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Awana News

CUBBIES

It's that time of year again, and our Cubbies leaders are very excited to welcome our Cubbies to class! This summer we saw a preview of what our Cubbies room would look like, with several returning and new Cubbies attending VBS. In September, Cubbies will learn as follows:

- Sept. 11th - We'll jump into Bear Hug A with 1 John 4:10: "God loved us and sent His Son," learning that even when we are disobedient, God still loves us and sent His Son to be our Savior.
- Sept. 18th - We'll learn our Cubbies motto: "Jesus loves me." We'll discuss how Jesus loves the children and how Jesus loves you, too!
- Sept. 25th - We'll complete our first lesson in the Honeycomb book and learn that "A is for all" through Roman 3:23: "All have sinned." We'll discuss how all of us are sinners and that all of us need the Savior, Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins

SPARKS

We are thrilled to see each of you again and will start this year with a dive into the Ten Commandments! Here is what is in store for Sparks in September:



- Sept. 11 - Love Rules: An introduction to the Ten Commandments and why rules matter
- Sept. 18 - Put God First: The 1st commandment teaches us to worship only God
- Sept. 25 - No Idols: The 2nd commandment instructs us not to create idols; we worship only our incredible Creator

T&T

T&T will begin this year with several changes, including splitting into 2 sections and combining boys and girls. We expect these changes to help T&T students by providing more one-on-one handbook time with T&T staff.

During September's T&T Council Time, we will dig into the following topics:

- God is truth
- God is all-powerful
- God is everywhere
- God is all-knowing
- God is three in one

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THE POWER OF SCRIPTURE IN PARENTING

As a senior high leader, I knew little about the Awana program beyond parent pick up and drop off, but when our son Liam began Cubbies last year, the program and staff truly impressed me. The handbook and programming provided many tools and topics to talk to our children about Jesus and all He has done for each of us.

What impressed me the most, though, was how Liam and our daughter Thea, who was two at the time, could learn God's word. It definitely convicted my husband and I of our lack of scripture memorization, and our own need to pick up and learn to wield the word of God, which is the "Sword of the Spirit", the only actual weapon listed in the Full Armor of God (Ephesians 6). Even Jesus used scripture to fight the temptation of the devil in the gospels, so how much more do we as Christians need it?

Although the church is an important partner in discipling children, many studies have shown the crucial role the parents' faith has on their children. One practical way our family has done this has been when our children awaken afraid in the night. We are certainly not perfect parents and don't enjoy being awoken, but the time we have to influence our children is quite short. In these times, here is the general flow we use: We will first ask our children, "What are bible verses that you know that can help right now?". Sometimes, we'll prompt them with the start of the verses to help or even say them if they can't. Then, we will follow up in asking, "What does that verse tell you?" and help them understand the power of those words. A favorite at night is Psalm 4:8. We'll then pray those scriptures over our children, so we'd pray that verse something like, "Lord, please let Liam lay down and sleep in peace, for you alone, Oh Lord, make him dwell in safety." We're now working on having him pray these verses himself, then we will pray after. Sometimes, the verses our children come up with may feel like they don't directly apply, but they often will still reference God's goodness, steadfastness, and control over all things.

Parents, while the memory work, achievements, and prizes of Awana are fun motivators, please do not lose sight of the lasting value of long-term scripture memorization. Bring a pack of index cards in the car and practice verses as a family on car rides or go over a few verses during meals or bedtimes. It's usually not the big things, but being consistent in the little things that leaves an impact on our kids. As many of you with children older than mine realize, the years go quickly, so I pray we can encourage and spur each other on, to take each moment we can, to glorify the Lord in our families! Christ will return soon!

In Christ,

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Upcoming Dates

- September 11th - first night of Awana
- October 16th - No Awana

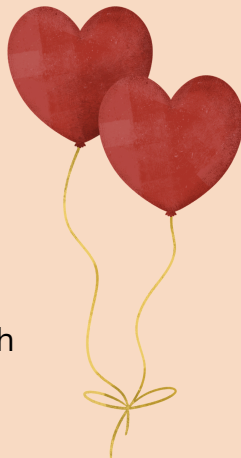


Reminders

- New drop off time is **6:20pm**
- Don't forget tennis shoes for game time!

Birthdays this Month

Jackson H.- September 6th
Paisley L. - September 7th
Emma R.- September 11th
Kay E. - September 17th
Gabe G. - September 22nd
Brylie L. - September 23rd
Sheri R. - September 23rd
Farryn L. - September 24th
Thomas B. - September 25th
Gretta D. - September 28th
Tressa L. - September 28th



Verse of the Month

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.
2 Timothy 1:7 ESV

Prayer Request

- Awana Year
- Awana staff and their families
- Awana kids and their families
- Area kids
- Schools and the new school year
- Area and national churches

If at any time you would like our church to pray for you, please email our church office at office@trfefc.org