

## AWANA Information Cedar Street Baptist Church August 14, 2019



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to a new year of Awana. We look forward to a year of Bible study, memorizing scripture, and fun.

The name AWANA is derived from the first letters of <u>Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed</u> (2Timothy 2:15). To produce such approved workmen, carefully selected Bible verses are memorized and Scripture portions taught. Cedar Street Baptist Church is dedicated to the conviction that the church's most fruitful mission is reaching boys and girls for Jesus Christ. It is our aim that they will hear the gospel of the grace of God and have the opportunity to accept Christ as their personal Savior.

At Cedar Street Baptist Church AWANA Clubs meet each Wednesday during the school year. Each meeting is divided into three segments: Handbook time, Recreation time, and Council/Bible Study time. The children receive awards for completing activities in their books. At times they need help at home to complete or reinforce an activity. Always have them say their memory verses to you. There are also parent sections that you will need to do with your child so she/he will get points and get awards for finishing her/his book. Awards are given weekly for awards earned the **previous** week.

Children receive points for attending Awana meetings; for wearing their uniforms to Awana meetings(for T&T this means bringing their T&T tote bags); for bringing their Awana book, Bible, an offering, and a friend; and for completing book activities. The points will be used as Awana Bucks to purchase items at the Awana Stores that are held in December and in May.

A calendar of events for the year is provided for you. Each Wednesday night the activities will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a meal. The cost of the meal is \$5.00. If your children do not eat at church, they should be at church by 6:25 pm. The closing ceremonies are over about 8 p.m.

The Awana age groups are as follows: Puggles(Nursery for workers' children), Cubbies(3 & 4 year olds), Sparks(K - 2 grades), and T&T(3 - 5 grades). There is a place for everyone.

There are also Wednesday night discipleship classes our students as well. Our Middle School students (FLYTE 6-8 grades) and High School students (Elevate 9-12 grades) meet at the church as well.

A registration form should be filled out and on file in our Awana office. There are two ways you can fill out the form: you can bring a hardcopy the night Awana begins OR fill out the form on



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our website. If a hardcopy, please **BRING THE COMPLETED FORM WITH YOU THE FIRST NIGHT YOUR CHILD ATTENDS**. If you don't have a form, one will be given to you at Awana.

The rules in Awana Clubs are for the safety and wellbeing of the children and adults who are participating. The rules are:

- Follow the instructions of your leaders.
- Speak to one another with respect.
- Move quietly between rooms.
- Walk, do not run in the church.
- Keep your hands, feet, and objects to yourself at all times.
- Stay in your room unless a leader has given you permission to leave.
- Respect each other, no swearing, fighting, hitting or pushing.
- Dress appropriately. Avoid short shorts and low cut shirts. No saggy pants.
- No hats or caps worn in the building.
- No electronics in use during class time or recreation.

AWANA Clubs use the 5-count rule to call the group to order. As the leader counts to 5, the children should become quiet and still.

Children will enter the Fellowship Hall when they arrive. They will be dismissed from there to go to classes.

The Closing will be held in the Sanctuary. The children will be seated with their classes. Parents are requested to come inside the Sanctuary to pick up the children. The children will remain seated until a parent/adult gets them from their seat. **NO** child will be allowed to leave the Sanctuary without an adult. THANK YOU FOR HELPING US WITH THIS!!!!!!

Bring your children and invite their friends to join us for Awana every Wednesday night!!!!!

If you have any questions, call Janie Sikes at 685-5809 or e-mail at <u>rjsikes@pineland.net</u> or Dave Chambers at 685-5352 or <u>chambers1938@gmail.com</u>.

For His Glory,

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