

## Special Dates

The following are important dates that need to be marked on your calendar: (We will notify you if there is a change.)

### Gear Up

**T&T Gear Up:** Feb. 3, 2018 – Sat  
First Baptist Church, Concord, NC



### AwanaGames

**T&T:** March 3, 2018 – Sat.  
Pitts Baptist, Concord

**Sparks-A-Rama:** March 10, 2018 – Sat.  
Central Baptist, Kannapolis



### FBC Year End Awards Ceremony

April 29, 2018 - Watch for flyer with details

### Sparks Camp-A-Rama

May 19, 2018 - Sat 8:30am-3pm  
Pennsylvania Ave Baptist, Concord



Check out the Awana Carolinas web site for regional events and more helpful information at:

[www.awanacarolinas.org](http://www.awanacarolinas.org)

For additional resources, check out:

[www.awana.org](http://www.awana.org)

## First Baptist Church - Concord



# 2017 - 2018

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Senior Pastor — Rev. Jim Collier

Youth Pastor — Rev. Aaron Edwards

Music Director — Howard Joye

Children's Director — Dorina Morgan

### Awana Leadership Team

**Commander** - Dan Knisley - 704.622.2362

**Cubbies Director** - Rebekah Knisley

**Sparks Director** - Jane Harris - 704.788.3975

**T&T Director** - Jane Harris — 704.788.3975

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**Secretary** - Kim Williams - 704.787.4504

## Message from Commander Dan

Welcome and thank you for participating in the First Baptist Church of Concord AWANA club. We are excited that you have chosen to participate in club this year. Our desire is to have fun while growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This AWANA Parent Handbook is designed to introduce you and your child(ren) to the First Baptist Church - Concord AWANA Club and provide important dates and communication. **AWANA stands for "Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed"**, from 2 Timothy 2:15 – *"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the Word of Truth."*

Our prayer is that your child(ren) will come to know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. We look forward to working together with you to achieve this goal. Thank you for entrusting your child(ren) to our care as we encourage them in their study and memorization of God's Word. AWANA teaches team work and cooperation among clubbers, and also strives to enhance a child's self-esteem through awards and recognition.

To help your child grow in these areas through AWANA, please:

- Encourage your clubber to come each week in uniform with his/her Bible and AWANA handbook!
- Help your clubber learn their handbook sections at home throughout each week!
- Take an active role in your clubber's spiritual growth and achievements!

If there is anything I can do to help or encourage you or your children, please let me know.

**Dan Knisley**

**AWANA Commander**



## Handbook Completion Schedule

To complete your handbook in one year, you should have completed the sections below by the date shown:

Club		Date
Sparks	T&T	
Flight 3:16 Red Jewel 1 & Green Jewel 1	Start Zone Discovery 1 & 2	Nov 5th
Red Jewel 2 & Green Jewel 2	Discovery 3 & 4	Jan 14th
Red Jewel 3 & Green Jewel 3	Discovery 5 & 6	Mar 4th
Red Jewel 4 & Green Jewel 4	Discovery 7 & 8	Apr 22nd



This is approximately 2 sections per week.

### Awana Is:

1. Centered on the Gospel.
2. Scripture memorization is key.
3. Fun & Exciting.
4. Training children & youth to serve.
5. Built on strong leadership.



Our prayer is that all children & youth throughout the world will come to **know, love, & serve** the Lord Jesus Christ.



## Theme Nights



Sept 24	<b>Family Night</b> - Invite family members to join you for a night of club.
Oct 8	<b>NASCAR Night</b> - Wear race apparel to support your favorite NASCAR driver.
Oct 22	<b>Pajama Night</b> - Wear your favorite p.j.'s (appropriate for church).
Nov 12	<b>Thank a Hero Night</b> —Write a card to a military personnel to thank them for his/her service to our country.
Dec 10	<b>Decorate-a-Leader Night</b> - Bring your own wrapping paper, bows, and other Christmas decorations to wrap up your leader!
Jan 14	<b>Superhero Night</b> - Wear your favorite Superhero costume.
Jan 28	<b>Family Night</b> - Invite family members to join you for a night of club.
Feb 11	<b>Flashlight Night</b> - Bring a flashlight tonight so you won't be left in the dark!
Feb 25	<b>Guys vs. Girls Night</b> - Compete in game time and handbook time.
Mar 11	<b>Measles Night</b> - Put a "measle" on your leader for every section you complete!
Mar 25	<b>College Team Spirit Night</b> - Support your favorite college team during March Madness by wearing team shirt, hat, etc.
Apr 8	<b>Crazy Hair Night</b> - Wear your craziest hair style.
Apr 22	<b>Leader Appreciation Night</b> —Write a thank you note to your leaders and show them how much you appreciate their love and service.
Apr 29	<b>Awards Night</b> - Parents: Attend Awana with your child and watch your clubber receive his/her award!



## Welcome

Welcome to AWANA Club at FBC. You will make new friends, play exciting games, enjoy challenging contests, earn awards and learn important things. If you have younger or older siblings, please invite them to come along. Below is a list of clubs:

Club	Age
<b>Cubbies</b>	3 - 4 years old
<b>Sparks</b>	K - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
<b>T &amp; T</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade



## CHILD PROTECTION AND SECURITY

The security and protection of your children is of great importance to FBC and the AWANA leadership. Parent(s), Legal Guardian(s), or responsible party must sign in clubbers at the designated check-in area each week. Each child will be assigned a security number. Parents will be given a card with their child's security number. Parent(s), Legal Guardian(s), or responsible party will be requested to display the pre-assigned security card to the child's AWANA leader each week at the end of club prior to receiving his/her child. (If you lose or forget your security card, please see Dan Knisley, AWANA Commander, and be prepared to present photo identification to receive your child.)

In addition to your child's individual security number, each AWANA leader has completed a Volunteer Screening Application in order to be able to work with clubbers. All leaders will be wearing uniforms and name tags to help easily identify them as AWANA leaders.

## RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS

All clubs meet on **Sunday** evenings from **5:00pm - 7:00pm**. Please bring your clubber no later than 4:45 pm so they can be checked in & ready to start club on time.

A **5-count** is used to get clubbers' attention. The director or leader who is in charge will begin to count aloud, slowly from 1 to 5. When clubbers hear this count begin, they should **immediately** be **quiet** and give their full attention to the one in charge.

## Description of Club Segments

There are 3 different segments for each club. Each segment runs 30 minutes.

**Handbook Time** is when the clubber recites the sections they have learned at home to their leaders. Each section is recited in one sitting. **Two "helps"** per section (not verse) = "one or two word hint".

**Large Group Time** is when the gospel is presented. Clubbers are challenged to accept Christ and grow spiritually.

**Game Time** is a fun time for all clubbers. They participate in games just for their age level for fun, to develop good sportsmanship, and to encourage clubbers to work as a team.

**Opening Ceremony** begins immediately at 5:00 p.m.

Sparks	Time	T&T
Handbook Time	5:15-5:45	Handbook Time
Game Time	5:45-6:15	Game Time
Large Group Time	6:15-6:45	Large Group Time

## Uniforms

When your child has completed the entrance requirements for his/her club, you will be able to purchase a uniform for **\$10.00**. Please see the Awana secretary for details.



## AWANA CLUB RULES

1. Respect and obey your leaders and other staff members.
2. Take part in the entire club program unless you brought a note from your parents or you are excused by your club director.
3. Walk at all times (except during game time).
4. Remain with your leader at all times during club.
5. Remain in the church building at all times. If you need to leave early, your club **director must know when you leave** per a note from your parents.
6. If you disobey the rules, we will enforce the Awana 1-2-3 count.
  - **1-count:** Verbal warning from leader.
  - **2-count:** Verbal warning from club director.
  - **3-count:** Clubber will be taken to the AWANA Commander, and parents may be called immediately. The clubber may be sent home. The clubber may be asked not to return to club until the parents and clubber agree that the clubber will behave appropriately.
7. Wear your **complete AWANA uniform** with all awards.
8. For fun and for your safety, you must wear **tennis shoes**. There will be running games.



## Holidays

There will be **NO** club on these dates.

	<b>Oct 29, 2017</b>
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>Nov 26, 2017</b>
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>Dec 24, 2017</b>
<b>New Years</b>	<b>Dec 31, 2017</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>Apr 1, 2018</b>

\* Inclement weather - If Church is cancelled, there will be **NO** Awana that night.