gender (circle): Male or Female

CLUB (circle): Cubbies (ages 3-5), Sparks (K-2), T&T (grades 3-6), Trek (grade 7-8)

Puggles

Birthdate: ____/____/____

Grade in Fall: _____

Medical or Special Concerns (include allergies):

Child 3:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Gender (circle): Male or Female

CLUB (circle): Cubbies (ages 3-5), Sparks (K-2), T&T (grades 3-6), Trek (grade 7-8)

Puggles

Birthdate: ____/____/____

Grade in Fall: _____

Medical or Special Concerns (include allergies):

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone number: _____

Liability Release and Emergency Medical Treatment Agreement

I hereby grant my permission for my child(ren) to participate in scheduled and sponsored activities of Vision Baptist Church and the ministries of the church. I further authorize the person(s) in charge of the activity to provide travel to and from the activity and to secure reasonable medical care, for my child(ren) should such person(s) believe it necessary to do so, without receiving prior permission from me. I hereby release all persons in charge of or in attendance at the sponsored activities, as well, as Vision Baptist Church, its pastors, staff and volunteers, from any liability arising out of any injury/illness to my child(ren) occurring while going to, participating in, or returning from such sponsored activity.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



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