



Pitts Baptist Church
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Pastor - Rev. Scott Davis



2017—2018

This handbook has information for the current AWANA year. Please keep it in a place so you can reference it often.

A Note from

Early Childhood & Children’s Ministry

This manual is designed to introduce you and your child to AWANA Club here at Pitts Baptist Church. AWANA was officially started in 1950 by Art Rorheim in Chicago, IL. The name AWANA stands for “Approved Workmen 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.”

Thank you for sending your child to our club. AWANA presents an opportunity for each child to grow in self worth as well as in his/her relationship with Christ and others. To help your child grow in these areas through AWANA:

- Encourage your clubber to come each week in uniform!
- Help your clubber learn their handbook sections!
- Show an interest in your clubber’s achievements!
- Tell us if there are any special needs!

PLEASE visit our club meetings any night and as often as you wish. If you have any questions, we will gladly discuss them at your convenience.



At Pitts Baptist Church on Sunday morning, there is a worship opportunity for all children tailored to their learning level. Sunday School is at 9 AM for babies through fifth grades. Nursery is provided for babies through two year olds, Shout784! Worship for threes (by August 31) through Kindergarten, and Children’s Worship for first—fifth grades at 10:30 AM. Families are also welcome to worship together in the Sanctuary. Please

come and visit us.

Clubbers earn awards for attending church. They may earn this award by attending our church or their own. They are allowed two unexcused absence during each quarter to meet the requirement to receive this award. If you are not presently attending a church, we would like to invite you to attend ours. Check www.pbcweb.org for details.

WELCOME

Welcome to AWANA Club at Pitts Baptist. 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	Check—In
Puggles	2 years old by 8/31/17	Room D-105
Cubbies	3 - 4 years old by 8/31/17	Early Childhood Info Desk
Sparks	Kindergarten	Room D-103
Sparks	1st—2nd Grade	CORE 2nd Floor
T&T	3rd—6th Grade	CORE 2nd Floor

SECURITY

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The security of your children is very important to us. Parents or adults (over 18) escort clubbers to the designated check in areas. At least one parent must be at church, either in the AWANA program, adult Bible study, or choir practice. For easy visual identification, all leaders have a uniform to identify them as AWANA leaders.

The Five Count

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

DUES are \$0.25 each week

- Dues help pay the cost of awards presented.
- Dues teach clubbers to give willingly, with a cheerful heart, to the Lord.

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 games).
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 parent must check you out with a club director or leader.
6. Parents / guardians must check-in clubbers each club night.
7. If you disobey the rules, we will enforce AWANA 1-2-3 count.
 - **1-count:** Verbal warning
 - **2-count:** Verbal warning from club director.
 - **3-count:** Parents will be called immediately and you will be sent home. The Director will inform you of when you may return.
8. Wear your **complete AWANA uniform** with all awards.
9. For fun and for your safety, you must wear **sneakers**. There will be running games.

AWANA LEADERSHIP TEAM

Commander—Chris Edgerton

Director of Children's Ministry—Jennifer Brayley

Director of Early Childhood Ministry—Amy Alley

T&T Director—Dean Hardister

Sparks Director—Christine Anderson

Cubbies Director—Patty Whitener

Puggles Director—Tonya Cook

You will be able to purchase your handbook and uniform wt

Puggles T-Shirt	\$10.00
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Cubbies Vest* (same uniform for 2 years)	\$10.00
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Cubbies Handbook	\$10.00
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Book Bag	\$6.00
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Sparks Vest* (same uniform for 3 years)	\$10.00
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Sparks Handbook	
HangGlider w/ CD	
WingRunner w/CD	\$10.00
SkyStormer w/CD	
Frequent Flyer Flip Book	

Book Bag	\$6.00
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T&T Adventure Uniform* (same uniform for 2 years)	\$15.00
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T&T Challenge Uniform* (same uniform for 2 years)	\$15.00
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T&T Handbook	\$10.00
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T&T Sling Book Bag	\$6.00
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* When purchasing, please consider the fact that clubbers may be

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y be wearing uniforms for 2-4 years. They will need growing room.

AWANA Club Nights At a glance...

Sept 6	AWANA Kick-Off	Jan 24	Pajama Night
Sept 13	Regular Club Night	Jan 31	Regular Club Night
Sept 20	Wheelie Dealie Night	Feb 7	Sparks Store Night
Sept 27	Crazy Hair Night	Feb 14	Valentine Night—RED!
Oct 4	Sparks Store Night	Feb 21	Regular Club Night
Oct 11	Regular Club Night	Feb 28	Regular Club Night
Oct 18	Regular Club Night	Mar 7	T&T Store Night
Oct 25	Favorite Team Night	Mar 14	St. Patrick's Night—GREEN!
Nov 1	NO AWANA	Mar 21	Regular Club Night
Nov 8	T&T Store Night	Mar 28	NO AWANA— Maundy Thursday
Nov 15	Happy Un-Birthday Night	Apr 4	NO AWANA— Easter
Nov 22	NO AWANA	Apr 11	Regular Club Night
Nov 29	Regular Club Night	Apr 18	Pile On Shirts Night
Dec 6	Sparks Store Night	Apr 25	Regular Club Night
Dec 13	Regular Club Night	May 2	T&T and Sparks Store Night
Dec 20	No AWANA—Christmas	May 9	Crazy Sock Night
Dec 27	No AWANA—New Years	May 16	Regular Club Night
Jan 3	Regular Club Night	May 23	AWANA Grand Prix
Jan 10	T&T Store Night	May 30	NO AWANA—Awards Prep
Jan 17	Regular Club Night	June 6	AWANA Awards

Inclement Weather

Closing due to inclement weather will be posted on the church's webpage at www.pbcweb.org as soon as a decision is made.

Please be certain we have correct email information for you family so you can also receive email notices.



Little Lambs Nursery

The Little Lambs Nursery is provided for parents who are volunteering as an AWANA leader, attending choir practice, or attending adult Bible study. During this time, leaders welcome, cradle, and care for children six-weeks to two years after the August 31 deadline. Care is provided by Melanie Greene.

AWANA Puggles are for children who are two years of age (on or before August 31, 2017). Puggles recognizes the learning ability of two and three year olds by introducing biblical precepts at church and equipping parents to teach them at home. Toddlers love having their very own AWANA club just like their older siblings.



During this time, children are welcomed each week with play time, songs and simple crafts and activities. Leaders present age-appropriate lessons using large, colorful teaching cards, finger puppet plays and more. Lessons teach and reinforce four basic biblical precepts: God Made Everything, God Saw That It Was Good, God Is Love, and Give Thanks.

Special take-home cards that correspond to each week's lesson helps parents nurture their child's faith at home. Our prayer is that participating in Puggles will give your child a head start on the path to loving and following God for life.

Director—Tonya Cook

Teacher: Melanie Greene

**Puggles meet in Room D105 in the Preschool Building
beginning at 6:30 PM each Wednesday night.**



Cubbies is a two year program for 3 & 4 year olds. Children must be three years old by August 31 of the current AWANA year to participate. Clubbers begin with an introductory brochure that gives a brief overview of the program.

The Cubbies curriculum is written in a fun, storybook-style that appeals to preschoolers. The handbook contains 24 Bear Hug sections with memory verses that are presented at a level appropriate for three and four year olds.

CUBBIES STAFF

Director of Cubbies—Patty Whitener
 Secretaries—Denise Estes & Kirsten Saunders
 Leaders of Preschool—Jessica Kemp and Jayme Kirk
 Leaders of Pre K—Lewis & Barbara Oot
 Games Leaders—John Kirk
 Bible Story Leader—Amy Alley & Patty Whitener
 Crafts Leader—Angela Jordan & Alisia Hall



CUBBIES SCHEDULE

Time	Preschool (D108)	Pre K (D109)
6:15—6:35 PM	Handbook Time	Handbook Time
6:35—7:00 PM	Opening Assembly & Story Time (LFH)	Opening Assembly & Group Time (LFH)
7:00—7:20 PM	Game Time (LFH)	Craft Time (D110)
7:20—7:40 PM	Craft Time (D110)	Game Time (LFH)
7:40—8 PM	Craft Time	Snack Time

Awards

Cubbies awards are given out as clubbers achieve them. These awards are a Red and Green Apple Patches. The patch is to be adhered on the vest. These awards show that your child has worked hard on their weekly Bear Hug. They will receive their Book Award (upon completion) at the Awards Ceremony in June. A special award is given to clubbers who complete all of the Under the Apple Tree assignments.

This year clubbers will be in the **Honeycomb** Handbook.

Every child in AWANA Cubbies will start with the Apple Acres Entrance Booklet. After completing the booklet, your child will be qualified to buy a book & uniform.

Each week one Bear Hug will be completed. Missed Bear Hugs will be completed the following week.

Step 1: Skim through the Bear Hug section that will be completed for the week. Large print text should be read to your child. Parent Paws indicate helpful suggestions to make the Bear Hug easier to understand & more memorable.

Step 2: Read the text to your child. Help your child to memorize the Bible verse(s) & complete activities in the lesson. Three year olds should learn the verse and four year olds should learn the verse and scripture reference.

Step 3: Choose the version of the verse most appropriate for your Cubbie and check the box. Don't forget to also sign and date the handbook.

Step 4: In Cubbies, your child will recite the verse(s) they learned at home to a Cubbies leader. The leader will sign and give your child a sticker to place at the end of the Bear Hug.

Schedule of Lessons

9/6	BH Booklet A	12/13	Special Day #2	3/21	Special Day #3
9/13	BH Booklet B	12/20	NO AWANA	3/28	NO AWANA
9/20	BH #1	12/27	NO AWANA	4/4	NO AWANA
9/27	BH #2	1/3	BH #10	4/11	BH #21
10/4	BH #3	1/10	BH #11	4/18	BH #22
10/11	BH #4	1/17	BH #12	4/25	BH #23
10/18	BH #5	1/24	BH #13	5/2	BH #24
10/25	BH#6	1/31	BH #14	5/9	BH #25
11/1	No AWANA	2/7	BH #15	5/16	BH #26
11/8	BH #7	2/14	BH #16	5/23	Grand Prix
11/15	Special Day #1	2/21	BH #17	5/30	NO AWANA
11/22	No AWANA	2/28	BH #18	6/6	Awards Night
11/29	BH #8	3/7	BH #19		
12/6	BH# 9	3/14	BH #20		



To many children in kindergarten to second grade, Sparks is the highlight of the week! They love their red vests, the exciting games and spending time with leaders and friends. Sparks is divided into three years, each with a unique rank: Hang Glider, Wing Runner, and Sky Stormer. Each year, Sparks clubbers:

- Explore the biographies of people of the Bible
- Memorize Bible verses
- Complete handbook activities

Kindergarten Sparks Schedule				
6:15—6:35 PM	6:40—7:00 PM	7:00—7:20 PM	7:20—7:40 PM	7:40—8:00 PM
Opening Assembly	Handbook Time	Story Time	Awards & Review	Game Time

1st & 2nd Grade Sparks Schedule				
6:15—6:30 PM	6:30—6:55 PM	7:00—7:25 PM	7:30—7:55 PM	7:55—8:00 PM
Check-in	Handbook Time	Story Time	Game Time	Awards


Description of Club Segments

Pledge & Prayer is at the beginning of Game Time each night.

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

Story Time is when the gospel is presented to the large group. Clubbers are challenged to grow spiritually. Sparks Story Time is led by **Jean Sullivan**

Game Time is the fun time for all clubbers. They participate in games for fun to develop good sportsmanship and to encourage clubbers to work as a team. Clubbers must wear sneakers because of safety reasons to participate. Game Time is led by **Scott Barfield & Chris Brayley**.



Once you pick-up your children from club, we ask that you do not allow them to re-enter their classroom, Green Room , or Gym. This will assist leaders in ensuring that all students have been checked out from club for the evening.

Additional Sparks Information... *Page 11*

- * First and Second Grade Sparks clubbers are eligible for a regional Game Time. Area churches meet in the spring to compete against each other. Only clubbers who have successfully completed ten sections during the current club year may participate.
- * Each night during check-in, clubbers are asked a series of questions for which they earn points. Each question is worth 50 points.
 - * Are you wearing your uniform?
 - * Do you have your handbook?
 - * Do you have your Bible?
 - * Did you go to church on Sunday?
- * Points are also awarded for each recited section, saying a section word perfect, and participating in theme nights.
- * Points are tallied at the end of the year. Students earning 10,000 points are inducted into The 10,000 Point Club. Students earning 20,000 points or more are inducted into the Wall of Fame.
- * Clubbers earn AWANA bucks for completed sections, winning Game Time, and at the discretion of the Director for positive reinforcement. AWANA bucks are the responsibility of each clubber and can be spent during Store Night. Lost bucks can not be replaced.
- * Second grade clubbers who complete all three books in the series (Hang Glider, Wing Runner, and Sky Stormer) are eligible to attend Sparks Day Camp at the end of the AWANA year.

Sparks Leaders

Director: Christine Anderson

Secretaries: Lori Myers

Classroom Leaders:

Pat Conner

Virginia McCreedy

Amber Setzer

David Hall

Shannon Nalbene

Sondra Polley

Janella Reynolds

Story Time: Jean Sullivan

Game Time: Scott Barfield and Chris Brayley

AWARDS

Sparks handbooks each contain 32 sections. Sections should be completed in order. Clubbers are awarded JEWELS for every fourth section completed. In order for a clubber to complete their handbook and receive their book award at the end of the year, they should prepare one section each of the club nights.



Handbooks and large-group lessons deepen a child's knowledge about God and His Word and teach how to put that knowledge into action in everyday life. T&T is different from other AWANA programs. It is comprised of two clubs with distinct curriculum, uniforms and awards:

- ◆ T&T Ultimate Adventure for third (Book One) and fourth grades (Book Two)
- ◆ T&T Ultimate Challenge for fifth (Book One) and sixth grades (Book Two)

These two clubs are designed to help kids continue growing in their relationship with Christ.

T&T Schedule				
6:15—6:30 PM	6:30—6:55 PM	7:00—7:25 PM	7:30—7:55 PM	7:55—8:00 PM
Check-in	Handbook Time	Game Time	Counsel Time	Awards

Description of Club Segments

Pledge & Prayer is at the beginning of Game Time each evening.

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

Counsel Time is when the gospel is presented to the large group. Clubbers are challenged to grow spiritually. T&T Counsel Time is led by **Rev. Kevin Seger**.

Game Time is the fun time for all clubbers. They participate in games for fun to develop good sportsmanship and to encourage clubbers to work as a team. Clubbers must wear sneakers because of safety reasons to participate. Game Time is led by **Scott Barfield and Chris Brayley**.



Once you pick-up your children from club, we ask that you do not allow them to re-enter the Activity Room or Gym. This will assist leaders in ensuring that all students have been checked out from club for the evening.

AWARDS

T&T handbooks each contain 32 sections. Sections should be completed in order. Clubbers are awarded bones for every fourth section completed in Ultimate Adventure and patches in Ultimate Challenge. In order for a clubber to complete their handbook and receive their book award at the end of the year, they should prepare one section each of the 32 club nights.

Additional T&T Information... *Page 13*

- * T&T clubbers are eligible for two regional events:
 - * AWANA Game—Area churches meet in the spring to compete against each other. Only clubbers who have successfully completed ten sections during the current club year may participate.
 - * T&T Gear-Up—Area churches meet in the spring to compete against each other in book and scripture knowledge. Only clubbers who have successfully completed half of their handbook may participate.
- * Each night during check-in, clubbers are asked a series of questions for which they earn points. Each question is worth 50 points.
 - * Are you wearing your uniform?
 - * Do you have your handbook?
 - * Do you have your Bible?
 - * Did you go to church on Sunday?
- * Points are also awarded for each recited section, saying a section word perfect, and participating in theme nights.
- * Points are tallied at the end of the year. Students earning at least 10,000 points are inducted into *The 10,000 Point Club*. Students earning 20,000 points or more are inducted into the *Wall of Fame*.
- * Clubbers earn AWANA bucks for completed sections, winning Game Time, and at the discretion of the Director for positive reinforcement. AWANA bucks are the responsibility of each clubber and can be spent during Store Night. Lost bucks can not be replaced.

T&T Leadership

Director: Dean Hardister

Secretary: Cindi Fields and Mickie Mauldin

Classroom Leaders

David Brindle	Patricia Hall	Monica Riley
Melinda Edgerton	Jessica Kepley	Amy Setzer
Amber Gourley	Trudy Mertz	Jerry Sullivan

Bible Study: Rev. Kevin Seger

Game Time: Scott Barfield and Chris Brayley

Special Events

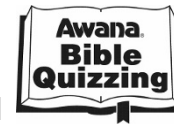
Pitts Baptist Grand Prix



Clubber will have the opportunity to build and race their very own car. Kits will be sold during club nights. All participants must race a newly built car each year that has been built from official AWANA kits.

Bible Quiz

Also known as the annual T&T Gear Up, clubbers who have completed at least half of their book may participate in this activity. The competition consists of a team time of multiple choice questions and a speed round where clubbers buzz in to answer.



AwanaGames



Sparks and T&T Clubbers look forward to competing against area churches each year! Each club hosts its own Games weekend. Sparks clubbers in first and second grades who have completed at least ten sections during the current club year are eligible for Sparks-a-rama. T&T clubbers who have completed at least ten sections during the current club year are eligible for AWANA Games.

Pitts Baptist Awards Ceremony

June 6, 2017—Wednesday 6:30 pm

Pitts Baptist Church Sanctuary



Watch for flyers about special events.

Check out the North Carolina Awana website for regional events at:

www.awanannc.org

Annual Events

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Tuesday, October 31

Community Fall Festival @ Pitts Baptist

Sunday, November 19

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner & Service

Sunday, December 24

Family Service @ 10:30 AM

Christmas Eve Family Service @ 9 PM

Saturday, February 3

T&T Gear Up @ First Baptist Concord

Saturday, March 3

T&T Games @ Pitts Baptist

Saturday, March 10

Sparks-a-rama @ Central Baptist

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday Service

Sunday, April 1

Easter Service

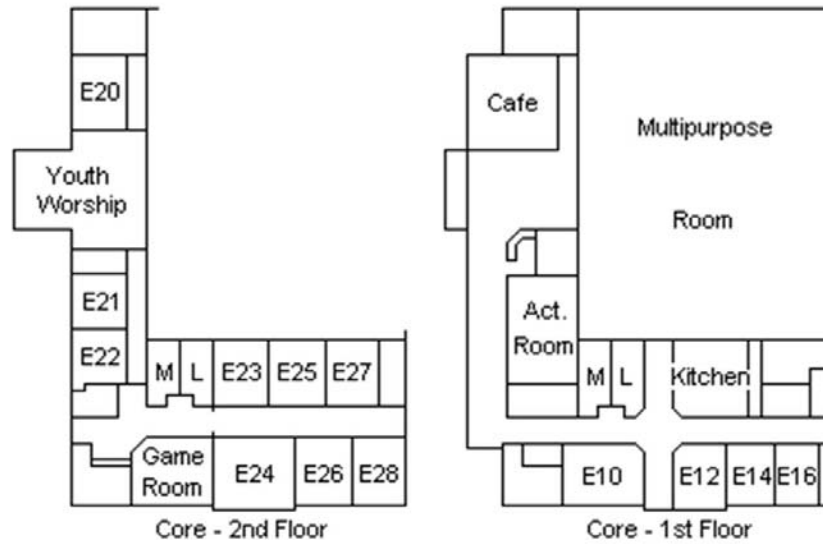
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AWANA Grand Prix

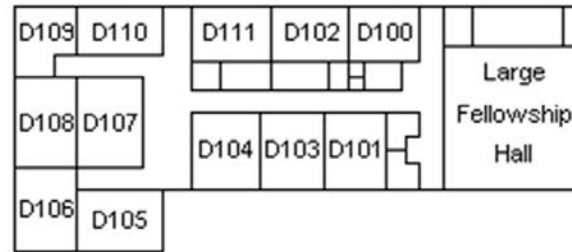
Wednesday, June 6

AWANA Awards

Early Childhood, Children, and Youth Buildings



Early Childhood Building



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