

Awana's new season has begun. New faces, new verses and a new year with a lot of exciting events ahead of us. So far we 184 clubbers signed up for Awana. A large number of clubbers means more responsibility for our Leaders. We have 56 Leaders flowing through our Awana rooms. We are excited to have so many who are willing to work with all of the clubbers.

This year we are trying to send most of our newsletters through e-mail. There will be a hard copy for those who do not have internet. If you have any troubles opening the e-mail, please notify us through the Awana e-mail: awana@monclovabaptist.org

Please be sure to read the parents handbook given for each of the different club groups. There is important information in each of them. The calendar is "tentative" due to the fact that Church events could change events for Awana. We will send home a monthly calendar of any updates.

Also remember to only send your children into the rooms or gymnasium **after 6:30pm**. The Awana workers need that time to prepare to care for your children and we cannot be responsible for them before that time.

Thank you for allowing your child to be part of this Awana season. The Bible states in Proverbs 22:6 ... Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. The verses that your children learn in Awana will be held in their hearts for years to come.



Meet the Commander and Directors:



Mrs. Pam Klostermeier (Cubbies Director): I received the Lord as my personal Savior as a very young girl through a church bus ministry. Seventeen years ago the Lord convicted my heart to get involved in His service. I have served in Awana in a number of capacities. Each and every year I am humbled and blessed in so many ways. I thank God that He uses me to teach, love and nurture these precious souls.

Mrs. Sharon Winslow (Sparks Director): I prayed to get saved when I was about nine, but re-dedicated myself when I was twenty-two. I have chosen to work in Awana because I just love the kids and I believe that children are the place to begin. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). I just can't imagine what my life would be like today, more so my eternity, if I hadn't gotten saved when I was a child.

Miss Ericka Fowler (T & T Girls Director): I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior At the age of eight. My grandmother would take my cousins, my sister and I to Church every Sunday. Shortly after I accepted Christ my grandmother died of cancer. Suddenly church attendance wasn't so important to our family. Many years passed when I did not attend church nor was I disciple in God's word. It wasn't until my junior year in high school that I began to regularly attended church not because I wanted to but because of obedience to my Mom. It took my stubborn and prideful heart two years before I realized that God was doing a work in my heart, and that I needed to put Himsof which I could have avoided had I really listened to God's word. Today, I am most thankful that God has never given up on me and that he's given me many chances to start again. God truly is a loving and forgiving God. Living a life that is God centered is the most rewarding life anyone could live and I am proud to say that Christ is my reason for living.

Mr. Rick Jender (T & T Boys Director): My testimony is about God's power, His timing, and His ability to provide. In late 2002, I lost my job. I applied for hundreds of jobs for six long years. Although I was not working full time, God provided jobs for income and medical benefits for my family. Six long years later, God provided a full time position. For over a year, that job paid off our bills and some debt. I was cut from that job in July. Immediately I started sending out applications. In His timing, a job opened up in a small Maumee company that I had applied for. We scheduled and interview on Tuesday, he hired me on Wednesday, and I started on Thursday. This job has reduced my travel time from 3 hours to 40 minutes. Luke 3:14b (from John the Baptist to soldiers asking about their jobs): "...be content with your wages."



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Puppet Team visiting October 7th, 2009!



Once again we have a puppet team coming to Monclova Road Baptist Church to minister to our Awana children. Please encourage your child to invite their friends for this fun event. All children will check in as usual and then proceed to the gymnasium to see the team. Parents will pick up their children in the normal rooms assigned after Church is finished. This is like a normal Awana evening, so have your child/children bring their book, Bible and dress in their Awana uniform.

You are never too small to serve God!

This year in Awana the spiritual emphasis will be on *servng*. The Awana children will be learning about what they can do to serve God and others. Please encourage your child to use his/her talents and gifts for the glory of God as we reach out to church, family and neighborhood in the months to come. No one is ever too small to serve God!

Crazy Hair Night!

Congratulations to all who participated in our first theme night in Awana. The hair styles were outrageous!. How fun. Even the leaders and commander had great styles. These nights are fun and exciting so dress up, be original and be on time for judging...you might get the prize.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 <i>Puppet Team Starts @ 6:45</i>	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 <i>Harvest Night for Sparks and T & T Come dressed for harvest season! Judging starts promptly @ 6:45</i>	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 <i>Awana @ 6:45</i>	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 <i>Awana @ 6:45</i>	29	30	31



Commanders Corner:

Children are precious in the eyes of the Lord (Matthew 19:14) and we follow Christ's example by loving, training and teaching your children the Living Word of God.

