

Welcome to the Stony Hill Baptist Church



Club

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

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to have your child attend our Awana Club. We are excited about our program and would like to provide some additional information about the clubs we offer:



2 year olds
(**Must be 2** by August 31st)



3 & 4 yr. olds
(**Must be 3** by August 31st)



Kindergarten through second grade



Third through sixth grade



Seventh and eighth grade



Ninth through twelfth grade

All clubs meet each Wednesday evening (August 12, 2011 through April 11, 2012) from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Each week more than one million kids ages 2 to 18 participate in Awana. Over 12,000 churches in the U.S. and 7,600 internationally run Awana programs that change young lives through biblical truth. As a ministry leader for over 60 years, Awana is making an impact. A recent national survey found Awana to be as important to our alumni's spiritual foundation as all other church activities combined. Among alumni who participated in the programs for at least six years, 92.7% still attend church at least weekly as adults.

An Awana Club meeting consists of several parts, including time for games, achievement, and a Bible story. Your child will be given an entrance booklet to take home, which is the first step in Awana achievement. We hope you will help your child complete this booklet within the next few weeks.

After completing the entrance booklet, your child will have earned a uniform and handbook. These are an important part of our program. The handbooks are required in order for the clubbers to complete the necessary work to receive the club achievement awards. The uniforms are an integral part of the Awana program and are worn by all club leaders as well as clubbers. A child may only receive awards when wearing his/her uniform.

The Stony Hill Awana program is a ministry of Stony Hill Baptist Church. The cost to the church of running the Awana program is close to \$90.00 per student per year. Parents, if able, are asked to pay a one-time registration fee of \$30.00 per child at the beginning of each Club year to help defray the cost of the program. Children, if able, are asked to bring \$1.00 for dues each week. Scholarships are available to anyone who requests one (please see Awana Director Barbara Rivera if you have questions).

If you do not attend church, we extend a warm invitation to join our church family for Sunday worship at 8:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 10:00 a.m. Please feel free to contact **Awana Director Barbara Rivera at 870-1249**, should you have any questions. Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to work with you in providing this program for your children.

In His Service,
Barbara Rivera
Awana Director

Stony Hill Baptist Church Leadership Team

Jamie Dew, Pastor. Born and raised in North Carolina, Pastor Jamie came to know Christ in 1995 at the age of 18. Sensing a call to Christian ministry, Jamie graduated from Toccoa Falls College in Northeast Georgia in 2000, with a Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies. Jamie then moved back to Wake Forest, NC to attend Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he earned a Masters of Divinity in Pastoral Ministries (2003) and a PhD in Philosophy of Religion (2008).

Jamie married his wife Tara in 2000 and they were blessed with their first set of twins, Nathan and Natalie, in April of 2007. Then, in February of 2010, they were blessed with another set of twins, Samuel and Samantha. In his spare time, Jamie enjoys spending time with his family, watching football, and reading philosophy and theology.

Jamie was called to be the Pastor of Stony Hill in May, 2004. His life and ministry are driven by God's command in Deuteronomy 6:5, *"Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, with all of your soul and with all of your strength."*

Daniel Brown, Worship and Missions Pastor. Daniel learned about Jesus in his early childhood as his mom and dad read him Bible stories and took him to church. He trusted Jesus Christ as Savior when he was 9 years old. Daniel has a Bachelor's Degree from NC State University and a Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He met his wife Julie at the Baptist Student Union while they were in college. They were married in 2000, and now have three children: Nicholas (2002), Ethan (2006), and Elizabeth (2008). Daniel enjoys playing with his family, outdoor activities, Frisbee golf, sports and music.

Daniel joined the staff of Stony Hill in August, 2006. His favorite Bible verse is Philippians 3:12:

"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me."

Derek George, Youth Pastor. Derek was born in Palmer, Alaska, but moved to Kenai, Alaska in his teenage years. His Dad was invited to Church by a coworker and it was at a revival service that Derek prayed to receive Christ, just before his 16th birthday. Derek was baptized shortly thereafter, and says that he knew he was being called into the ministry before he had even come up out of the water!

After graduating from high school, Derek felt led to attend Southeastern College at Wake Forest. He graduated with his BA in Biblical Studies and the History of Ideas in May 2008, and has been working since then on his Masters of Divinity in Christian Apologetics. It was shortly after moving to Wake Forest that

he met his wife, Amanda. They were married on August 2nd, 2008. Derek loves to share the gospel and see people grow in the Lord. He also enjoys college football, fishing, hunting, golf and going to the beach.

Derek joined the staff at Stony Hill Baptist Church in April 2010. He will be serving with the games team during our Awana meetings. His ministry verse is 2 Timothy 4:1-2, *"I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction."* (NASB)

Judy Hume, Children's Director. Judy was born and raised in the deep south of Georgia by Christian parents who placed God first in their lives. Church attendance and involvement was a way of life, but Judy was not saved until April of 2004 at the young age of 52!

She has a Masters in Education and a Masters in Education Administration. Judy taught school for 23 years and then retired. Along with her husband, Gib, and son, Curtis, she moved to Wake Forest in May of 2009. Judy enjoys reading, music, and gardening. She also enjoys playing with her dog, Max!

Judy joined the staff of Stony Hill in April 2010. She will be our new Awana at Home Director. One of her many favorite Bible verses is Colossians 3:17, *"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father"* (NASB).

Barbara Rivera, Awana Director. Barbara only understood late in her teen years what it meant to be a Christian, when she trusted Christ as savior. She has a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science. She has been married for 29 years to Ted, and together they have four children: Jonathan, Timothy, Anastasia, and Caleb. She is a stay at home mom, and enjoys reading and crafts when she has free time.

Barbara has long had a great affection for children, and for serving with them. She has been involved in the Awana program for a number of years. She also enjoys teaching children's Sunday School classes, and has a particular interest in and burden for mercy ministry. The Mother Bear project and S.H.I.N.E. (Stony Hill Inner-city Neighborhood Evangelism) are two of her favorite ongoing outreach programs. As Mt 25:40 says, *"whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."*

Stony Hill Baptist Church

Awana Club Ministry Overview

What is Awana?

Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed

The Awana name is an acronym taken from a Bible verse which is found in II Timothy 2:15, "Be diligent to present yourself to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

What is the structure of Awana?

The Awana program is a structured, comprehensive program for children and youth, ages 2 years old (by August 31st) through 12th grade, for the spiritual growth and evangelism of our children. It is composed of three distinct segments:

- 1) Game Time – Game time provides children and youth an opportunity to compete in fun, organized games, where they are taught to respect one another and practice good sportsmanship.
- 2) Handbook time – During this segment of Club meeting, children and youth take time to review and recite the Bible verses in the sections of their handbooks. The handbooks used at Stony Hill Baptist Church are of the NKJV Bible translation.
- 3) Council time – During council time, children will enjoy listening to Bible stories of God's love and salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Trek and Journey students will participate in a Bible study.

What are the costs of Awana?

It is truly the desire of the church to minister to all children who wish to participate in the Awana program. There are however, many costs involved in providing an effective, safe and quality learning environment for your child. The cost of providing materials for this program is at least \$90.00 per child, per year. To help defray the cost to the church, there is a \$30.00 registration fee per child, \$90.00 maximum per family, per year. Scholarships are available to anyone who requests one. Please see Awana Director Barbara.

If able, each clubber is asked to bring \$1.00 for dues each week to the club meeting.

One club meeting each year is dedicated to the "Adopt-a-Club" theme. Participation in this is optional.

What is "Adopt-a-Club"?



The Adopt-a-Club program is an optional program through which children can participate in giving money to support an Awana Club in another country. One club meeting each year is dedicated to learning about our "adopted" club in India. Clubbers may participate by bringing home an Adopt-a-Club quarter card to fill with quarters. If cards are completed, they will hold a total of \$5.00. Clubbers who turn in a completed card will receive an Adopt-a-Club emblem to be worn on their uniforms.

How will my child earn awards?

Children in the Cubbies, Sparks and T&T clubs may earn awards in two ways:

1) By completing their handbook – Awards such as emblems, pins, ribbons and plaques may be earned by completing handbook requirements. Smaller awards will be awarded at the end of each club night. Book awards and other special awards will be awarded at a ceremony at the end of the club year.

2) By participation in club activities- Clubbers may obtain "Awana Shares" by earning points while participating in other club activities. The point schedule is as follows:

100 points = 1 Awana Share

Attendance	20 points
Handbook (bringing it to club)	10 points
Wearing uniform	20 points
Bringing Bible	10 points
Participating in theme nights	20 points
Bringing a friend	30 points
For each section passed	20 points
For game time participation	
Winning team	50 points
Loosing team(s)	30 points
Merits/Demerits (for extra sections	
Passed, behavior, etc)	20 points
Dues	20 points

Each Cubbie, Sparks and T&T clubber will receive Awana shares for points earned, which may be particularly valuable during our special celebration nights.

Trek and Journey students may also earn awards for completing their Bible study, service projects, etc. These awards will also be presented at the awards ceremony at the end of the club year. Many Christian colleges offer scholarships for Meritorious and Citation Award achievers!

Changes to the Awana Store

Over the past several years, we have had a program in our club known as the Awana Store. Each week, children earn points, based on the Bible passages they memorize, the games they participate in, and for other reasons. In the past, we allowed our clubbers two opportunities each year to spend the points they had earned. At present, though, we are prayerfully considering different options. There are three primary reasons why we are revisiting this aspect of our club.

First, the Awana Store has historically been among the most expensive aspects of running our club. While we want to have different ways that children in our clubs are recognized and encouraged, we believe that other more cost-effective options are possible. Second, there is a good deal of behind-the-scenes work that is needed to pull the Awana Store together, and at present, we do not have a member of our leadership team who is able to own and coordinate the success of the Store. And finally, but perhaps most importantly, the best motivation for studying God's Word should come from within. Parents are in a better position to gauge how best to reward and encourage their children, and we are not sure that the Store is the best approach we as a club can be leveraging.

As such, pray for our Awana leadership team as we consider new options that will encourage the children, and do so in a way which is more consistent with our budget and the capacity of our leadership team.

What are "Theme Nights"?

A theme is selected for various club nights throughout the year to give children an opportunity to be involved in service projects and to provide additional fun for the evening. Sometimes themes may coincide with holidays, a particular Awana event, or just be purely for fun.

What is "Truth Script"?

"Truth Script" is the Scripture memory program from Awana that is designed for the entire family or church. Anyone- parent, clubber, sibling, grandparent, etc. -

who would like to memorize scripture may begin with a short passage; Psalm 1:1-6. The second passage, 1 John 1:1-10, may be learned after Psalm 1 has been completed. Verses may be recited to any leader at any time. Participants may recite verses one at a time (with two helps per verse) or all at once. Club leaders help children learn the passages set to music in opening ceremony. Everyone who memorizes both passages will receive a pin. If anyone would like to participate in the Truth Scripts program, please see Ted Rivera, Truth Script Director.

What about children with special needs?

We are committed to helping your child succeed in every aspect of our Awana program. We have leaders specifically trained to work with children with a variety of special needs. If your child has a special need, please contact Awana Director, Barbara Rivera, so we may help ensure your child has a positive experience in our Awana Club.



What can parents do to help their child?

Parents can help ensure their child's success in the Awana program by helping their child learn to recite their handbook sections, wear their uniform and participate in club meetings and special events.

Awana also offers **many wonderful resources for parents** which may be accessed online. Parents will find articles about Awana and how to help their child succeed, as well as ideas, encouragement, and insights for parenting, and much more. Parents may also purchase music CD's with all the verses in their child's handbook set to music. The web address for this site is www.awana.org/parents/. In addition, Awana has more web materials for specific clubs:

T&T - www.awana.org/ttcards is an Awana website for T&T clubbers, which offers a variety of fun games to help them learn their verses.

Trek & Journey – www.24-7ministries.org then click on "parents" to download free Parent's Guides for the Trek or Journey Bible study your child is working through.

What is Awana at Home?

Awana at Home equips churches to partner with families by challenging and training parents to be the primary spiritual leaders of their children. Awana at Home provides the foundation for a parent-church partnership – centered on community, accountability, and celebration – to raise spiritual champions. It also provides tools for parents to lead their children in rich, ongoing worship where it counts most – in the home.

We have new materials, including two exciting Awana at Home parent kits and parent handbooks that complement the Sparks and T&T curriculum:

- Grow along with your Sparky! The two handbooks give adults a deeper understanding of the Bible biographies Sparkies learn in their handbooks. *Beginnings* is a study of Genesis – Joshua. It walks you through the same gripping biographies first-year Sparkies are reading about in the HangGlider handbook. *Promise* is a study in Judges – Malachi. This parent handbook includes the same influential Bible biographies Sparkies are learning about in their WingRunner handbook.
- If you are the parent of a T&T age child, we have a parent handbook for each of the four T&T clubber books.

For more information and free parent helps, go to <http://www.awana.org/athome>.

Who are the Awana Leaders?

The Awana Leadership directory is as follows:

Pastor – James Dew556-7595

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Worship and Missions Pastor – Daniel Brown.760-5667

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Journey Directors – Paul & Allison Reid554-2133

Trek Directors – Don & Cathi Albright.....562-8146

T&T Director – Heidi Felix.....554-0633

Sparks Directors – Amy & Brent Miller.....676-6869

Cubbies Director – Tara Dew.....556-7595

Puggles Director – Cindy Coats761-9855

Games Director – Jamie Cutting.....528-7340

Club Secretary – Carol Woodlief845-8289

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Education Resource Leader- Corey Perrott.....676-9852

Club Leaders:

Katie Albright	Trek
John Felix	T&T
Amanda George	T&T
Matt Kerbawy	T&T
Marcus Leggett	T&T
Amy Love	T&T
LoriAnne Melton	T&T
Joanne Page	T&T
Corey Perrott	T&T
Jimmy Perrott	T&T
Ted Rivera	T&T
Myra Smyth	T&T
Angela Turner	T&T
Robin Colby	Sparks
Sherry Dillard	Sparks
Curtis Dupree	Sparks
Jewel Eason	Sparks
Brianna Felix	Sparks
Julie Kane	Sparks
Anna Kerbawy	Sparks
Mamie Rogers	Sparks
Karen Youmans	Sparks
Dan Albright	Cubbies
Nick Baker	Cubbies
Larissa Holland	Cubbies
Vickie Schwenk	Cubbies
Heather Smith	Cubbies
Emily Melton	Cubbies
Gina Albright	Cubbies
Candy Abney	Puggles
Natalie Conrad	Puggles
Maureen Cutting	Nursery
Donna Faison	Nursery
Brianna Felix	Nursery
Julie Brown	Assistant Secretary
Marty Woodlief	Games
Glendon Dillard	Games
Derek George	Games

Please feel free to call or email Awana Director Barbara Rivera, or your Child's Club Director if you have any questions regarding your child's participation in the Awana program at Stony Hill Baptist Church.

Awana Club Night Schedule

	Cubbies	Sparks	T&T	Trek	Journey
6:20 - 6:35	Check-in	Check-in	Check-in	Check-in	Check-in
6:35 - 6:45	Opening	Opening	Opening	Bible Study	Bible Study
6:45 - 7:05	Games	Council Time	Council time	Bible Study	Bible Study
7:05 - 7:25	Story Time, Craft & Snack Time	Hand-book time	Games	Bible Study	Bible Study
7:25 - 7:45		Games	Hand-book time	Bible Study	Bible Study
7:45 - 8:00		Awards	Awards	Games	Games
8:00	dismissal	dismissal	dismissal	dismissal	dismissal

Puggles may be checked in directly at their classroom in the church (The Puggles classroom is the last room on the left in the education wing). **Cubbies** may go directly to their classroom to check-in with their leaders. The Cubbie room is the first classroom on the right in the Family Life Center. ALL other clubbers may check in with the Club Secretary in the lobby of the FLC, and go directly to the opening ceremony. The opening ceremony will start at 6:35 pm.

Stony Hill Baptist Church Awana Club Standards

1. Doors open to clubbers at 6:20 p.m. Clubbers should check-in with the Club secretary in the foyer of the FLC and then go directly to the sanctuary for the opening ceremony.
2. Clubbers may not enter any area of the facility or grounds without adult permission and supervision.
3. Chewing gum, phones, CD players and other personal items should not be brought to club.
4. Uniforms and handbooks may be earned when clubbers have completed their entrance booklets. Upon receiving the uniform the clubber should wear it to every Awana club meeting. **Comfortable slacks (shorts in warm weather), and sturdy sneakers are part of the uniform (no sandals or flip-flops please).** Clubbers may have to sit out game time if they do not have proper footwear.
5. Awards are presented only to clubbers who are wearing a uniform.
6. Sections must be passed by clubbers in one session. A maximum of two helps per section is allowed. Four helps are permitted for cubbies. Additional helps may be given to children with special needs at the discretion of the club leader.
7. Clubbers should address Awana workers respectfully, i.e., Mr., Mrs., or Miss.
8. Awana clubbers are encouraged to regularly attend Sunday school. To receive awards, attendance must comply with the following Awana standards:
 - a. One unexcused absence (not due to illness, travel, etc.) per quarter (8 weeks) is permitted.
 - b. Two unexcused absences per half of Sunday school year are permitted.
 - c. Excused absences (due to illness, travel, or unforeseen circumstances, etc.) must be verified by a note from the parent or guardian.
 - d. The number of allowable excused absences is at the discretion of the Club Director.
 - e. For clubbers attending Sunday school at another church, parent may inform the leader.
9. Game time is a privilege. In cases of extreme disorderliness, it may be revoked for a night by the Director.
10. Each clubber is asked to bring \$1.00 for dues per club meeting. These dues are used to help purchase supplies for each club meeting.
11. After every activity, the leader in charge will begin counting from five to one. By the time the one is reached, each clubber is expected to be waiting quietly for instructions for the next activity. In Awana, leaders and clubbers are taught to respect the "five-count".
12. Directors and leaders utilize the "three-count" for individuals not following the behavior standards. If a clubber receives three warnings in one meeting, he or she will be sent home for the night. Clubbers may return the next club meeting if they agree to abide by the rules.

Awana Opening Ceremony

The following pledges, verse and song are recited each week at opening ceremony:

Truth Script Song

1 John 1:1-10

Pledge to the American Flag

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Pledge to the Awana Flag

"I pledge allegiance to the Awana flag, which stands for the Awana Clubs, whose goal is to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ, and train them to serve Him."

Awana Theme Verse

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

Awana Theme Song

Firmly Awana stands, led by the Lord's commands;

"Approved workmen are not ashamed"

Boys and girls for His service claimed!

Hail! Awana! On the march for youth;

Hail! Awana! Holding forth the truth!

Building lives on the Word of God, Awana stands!

Our Savior following with steps unfaltering, and love unaltering, His praise we sing.

His banner over us, in service glorious, we'll fight victorious for Christ our King!

Youth! On the March!

Awana 2011-12 Club Calendar

Theme verse: "My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth" (1 Jn 3:18).

August 12th – (Friday) Family Fun Fair, 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the FLC

August 17th – Welcome to Awana! – First Club Night

August 24th – Regular Club Night

August 31st – Theme: Crazy Hair / Crazy Hat Night

September 7th – Regular Club Night

September 14th – Theme: ABC Night. Pick a letter of the alphabet, dress yourself with as many items that begin with that letter as possible. Bring a can of alphabet soup for Tri-Area Ministries.

September 21st – Missionary Moment. Tri-Area ministries.

September 28th – Pizza Pot Luck at the FLC. Meet at 6:00 pm for pizza and fellowship; at 6:45 pm, there will be normal club meetings and special parent meetings.

October 5th – Theme: BARF Night. Bring a real friend!

October 12th – Regular Club Night

October 19th – Theme: Cold Hands, Warm Heart. Bring hats, gloves, scarves for Church in the Woods

October 26th – Missionary Moment. Church in the Woods.

November 2nd – Double Points Night.

November 9th – Theme: Red, White & Blue Night. Show your patriotic colors! Please bring an item for our servicemen and women.

November 16th – Missionary Moment. Thank you to our servicemen and women.

November 23rd – No Club Night: Happy Thanksgiving!

November 30th – Fruits of the Spirit Night. Bring canned fruit for Tri-Area ministries.

December 7th – Special Awana celebration night.

December 14th – No Club Meeting

December 21st – No Club Meeting; Merry Christmas! Come Christmas caroling at Hillside Nursing Home!

December 28th – No Club Meeting: Happy New Year!

January 4th – Regular Club Night

January 11th – Theme: Beach Party Night

January 18th – Regular Club Night

January 25th – Missionary Moment. Wordless Wednesday.

February 1st – Soup-er Bowl Night. Bring a can of soup for Tri-Area ministries.

February 8th – Theme: Pajama and Slipper Night

February 15th – Regular Club Night

February 22nd – Adopt-a-Club

February 29th – Double Points Night

March 7th – Regular Club Night

March 14th – Theme: Teacher Tater Night. Bring a potato dressed as one of your leaders!

March 21st – Missionary Moment. Pregnancy Support Services of Wake Forest. Please bring a baby item for the center.

March 28th – Regular Club Night

April 4th – Theme: Fake Injury Night. Parents, please help us show discretion as we try out this new theme that has worked well in other clubs. No fake blood or scary injuries!

April 11th – Special Awana celebration night.

April 15th – (Sunday) Awana Award Ceremony

* Please note: For Theme Nights which require specific clothing to be worn **rather than** the club uniform, clubbers who participate will still receive uniform points.

The particular focus for our calendar this year, as was true last year, is to support the ongoing mercy ministries of Stony Hill. It is our prayer that families will participate together, as we seek to both reach out with practical aid, and of course, with the gospel itself. Our service leads to open doors for the gospel.

In particular, Awana is continuing a service passport program for T&T. We want to encourage T&T clubbers to live out God's grace through service to others. A clubber can earn service passport collector pins by participating in service projects. While this program is for the T&T club, it is our hope to involve all our Awana families in such projects.

Please be in prayer for our Awana leaders and clubbers. The program would be impossible without the support of our parents. Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in the spiritual development of your children. May the Lord bless you richly!