



# 2023-2024 Welcome Packet



**First Baptist Church**

— UPPER BURRELL —

THE JOURNEY OF FAITH BUILT ON THE BOOK

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the AWANA ministry of First Baptist Church. We count it a privilege to serve your family through AWANA Bible memory handbook work, Bible teaching, singing, games, and awards. Our Wednesday night activity provides for your kids spiritually, socially, and physically.

Our first Wednesday meeting is September 6, 2023. There will be approximately 30 Wednesday night meetings ending with an awards program in April. The Wednesday night meetings are 6:30 - 8:15pm. Children should arrive between **6:20 - 6:30pm** and be picked up between **8:15 - 8:25pm**.

We request that all children **use the restroom** before arriving at the church building. New security protocols require **parents and guardians to accompany their children inside** the building for check-in each AWANA club night. Parents will check in children with a leader and receive a pickup ticket to bring back at the end of the evening. Dismissal will be at 8:15pm. We ask that all parents wait outside until this time. If any need arises before the regular pickup time, please ring the bell next to the door.



**Wednesday Nights**

**6:30 – 8:15 PM**

Grade/Age	Club	Uniform	Handbook
3 years – Pre-K	Cubbies	\$14	\$13
K – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Sparks	\$14	\$13
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Truth & Training	\$19	\$13

In order to begin attending, each clubber needs to submit a registration form and Medical Release and Permission form, included in this packet. After successfully completing the entrance booklet for their club, each clubber is eligible to purchase the club uniform and handbook.

Payments for handbooks are due after receiving the handbook. Uniforms must be paid for in advance. First Baptist Church provides all awards, prizes, supplies, and food. **Dues are \$1/week**, which makes \$30/year if paid weekly. See our discounts for dues paid for the whole year within the first 2 weeks in the table below.

Yearly Dues (if paid within first 2 weeks)	1 Child	Multiple Children
<b>Non-Members</b>	\$25	\$20 per child
<b>Church Members</b>	\$20	\$15 per child

Clubbers starting later in the year may pay dues weekly, or for the rest of the year all at once, \$1 for each club week that is left on the AWANA Calendar. Please talk to your club director if you are in need of financial assistance.

Parents, you can greatly enhance the richness of your child’s learning experience by reviewing the handbook daily with your child and helping him or her excel in Scripture Memory, conquer Bible study, and take responsibility for at home projects. **Parents make the difference in their child’s AWANA success!**

Prepare your family for some exciting days ahead as we see your kids learn and grow through the AWANA Clubs! If we can answer any questions, please contact us or see an AWANA Leader.

Yours in the Lord,  
The AWANA Ministry at First Baptist Church  
Gary Francart, AWANA Commander (724) 454-3215

**“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” - 2 Timothy 2:15**

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Follow along throughout the year to keep track of our themes and events!  
Parents, please join us for parent night for your child's club in September!

**September**

**4 Opening Night**

11 Cubbies Parent Night

Wear your Backpack

18 Sparks Parent Night

Wear Your Sunglasses

25 T&T Parent Night

Bring Your Water Bottle

**October**

2 Bring a friend/Wear Anything Red

9 Stores/Crazy Hair Night

16 Dress as you want to be when you grow up

23 Wear Your Favorite Hat

30 Bring a Favorite Toy

**November**

6 Wear Camouflage

**13 AWANA Family Thanksgiving Meal (5:45 PM)**

20 Wear Funny Socks

**27 Family Thanksgiving Eve Service 7pm**

**December**

4 Pirate Night

11 Wear an Ugly Sweater

18 Stores/Bring Something that Jingles

**24 Family Christmas Eve Service (Tues. 7 PM)**

25 No Meeting (Christmas Break)

**January**

1 No Meeting (New Years Day)

8 Athletic Night (Wear and bring athletic gear)

T&T Begins Sections Contest

15 Dress up as a Bible Character

22 Bring a Flashlight

29 Wear Your Gloves

T&T Finishes Sections Contest

**February**

5 Inside-Out Clothes/Grand Prix Car Kits Available

12 Valentine Card Exchange (card box optional)

19 Wear Christian Apparel and Accessories

26 Stores / Backwards Clothes Night

**March**

**1 AWANA Quizzing (T&T Clubbers) (Sat.)**

5 Pennies for Missions Kick-off

12 Western Dress Up Night

**15 AWANA Grand Prix (Sat. 10 AM)**

19 Dress Up as a Super Hero

26 Final Pennies for Missions

**April**

2 Bring a Favorite Stuffed Animal

9 Pennies for Missions Winning Club Pizza Party

16 Birthday Night (Celebrating All Birthdays!)

23 Stores / Hawaiian Dress Up Night

**30 AWANA Awards Ceremony**



## Earning Shares

Each week, clubbers have the opportunity to earn shares that they can use at the AWANA Stores night! We have several AWANA Stores nights on the calendar where the clubbers get to use the shares they've earned to purchase toys, candy, gifts, games, and gadgets. Item prices are usually, 1, 5, 10, 25, 50, or even 100 shares or more.

Here are the ways a clubber can earn shares:

### Games Shares:



**First Place - 4 shares**

**Second Place - 3 shares**

**Third Place - 2 shares**

**Fourth Place - 1 share**



### Earn 1 share each week by:

**Wearing your uniform**

**Bringing your book**

**Bringing your Bible**

**Being here**

### Earn more shares by:

**Participating in a theme night - 2 shares**

**Completing a book section - 5 shares**

**Bringing a visitor - 10 shares**

**Your visitor returning the next week - 5 shares**

**Behaving in a godly way - up to 5 shares**

**Bringing a parent on parent night - 20 shares**



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# AWANA Clubs Registration

*This form is used in conjunction with the attached Youth Medical Release and Permission Form. **These forms should be turned in together.***

***Please complete these pages only after reading through the Welcome Packet.***

Child's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size (circle one):    YS-10    YM-12    YL-14    AS    AM    AL    AXL    A2XL    A3XL

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Invited By (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about our AWANA Clubs? (check all that apply)

I was invited by a friend or relative

I drove past and saw the banner

I saw a sign in the community

Social Media

Church Website

Newspaper

This is my home church

Vacation Bible School

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**Youth Medical Release & Permission Form (Please print in ink.)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Year in school: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dentist Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical History**

If necessary, describe in detail the nature and severity of any physical and/or psychological ailment, illness, propensity, weakness, limitation, handicap, disability, or condition to which your child is subject and of which the staff should be aware, and what, if any action of protection is required on account thereof. Submit this notification in writing and attach it to this form. Include names of medications and dosages that must be taken.

**Review the following areas of concern for this student.** Check all that apply. If necessary, add another page with details.

1. For your child's safety and our knowledge, what is your child's swimming proficiency?

- good swimmer     fair swimmer     non-swimmer

2. Does your child have allergies to any of the following?

- pollens     medications     food     insect bites

3. Does your child suffer from, has ever experienced, or is being treated currently for any of the following?

- asthma     epilepsy / seizure disorder     frequently upset stomach     diabetes  
 heart trouble     physical handicap

4. Date of your child's last tetanus shot: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Does your child wear correctional lenses?

- glasses     contact lenses

6. Please explain any major illnesses or injuries your child experienced during the last year (attach additional papers if necessary):

Should your child's activities be restricted for any reason? Please explain.

**Initial all that apply. (Check marks are not considered legal)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ The church has my permission to give the above-listed child an antacid tablet. (Example: Tums)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ The church has my permission to give the above-listed child a non-aspirin (acetaminophen) tablet. (Example: Tylenol)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ The church has my permission to give the above-listed child an Ibuprofen tablet. (Examples: Advil, Motrin)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ The church has my permission to give the above-listed child an aspirin tablet.

**For your information, we expect each student to conform to these rules of conduct:**

- Participation with the group is expected.
- Respect property.
- Respect one another, staff, and adult leaders.
- Respect and comply with event schedules.
- No possession or use of alcohol, drugs, vaping, or tobacco.
- No inappropriate, obscene, or offensive use of electronics, including cyberbullying, sharing photos without permission, or viewing pornography.
- No students can drive as part of transportation to or from ministry activities.
- No fighting, weapons, fireworks, lighters, or explosives.
- No offensive or immodest clothing.
- No boys in girls' sleeping quarters and no girls in boys' sleeping quarters.

**Students who fail to comply with these expectations may be sent home at their parent's expense.**

I, the student (ages 11 and older only), have read the rules of conduct, the above evaluation of my health, and permission to participate in Church activities. I agree to abide by the stated personal limitations and code of conduct.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Activities may include, but are not limited to: cookouts, boating, water skiing, swimming, basketball, roller skating, rollerblading, games in the park, soccer, broomball, ice skating, volleyball, softball, baseball, camping, downhill skiing, snowboarding, hiking, biking, concerts, Bible studies, golfing, miniature golf, hayrides. **Note: If you desire to limit your child's participation in any event, please submit your wishes in writing to the church youth pastor prior to that event.**

\_\_\_\_\_ (student's name) has my permission to attend all youth activities sponsored by: First Baptist Church of Upper Burrell, 3740 7th Street Road, Upper Burrell, PA 15068 (hereinafter "Church") from July 1, 2023 – June 31, 2024.

This consent form gives permission to seek whatever medical attention is deemed necessary and releases the Church and its staff of any liability against personal losses of the named child.

I/We, the undersigned, have legal custody of the student named above, a minor, and have given our consent for him/her to attend events being organized by the Church. **I/We understand that there are inherent risks involved in any ministry or athletic event. I/we hereby release the Church, its pastors, employees, agents, and volunteer workers from any and all liability for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property that may occur during the course of my/our child's involvement.** In the event that he/she is injured and requires the attention of a doctor, I/we consent to any reasonable medical treatment as deemed necessary by a licensed physician. In the event treatment is required from a physician and/or hospital personnel designated by the Church, I/we agree to hold such person free and harmless of any claims, demands, or suits for damages arising from the giving of such consent. I/We also acknowledge that we will be ultimately responsible for the cost of any medical care should the cost of that medical care not be reimbursed by the health insurance provider. Further, I/we affirm that the health insurance information provided above is accurate at this date and will, to the best of my/our knowledge, still be in force for the student named above. I/we also agree to bring my/our child home at my/our own expense should they become ill or if deemed necessary by the student ministries staff member. I further state that I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE AND KNOW THE CONTENTS THEREOF AND SIGN THIS RELEASE AS MY OWN FREE ACT. This is a legally binding agreement that I have read and understand.

**Does the Church have permission to photograph your child?**

Please initial: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Does the Church have permission to use your child's photograph in church publications?**

Please initial: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you give permission to youth leaders and other youth to use images of your child on social media?**

Please initial: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_