



## Next Generation Ministry



**“Belonging, Believing, & Becoming”**

**2024-2025**

**Parent and Clubber  
Handbook**

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- **Take good care of your AWANA t-shirt and handbook.**
  - **Bring your book each week.**
  - **Wear your AWANA t-shirt each week (unless specified)**
  - **Bring AWANA dues of any amount each week. AWANA dues are collected at the Registration Desk**
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- **AWANA Awards Ceremony: Wednesday, May 14, 2025**
  - **Last Night of AWANA & Individual Class Closeouts: May 21, 2025**

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are excited you and your child are a part of the Brown Missionary Baptist Church AWANA Clubs. You will find AWANA provides the opportunity for your child to make new friends, play exciting games, compete in rewarding and challenging contests, receive awards as reinforcement for his or her hard work, and most importantly, learn and memorize Bible verses as he/she learns more about Jesus Christ.

This handbook will provide you with the basic information that you need to know about how AWANA operates. The AWANA leaders here at Brown Missionary Baptist Church are comprised of volunteer workers who care very much about the spiritual and social development of each child.

All our AWANA workers have been trained and have gone through training and background checks. We want you and your children to feel safe.

Our volunteer leaders are trained by the AWANA organization and are knowledgeable in the workings of the AWANA ministry. Your assistance in helping your child memorize his or her sections will be greatly appreciated and will prove to be a special time for both you and your child.

The Awana ministry consists of six clubs:

- Puggles - 2 - 3 years old
- Cubbies - Preschoolers ages 3 through 4 years old
- Sparks - Kindergarten through 2nd grade
- Truth & Training clubs - 3rd through 6th grade
- Trek- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades
- Journey - 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade

We pray this program is a great blessing to you and your family. Thank you for allowing your child to attend our AWANA Clubs.

## Order your AWANA Uniform

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## What is AWANA?

AWANA stands for "**Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed**", inspired by 2 Timothy 2:15: *"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."* AWANA is a globally recognized, Bible-centered program designed to help children and youth know, love, and serve Jesus Christ. Through engaging activities, Scripture memorization, and meaningful lessons, AWANA provides a fun and structured environment where kids can grow spiritually, develop friendships, and build a solid foundation in their faith.

## What Does AWANA Mean for Your Child?

AWANA focuses on:

1. **Biblical Learning:**
  - Children dive into God's Word, learning key Bible stories and truths that are relevant to their lives.
  - Weekly Scripture memorization helps kids internalize biblical principles and understand their faith on a deeper level.
2. **Fun and Fellowship:**
  - Each session includes exciting games, group activities, and time to build lasting friendships.
  - Friendly competitions and engaging challenges motivate kids to participate enthusiastically.
3. **Character Development:**
  - Kids are encouraged to develop Christlike character, respect for others, and teamwork skills.
  - AWANA fosters an atmosphere of encouragement, kindness, and leadership growth.

## What Can Parents Expect?

1. **Partnership in Discipleship:**
  - Parents play a key role in helping their child complete weekly AWANA lessons and Scripture memorization. By working together, you'll reinforce the biblical values taught during the program.
2. **Structured Sessions:**
  - Each AWANA night follows a structured schedule, including time for worship, Bible teaching, game time, and small group discussions. This ensures a balance of learning and fun.
3. **Dedicated Leaders:**
  - Our AWANA leaders are passionate about nurturing your child's spiritual growth. They are trained to create a welcoming and safe environment where every child feels valued and loved.
4. **Special Events:**
  - Throughout the year, AWANA hosts themed nights, celebrations, and service projects to enhance the experience for kids and families.
5. **Life-Long Impact:**

- AWANA equips children with a strong spiritual foundation that extends beyond their time in the program. Many participants go on to become faithful leaders in their communities and churches.

### **How You Can Support Your Child's AWANA Journey:**

- Set aside time each week to review your child's AWANA handbook and practice Scripture memory.
- Attend special AWANA events and ceremonies to celebrate your child's achievements.
- Pray for your child's spiritual growth and their experience in the program.
- Communicate with AWANA leaders about any questions or concerns you may have.

Together, we can help your child discover the joy of following Christ and living out their faith!

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Dear Clubber,

Welcome to our AWANA Club! We have an exciting year planned for YOU!

We are looking forward to competing at the AWANA Bible Quiz and AWANA Games this year. Clubs will also be involved in a few planned competitions and activities. At the closing of the AWANA Club year we will have an awards ceremony for you, your family, and friends. At this ceremony you will be recognized for your accomplishments.

We would also love to see your parents/guardians become involved with you in different ways. Here are a few suggestions:

- 1) It is always great to have a partner when practicing your verses. Ask them to help you, and when they do, have them sign the section that you practiced. When you show your leader, you will receive extra points.
- 2) If your parents have any questions about the AWANA program, you can have them contact the Church office or email [nextgen@brownbaptist.org](mailto:nextgen@brownbaptist.org). We want to help in any way we can.

We look forward to an exciting AWANA Club year!

## **CLUB POLICIES**

1. Clubbers must bring their handbook each week. If a clubber loses his/her book, the clubber must pay \$15 to replace the book.
2. Clubbers are expected to wear their AWANA Uniform/ T-Shirt each week. AWANA uniform/T-Shirt can be purchased in the BMBC Bookstore.
3. Clubbers should aim to complete one book within a club year.
4. Cubbies and Sparks may have up to three helps (cues) with their verses, T&T may have up to two helps.
5. Verses/ Sections must be signed off by your teacher or AWANA leader.
6. While inside the church building:
  - a. There will be plenty of time for running, shouting and rowdiness during Games, so please be respectful and quiet during teaching times.
  - b. We ask that you move from activity to activity in a quiet and orderly manner.
7. Food and drinks may be served for special occasions. No beverages in the classroom or game time area (Parents please make sure we are aware of any food allergies or restrictions your child has.)
8. Clubbers should sit with their leader or team color during Large Group Time. Please give your full attention to the leader or speaker.
9. A 'five count' means to come to attention immediately. The entire group must be quiet by the end of the count number five.
10. There is a "three count" system for individual discipline; given by director/leader:
  - a. 1st count - warning
  - b. 2nd count - sent to Commander
  - c. 3rd count - Parents are notified and clubber will be dismissed from club for that night.
11. Treat everyone with kindness and respect.

### **Inclement Weather Policy:**

BMBC AWANA Clubs will follow the DeSoto County Schools Holiday schedule. If no school due to bad weather or early dismissal due to bad weather, club meetings for that evening will be cancelled.

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## AWANA Club Nights/Events 2024-2025

### September 2024:

4 Kick Off  
11 Club Night  
18 Club Night  
**25 Favorite Team Club Night**

### October 2024:

2 Club Night  
**9 No Club Night**  
16 Club Night  
**30 Blessings In Disguise "Trunk or Treat"**

### November 2024:

6 Club Night  
13 Club Night  
**20 AWANA Clubs Holiday Celebration**  
**27:No Club (Thanksgiving Break)**

### December 2024:

**No AWANA Club in December**  
**11 Soulful Christmas Production**  
**22 Winter Wonderland**

### January 2025:

**15 Welcome Back Club Night**  
22 Club Night  
29 Club Night (Theme Night)

### February 2025:

5 Club Night  
12 Club Night  
19 Club Night  
**26 Club Black History Minute to Win It**

### March 2025:

5 Club Night  
**12 No Club (Spring Break)**  
19 Club Night  
26 Club Night  
29 Club Night (Theme Night)

### April 2025:

2 Club Night  
9 Club Night  
16 Club Night  
23 Club Night  
30 Club Night (Theme Night)

### May 2025:

7 Club Night  
**14 Award Ceremony/ End of Year Celebration**  
**21 Last Club Night**



## **AWANA BUCKS / TEAM POINTS**

### AWANA Bucks

AWANA Dues .... Ticket (worth 10 Bucks)	
Handbook/Entrance Book.....	10 Bucks
Bible.....	10 Bucks
Official AWANA Uniform/Shirt .....	20 Bucks
Club Attendance.....	10 Bucks
Bring a friend.....	20 Bucks

### Handbook Points / Bucks

Challenge complete .....	10 Bucks
Memory Verse .....	20 Bucks
Parent signature... ..	10 Bucks

(indicates that the child could recite the verse at home)

### Game Time Points - (at the Game Director Discretion)

.....	various points
Good Sportsmanship .....	10 points
Respond to 5-count quickly .....	10 point



## Opening Night Schedule

Time	Group	Location
6:30 - 6:40 pm	All Groups (excluding nursery)	South Campus Gym
6:40 pm	All Groups (excluding nursery)	See Schedule
6:45 pm - 7:20 pm	Sparks (K-2nd Grade) Handbook Time	Classroom
6:45 pm - 7:05 pm	TNT (3rd - 6th Grade) Game Time	Gym
6:45 pm - 7:20 pm	7th - 12th Grade (Handbook Time)	Classroom
7:25 pm - 7:45 pm	Sparks (K-2nd Grade) Game Time	Gym
7:05 pm - 7:40 pm	TNT (3rd - 6th Grade) Handbook	Classroom
7:25 pm - 7:40 pm	7th - 12 Grade (Game Time)	Classroom

**All (nursery exception) dismissals at 7:40 pm will be from the gym. Only 18 yrs old & older may checkout children/youth**





## Spring 2025 Schedule

Time	Group	Location
6:00 pm - 6:15 pm	All Groups (excluding nursery)	Opening Ceremony (South Campus Gym)
6:15 pm - 6:20 pm	All Groups (transition)	See Schedule
6:20 pm - 6:55 pm	Cubbies (PreK) Handbook & Lesson Time	Classroom
6:20 pm - 6:55 pm	Sparks (K-2nd Grade) Handbook & Lesson Time	Classroom
6:20 pm - 6:55 pm	TNT (3rd - 6th Grade) Game Time	Gym
7:00 pm - 7:40 pm	Cubbies (Pre-K) Game Time	Gym
7:00 pm - 7:40 pm	Sparks (K-2nd Grade) Game Time	Gym
7:00 pm - 7:40 pm	TNT (3rd - 6th Grade) Handbook & Lesson Time	Classroom
6:20 pm - 7:40 pm	Journey (7th - 12th Grade) Handbook/ Lesson/ Game	Classroom

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