

# Children's Ministry

# NEWSLETTER



Bethel Church | Fall 2017

## Mark Your Calendar

	8.16
AWANA Leadership Training	8.23
AWANA Leadership Training	8.30
AWANA Sparks and T&T Registration/Family BBQ	9.3
Labor Day Sunday Service/ Potluck	9.6
AWANA Sparks and T&T Clubs begins	9:17
AWANA TruthSeekers begins	10.30
Family Fun Fall Festival	

## Week at a Glance

### Sundays:

#### 9:00am Service

Nursery for infants to 2 year olds  
Sunday School for 3 year olds to 5th grade

#### 10:45am Service

Nursery for infants to 3 year olds  
Children's Church for 4 year olds to 2nd grade

#### 6:00pm Service

Nursery for infants to 3 year olds

#### 6:00– 7:30pm

AWANA TRUTH SEEKERS for Kindergarten to 5th grade

### Wednesdays:

#### 6:25-8:00pm

AWANA CLUBS/ SPARKS (K-2nd grade) AND  
T&T (3rd-5th grade)

***This quarter during Sunday school classes:*** Kindergarten through 5th grade will examine how King Solomon's kingdom was a grand earthly reign eventually torn apart and divided by King Solomon's sin. We will look at how God called his people back to repentance over and over through the prophets. Will God's people repent of their evil ways or will they chose to go their own way and stay divided? Will their sin eventually lead to the destruction of the kingdom? Come and find out!

## AWANA Truth Seekers Sundays, 6:00pm—7:30pm Bethel Church Quad room

**Who do we want to reach?** Kids grades K-5 who are not involved with any church.

**What is our goal?** To teach kids foundational Biblical principles while building healthy relationships in a safe environment. **Need a ride?** Call Dave Burkholder at 308-520-4684 to arrange a ride in our church van.

Do you ever think about the impact you can have in a child's life? How you can influence a child's first thoughts of who God is or how you could be the first to tell them the Good News of Jesus. Come and make a difference in a child's life! Join our nursery, Sunday school, children's church or AWANA team!

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

### 3 year old Sunday school teachers (9AM)

No prep, rotate once a month, through December curriculum/teacher manual and supplies provided

### 1st grade Sunday school teachers (9AM)

Up to 1 hour prep weekly, weekly through December curriculum/teacher manual & supplies provided

### Children's church teachers/ helpers (10:45AM)

Up to 1 hour weekly prep for teacher  
No prep for helper, rotate once a month through December curriculum/teacher manual & supplies provided

### Requirements:

Complete application form & background check  
Observe class 1-2 times  
1 hour orientation with Janet Bradley

For more information on how you can get involved contact Janet Bradley, 532-7040 or [jbradley@bethelnp.org](mailto:jbradley@bethelnp.org)



## AWANA Sparks and T&T

### Calendar of Events

Aug. 16 Leadership Training, 6pm  
Aug. 23 Leadership Training, 6pm  
Aug. 30 BBQ/Parent Meeting/Registration, 6pm

Sept. 6 Regular Club night  
Sept. 13 KJLT fundraiser begins  
Sept. 19 AWANA Regional leadership training, 6-9pm  
Sept. 20 Regular Club night  
Sept. 27 Regular Club night

Oct. 4 last night for KJLT fundraiser  
Oct 11 Regular Club night  
Oct. 18 Regular Club night  
Oct. 25 Theme: Cowboy and Western night

Nov. 1 Regular Club night  
Nov. 8 Operation Christmas Child/Parent night  
Nov. 15 Theme: Glow in the Dark night  
Nov. 22 NO CLUB– Thanksgiving Break  
Nov. 29 Regular Club night

### What is AWANA?

AWANA is an outreach for kids kindergarten through 5th grade. It's main purpose is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ, to train kids in the Word of God and to instill a desire to serve Him.

AWANA's three basic areas touch the whole child: Memorization of the Word for the Mind, Games for the Physical Body, and Bible teaching for their Spirit.

All regular club nights are from 6:25 to 8:00pm.

Registration begins August 6th in the church foyer.

For more information contact:  
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## ATTENTION : AWANA Vision and New Policy

From the beginning our vision for AWANA at Bethel church has been two fold. First, we desire to use AWANA as a tool to teach our Bethel kids in the Word of God and second, to reach the non-churched kids in North Platte. AWANA is a safe and fun place for Bethel kids to invite their friends who would not normally attend church. In the past we have welcomed kids from other churches with the understanding that their parents/grandparents would also volunteer. However in the past two years, we have seen a significant increase in kids coming to AWANA from families who attend other Bible teaching churches in North Platte without parents volunteering to help on Wednesday nights. At first it was just a few but, at the end of last year, approximately 30% of kids attending AWANA were from other churches. However, only about 6% of our volunteers were from other churches and of those 6% only 2% still had kids who were of AWANA age. As a result, the staff of Bethel church believes it is putting an increasingly difficult burden on our Bethel volunteers to effectively minister to our target kids; non-churched and Bethel kids. ***Our desire is to have parents from other churches share in our vision for the non-churched kids in North Platte.*** Therefore, we have decided to enforce a new policy affecting the 2017-18 year.

### Beginning August 2017

- 1.All kids with parents who are ***not*** members/regular attenders of Bethel church and are currently attending another church (consider another church their home church) are ***required to have one parent/guardian/grandparent volunteer in the AWANA program on a weekly basis to represent your family.*** This includes but is not limited to regular attenders of the Berean, Harvest Christian , 1<sup>st</sup> Christian, Valley Christian, New Life, Victory, Grace Lutheran, 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran, 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist, and Calvary Baptist in North Platte. All registrations from families of other churches not listed above will be determined on a case by case basis.
- 2.Before being accepted, all volunteers are required to complete the AWANA Leadership training in August and comply with and be accountable to Bethel church for all Bethel policies and procedures for children's/youth workers. All volunteers are agreeing to serve on a regular weekly basis.
- 3.Volunteers are disqualified from serving if the above requirements are not met and therefore, your child's registration will not be accepted.
4. As before, we will continue to accept registrations from all regular Bethel church members/ regular attenders and children with no church affiliation.

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