



# AWANA

Carlisle First Church of God  
705 Glendale Street Carlisle, PA 17013

**BEGINS!**  
7 September 2016  
6:15 to 7:45 P.M.

We are so excited to offer a new children's ministry at Carlisle First Church of God called Awana as part of the Wednesday night programming. Awana! Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed!

Awana is committed to the belief that the greatest impact for Christ starts with kids who know, love and serve Him. **How does Awana do this?** Awana offers a fun, proven approach for early evangelism and discipleship. Scripture-based programs and exciting games promote Bible literacy and help kids develop a lifelong faith in Christ.

**What to expect?** Large group time, small group time, game time, and snacks, and special Awana events like the Awana store and Bible quiz.

**Large Group Time:** Each Awana program has its own Large Group Time. Children gather to sing praise songs, hear gospel-centered Bible lessons, learn about upcoming Awana events, and receive the awards they've earned.

**Small Group Time:** During small group time, Awana clubbers will have small group lessons and an opportunity to recite their memory verses to earn Awana dollars.

**Game Time:** All young people have two things in common: they need God's salvation and they love to have fun! Game Time on the unique Awana Game Square builds excitement for learning God's Word.

**Awana Store:** Each month, children will get to use their earned Awana dollars at the Awana store. There will be a variety of items for purchase and donations are greatly accepted. Real cash can't be used however, as the children must earn Awana dollars by reciting bible verses, showing sportsmanship, modeling good behavior, bringing their bible to club, bringing their books to club, bringing a friend, going to church, etc.

**What are the Awana Clubs?** Awana has clubs for ages 2 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. **Puggles**: 2 and 3 year olds. **Cubbies**: 4 and 5 year olds. **Sparks**: Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. **Truth and Training: Ultimate Adventure**: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade; **Ultimate Challenge**: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade flex year.

**What to bring?** To help your Awana clubber be successful, there are a few things that he/she will need to bring to Awana.

**SNEAKERS:** First, your child MUST wear sneakers. Awana includes vigorous games and your child cannot participate in Awana without sneakers; this is for his/her safety.



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**UNIFORM:** Your child will be given a uniform (shirt or vest) once he/she has completed the “*Getting Started*” book for his/her respective club. He/she should be encouraged to wear his/her uniform each Wednesday night and he/she will receive points and Awana dollars for wearing his/her uniform.

**BOOK:** Your child will also receive a club book that will be used at home and at Awana. This will also be given after the child has completed the “*Getting Started*” book for his/her respective club. The uniform and book are provided by the church. However, should these items be lost/damaged, the church can provide additional copies but these will only be offered AT-COST for the replacement.

**BIBLE:** The Awana program is centered around the Bible and we will be doing lots of verse reading and games using our Bibles. Therefore, your child should bring his/her Bible to Awana and he/she will receive points for bringing their Bibles. However, if your child doesn’t have a Bible, we will have Bibles available but your child will not receive points for using borrowed Bibles. (Points are only given for children who bring their own Bible so let us know if we can provide a Bible at no cost for your child.)

**BAG:** As you can see, there are quite a few things that your child will need for Awana and placing the items in a bag is a great way to keep things organized. While bags are not required, they are recommended. We have Awana Club bags for purchase (ranging from \$5.99-7.99 plus shipping) or you can use a reusable grocery bag or extra backpack.

**FRIEND:** We not only would love to see this program grow, but we also want to reach kids with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Your child should be encouraged to bring a friend and is further enticed by earning points for bringing a new clubber. Additional points are given to your child should that child decide to join our Awana program.

**Church Attendance:** Children are encouraged to attend church on a regular basis. To help entice them, we will offer church attendance points to children attending Carlisle First Church of God. Unfortunately, there is no way to track attendance at other churches so extra points can only be granted for attendance at Carlisle First Church of God but this is a great way to keep kids eager to attend church on a regular basis.

**Want to help?** Parents will love Awana too! We can always use volunteers to help teachers (no instruction needed), listen to children reciting their memory verses, snacks, games, etc. If you want to help, we’d love to have you. However, in order to do so you must submit your PA State Criminal Background Clearance, PA Child Abuse Background Clearance, FBI Background Clearance (if not a resident in PA for the last 10 years), your Volunteer Verification form (which tells us if you do or don’t need the required FBI background check), your Volunteer application, and signed Safe Sanctuary Agreement. We are mandated by the State of Pennsylvania to have these forms/documents on file for all volunteers to be in accordance with state/federal mandated laws on keeping children safe.



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2 Timothy 2: 15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

We are very excited to begin this new program and look forward to your child's participation. Please complete the Awana Clubber Registration form to acknowledge your child's participation in this ministry. We have redesigned the form to allow parents of multiple children the ability to only have to complete one form. Also, if you would like to purchase extra Awana items not provided such as Awana t-shirts (youth/adult) and Club bags, please indicate these items with sizes if applicable on your registration form or contact Rebecca Sober. Prices may vary due to shipping charges so let me know as soon as possible and we can try and group the order into one shipment keeping costs down.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Rebecca Sober, Director of the Awana Program at Carlisle First Church of God at 757-817-5627 (cell and accept texts) or email at [rebecca.sober@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.sober@gmail.com).

Additional items for purchase (plus shipping)

Awana T-Shirt (kids/adults) \*great for volunteers \$14.99

\*Colors blue, yellow, red, green, and gray



Puggles Bag: \$7.99



Cubbies Bag \$6.49



Sparks Bag \$5.99



Truth & Training Ultimate Adventure and Ultimate Challenge: \$7.99

