



**Welcome to First Baptist Church Ocala, Awana Club**  
**Pastor Jerry Easley, Minister to Children and Families**



**"Where Christ and kids come First"**

Dear Parents,

We are excited about this years Awana Club **for those children reaching age 2 by March 1st through fifth grade.** The following information should help you to understand what Club is about and the part you will play. **AWANA stands for** Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed, which comes from the Scripture 2 Timothy 2:15. Each Awana Club around the world is registered through Awana International, a non-denominational organization, whose mission is to "reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him. Awana has been around for over 60 years helping disciple boys and girls through Scripture memory and Bible foundations

**Our club is divided into the following divisions...**



Awana Puggles is an enriching program that presents basic biblical concepts for your older 2's- and younger 3's (must be 2 ½ by September 1<sup>st</sup> of current club year). Biblical concepts presented are:

- **We are a unique creation of God.**
- **God loves us very much.**

Awana Puggles teaches toddlers simple lessons through teaching cards, activities, music and more. Awana Puggles leaders have a leader's guidebook to help them plan and direct club time and communicate the lesson.

Then parents—an Awana Puggle's first and best teacher—can step in to reinforce the lessons with take-home cards that include ideas to point out God's work each day. And little details like Awana Puggles T-shirts, puzzles and coloring books make every precious child feel like part of the group



Awana Cubbies is an enriching program that presents basic biblical concepts for your older 3's- thru younger 5's (must be 3 ½ by September 1<sup>st</sup> of current club year...and those missing the cut-off for Kindergarten).

Awana club for preschoolers is built on two premises:

- **Young children can and should receive spiritual training.**
- **Home is the primary place for spiritual training.**

*Cubbies Continued...*

Our preschool program meets these needs through ...**Fun – and lots of it!**

Awana is fun with a purpose – to reach and train kids for Jesus Christ. Games, puppets, crafts, awards and other activities transform our preschool program into a lively weekly experience where fun and learning go hand in hand.



Awana® Clubs™ for children in kindergarten 5 through second grade builds on the material taught in our preschool clubs. The curriculum takes kids a step deeper into God's Word while giving unsaved boys and girls regular opportunities to hear the gospel and come to faith in Jesus Christ. After being immersed in solid foundational teaching at the preschool level, boys and girls frequently come to an understanding of their need to trust Christ as their personal Savior while in Sparks®.

### **Immersing Kids in God's Word**

The Sparks program is firmly grounded in Scripture. The three handbooks feature:

- Basic truths about God, Jesus Christ, salvation and the Bible
- A clear and consistent presentation of the gospel message
- An increased emphasis on Scripture memory over our preschool materials. In three years, a child will learn and review over 65 verses, many of which cover salvation and key Christian doctrine, establishing a foundation of biblical wisdom.

### **Fun Learning = Results**

Sparks club meetings combine learning with fun to create an irresistible atmosphere. Along the way, Sparky, the friendly firefly, and his three friends have many exciting adventures. Sparky encourages kids to learn verses and complete assignments throughout the three handbooks.



The name Truth & Training reflects the passion of Awana to teach third- through fifth-grade boys and girls the truth of God's Word and to train them to follow Christ in their daily lives. Our goal is that many of today's young people will become tomorrow's church leaders. T&T is the program that trains the leaders of tomorrow — today.

### **Exciting features to get kids excited about God's Word**

T&T is equipped with a variety of dynamic tools to accomplish this mission:

- Four **handbooks** of increasing difficulty which teach children that life's ultimate adventure is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- A **cast of fun characters** that boys and girls learn from and follow on interesting journeys in the handbooks
- **Weekly meetings** that expose children to the gospel message, Scripture memory, Bible study, awards, team-oriented games and gut-busting fun
- A **Bible-centered curriculum** that helps kids build a firm foundation for their faith, hide God's Word in their heart and apply the truths of Scripture to their daily lives
- **Interactive CDs** that use exciting high-tech games to teach and reinforce key biblical truths

**Evangelism and discipleship** go hand in hand in our third- through fifth-grade program. By the time a child has completed T&T, he will have:

- Learned and reviewed approximately 310 verses
- Studied dozens of passages from the Old and New Testament
- Regularly heard and read the gospel message
- Discovered the Bible's response to questions like "How does God want me to live my life?" and memorized verses to back up these answers
- Completed missions projects that help him/her see the world through God's eyes