



Because Kids Matter To God

Calvary Bible Church
Awana Club Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

- Nov 1 LIT Training Session
- Nov 2 "Quarters for Missions" Fundraiser
Sparks Regatta
T&T Boys Store
- Nov 4-6 CBC Missions Conference
- Nov 9 Honor Veterans Night
- Nov 12 T&T Girls (& Moms) Bowling, 1pm
- Nov 16 Parents Night #1
Sparks Store
- Nov 19 T&T Boys (& Dads) Mullet Night, 7pm
- Nov 23 No Awana – Happy Thanksgiving!
LIT Fun Night
- Nov 30 Inside Out Night

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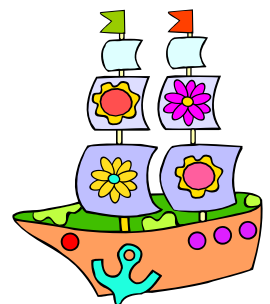
Don't Miss the Newsletter!

During your Clubber's Registration process, we asked for an email address. If you're not already receiving the newsletter via email, please send an email to [amber\(dot\)fixler\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:amber(dot)fixler(at)gmail(dot)com). Important updates & reminders may also be occasionally communicated by email.

Of special interest:

The **Sparks Regatta** has been postponed from Oct 26 to Nov 2nd. Details, rules, and tips on boat building are included here in the newsletter in the Sparky Scrawl. Boat kits are available at Sparks Club and ALL are welcome to watch the races and cheer on the boat captains!

Parents Night is a highly anticipated by Clubbers, Parents, and Leaders alike. The Clubbers love to show mom or dad how they play games, say sections, and participate



eagerly during Council Time. Parents are excited to play games, amazed at their child's ability to recite verses, and are overjoyed when their children excel in all areas of Club. Leaders love to show parents what Awana is all about, from sharing the Gospel to praying for the Clubbers' prayer requests to setting an example for good sportsmanship and showing the love of God. Join us on Nov 16th for another awesome Parents Night!!

T&T Girls AND THEIR MOMS are invited to Bowling at Lakeside Lanes in Manchester. Saturday, Nov 12th at 1pm. More details inside!

T&T Boys AND THEIR DADS are invited to Mullet Night at the Manchester Monarchs. Saturday Nov 19th at 7pm. More details inside!

The Calvary Bible Church **Missions Conference** will be held Nov 4 to 6. Join us for special updates and messages from our missionaries around the world. HEY KIDS: Do you have special sections in your book that involve speaking with a missionary? This would be a great chance for you to get those sections done!

LITs: All Leaders-In-Training have a specially customized training session on Nov 1st with Mr. Jardon. Please attend so that your skills as leaders can be sharpened. After all, you are Leaders IN TRAINING!



Then, on Nov 23, LITs will have a chance to play games, eat food, and hang out at the gym with some of the Leadership. More details to follow from Mr. Jardon.

Cubbies Corner

PARENTING WITH GRACE

Have you ever wondered why there aren't more instructions on parenting in the Bible? Why didn't God give you instructions on how to handle a child throwing a temper tantrum in the grocery store? Why hasn't He told you what to do with a 4-year-old who keeps taking toys away from her baby brother? What, exactly, are you to do with a child who finds lying so easy?

One of the very few specific instructions God has given parents is found in Colossians 3:21: Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. This is repeated in Ephesians 6:4 with a few more general guidelines: Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

REALLY? THAT'S IT? Raising children is probably the most challenging task you will face in your entire life and all God has to say about it is that YOU'RE not supposed to upset THEM?

Well, no. That isn't it. God has also given you the ultimate example of parenting — Himself. And if you keep in mind the way your heavenly Father handles the issues in your life, you'll have a pretty good idea of how to handle your children.

Does your child have a particular issue that you're constantly dealing with? For example, does she have a quick temper that is displayed by pouting or throwing tantrums every night at bedtime? You've tried letting her stay up later until she's so tired she wants to go to bed, but she outlasted you. You've tried bribery, offering her snacks or an extra bedtime story if she goes to bed happily, but it hasn't worked. You've tried discipline, but that just makes her angrier.

No two children are the same, and the same solution won't work on all of them. But the Bible gives you a great perspective on how you should respond.

How does God respond when we sin? With grace. He understands who we are. And while He isn't happy about our sin, and He expects us to be growing in Him and gaining control over our sins ... still, He understands. As a parent, you should respond the same way when your child sins — with grace. Gently correct, discipline appropriately when necessary, constantly show love and grace. And always, always remember how often you fall short of God's standard and how patient your heavenly Father is with you.

(Excerpt from Parent Pause, the Monthly Awana Clubs International Newsletter for Parents of Preschool-age Cubbies)

Sparky Scrawl

Wow, is it November already? Great job clubbers diving into your books. Remember, two sections in your Handbook each week will keep you stay on target for finishing your book before the end of the year. "Joy toys" are given to Clubbers that can do three SECTIONS in one week. If you keep up that pace every week you will may even be able to earn your review patch and extra credit pins!

November is our month for missions! During the week of the CBC Missions Conference (Nov 4-6) we collect quarters for our Awana Missionaries. Be sure to bring as many as you can on November 2nd. Also, SkyStormers, check out Green Jewel 2. You need to write a letter to your Awana missionary. Bring a letter to club and we'll pass it on to him during our Missions Conference Nov 4-6.

HangGlider and WingRunner clubbers have missions sections in Green Jewel 2 as well. You can take advantage of our church mission conference November 4-6 to get to know a missionary.

Quarters for Missions isn't the only event November 2nd. That's right! We moved our Sparks Regatta to that week! So invite your friends and family to come watch the races!

We have had so many visitors the past few weeks! It's been exciting. Did you know that if you bring a new visitor and they come to club three weeks in a row you'll get a prize? Yep! We hand out a giant candy bar to the clubber and their visitor. We've given out two candy bars already this year!

As usual we have a few reminders. As the weather gets colder, we ask Clubbers to hang their jackets in the hallway where they check in. Please, only bring your handbook, bag, Bible and things you need for the theme night into club. At the end of the night, mom or dad can pick up your coat as they come get you. Don't forget to get your handbook and other items from your team basket before you leave!

Please remember to use the restroom before club. We don't always have a restroom nearby and too many kids leaving club to do this can be disruptive.

Lastly, and most importantly, parents please send a note to club with your Clubber if someone beside you is going to pick them up after club. This is for your child's safety!

HELPFUL HINT

Does your Clubber have trouble keeping track of all those Awana Shares they earn? Tape or glue a letter-sized envelope to the inside of the back cover of their Handbook. Or, they can put them in the CD case inside your handbook. This way they can keep all their shares in there and have them handy for Store nights.

DO'S AND DON'T'S OF REGATTA BOAT BUILDING

DO Purchase a boat after club. You must use a kit provided by us.

DON'T forget to read the requirements for width and depth. These dimensions are what are required to fit in the troughs in order to sail well. Clubbers with boats that don't meet the requirements won't be able to compete for a prize, but they will be allowed to race in a few heats.

DO decorate your boat with your own personal touch! You can add any decorations you wish to the boat. You don't even have to use the same color foam provided for the sail! Don't be afraid to get creative! Just a hint: Judges may favor biblical and Awana themes. They also like to see that the Clubber was involved in making the boat.

DON'T split the hull of the boat. The bottom of the boat must be one piece as is provided.

DO fasten the sail so that it won't rotate when blown into. Remember that these boats are powered by your Sparky blowing into the sail. If the sail is just a triangle attached to the mast or not secured, then it will not "hold air".

DON'T forget to float test the boat. The first chance you have to float it at Club will be in your first race and there won't be any chance for adjustments. A full sink or bathtub works for this. Make sure it doesn't tip and adjust the hull weight accordingly. This is a great opportunity for the Clubber to practice!

There are top prizes for speed as well as design. Design is often given to the most creative boats, so, Clubbers, put a little of yourself in the boat! Unfortunately, not everyone will go home with a prize, but hopefully, everyone will have fun!

T&T News

Visitor Contest Results!!! The T&T Clubbers were focused on bringing visitors during our contest period that ended on Oct 12th. It was great to see LOTS of new faces at T&T Club! Any T&Ter and their friend who came for three weeks during the contest could choose a prize from the Basket of Goodness. You should have seen it – it was OVERFLOWING with candy!!! Until all of our Clubbers made their choices, that is. Now the Basket of Goodness is nearly empty!!

Everyone who qualified for the Basket of Goodness had a friendly competition to kick a ball into a goal, and the two winners are going to throw a big Chocolate Cream Pie, loaded with Whipped Cream, into the face of their favorite leader! These two Clubbers who will be throwing the pies are Kenny and Kendra – who, by the way, were both visitors who started coming to Awana regularly during this contest! The two (lucky?) leaders are Miss Amber and Mr JJ. This will be a great event to catch at the end of Awana on Oct 26th. Join us in the gym around 8pm to see all of the action!



**T&T Girls!!! Save the Date!!!
Saturday, November 12 at 1PM!**



We have a special outing planned for the girls AND THEIR MOMS! There is no contest or special requirement. This is just for FUN! We are going to all go **bowling at Lakeside Lanes** in Manchester. We will have color teams

competing against other color teams. 😊 More details to follow regarding price etc... Please plan on joining us!

**T&T Boys!!! Save the Date!!!
Saturday, November 19 at 7PM!!**



The T&T Boys have a special outing planned. There is no contest or special requirement.

This is just for Fun! All boys AND THEIR DADS are invited to go to a Manchester Monarchs Hockey game at the Verizon.

It's a special night that night, it's **MULLET NIGHT!!** Mr. Kelley will send home more detailed information regarding price etc. home with the boys very soon. Please plan on joining us!

Commanders Corner

SPIDERS !!!!

Proverbs 30:28 “The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.”

The largest known beetle in the world is named the Goliath Beetle. This Beetle can grow to be about the size of a small mouse!

Thinking about the big size of this beetle, leads us to think about whether a giant insect or spider could be possible? - like a giant spider you might see in a scary film or story? Could a spider grow to be as large as a house?

You will be relieved to know that no spider or any other insect could grow as large as a house. We can be sure of this because of the way insects breathe. Insects breathe through small tubes along their bodies. These tubes provide oxygen directly to their internal tissues. If an insect were to grow too large, these tubes could not get enough oxygen to the tissues. This is because the larger the creature, the more internal living tissue that requires oxygen. An insect our size would need a body that has the surface area of a tennis court, which is an impossibility.

Glorify God for all his wisdom in the creation around us.

→Commander Jardon

**** Tell Mr. Jardon where the Bible tells us we can find spiders in Proverbs 30:28 –**

and he will give you a special \$2 Share.**



Awana Shares

What are Awana Shares?

Awana Shares are the fun currency that Clubbers use to buy some fun stuff at the Awana Store once a month. See the Awana Club Calendar to find out when the Awana Store is open!

How do I earn them?

1. T&Ters: Bring a note from your teacher stating that you wore your Awana Uniform in Public on the FIRST Wednesday of EACH month for a new Share. *HINT* see #3 when you are asked about your Uniform!
2. Sparkies: Bring a note from your teacher stating that you wore your Awana Uniform in Public on EACH Wednesday of EACH month for a new Share. You can have your teachers write a new note each week or print a new one from the Newsletter each week. *HINT* see #3 when your friends ask about your Uniform!
3. Bring a friend to any Awana Club night. You will EACH get an Awana Share!
4. Arrive early to Sparks or T&T (between 6:15-6:30) for another chance to earn an Awana Share!
5. Come to Club for some extra special ways to earn even more Shares to use at our Awana Store!

"Hey, Kids! CUT IT OUT!!!"

"This Teacher Certifies That _____ Wore Their Uniform in Public on **Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011** and will get an Awana Share when they turn in this note at Awana."

Signed, _____ (homeschoolers can do it too!)

NOTE: For T&T, this offer is valid only on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Sparks can participate each Wednesday!

Get a note signed & return it to Club to earn an Awana Share!

Awana Calendar 2011-2012

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Participate in the Theme Night for extra points!

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Sep 7 First Club Night

Sep 14 Beach Party Night

Sep 21 Silly Socks Night, Sparks Store

Sep 28 Team Color Night

Nov 2 Quarters for Missions Sparks Regatta T&T Boys Store

Nov 4-6 CBC Missions Conf. Honor Veterans Night

Nov 9 Parent's Night #1, Sparks Store

Nov 16 No Awana Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov 23 Inside Out Night

Jan 4 Cowboy Night, T&T Boys Store

Jan 11 Extra Big Night

Jan 18 Black & White Night Sparks Store

Jan 21 T&T Grand Prix

Jan 25 Inside-Out Night

Mar 7 Stripes Night, T&T Boys Store

Mar 14 Clash Night

Mar 21 Lucky Charm Night, Sparks Store

Mar 24 AwanaGames & Sparks-A-Rama

Mar 28 Dot Night

May 2 Outer Space Night T&T Boys & 6th Gr Girls Store

May 9 Cubbie Award Night

May 16 Sparks & T&T Award Ceremony

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Oct 1 Awana Ministry Conference

Oct 5 Bring a Friend Nite T&T Girls Store

Oct 12 Crazy Hair Night

Oct 19 Silly Shoes Night, Sparks Store

Oct 26 Ship Shape Night

Dec 7 Superhero Night, T&T Girls Store

Dec 14 Awana Christmas Party

Dec 21 No Awana Merry Christmas!

Dec 28 No Awana Happy New Year!

Feb 1 Sports Fan Night, T&T Girls Store

Feb 8 Pajama Night

Feb 15 Red & White Night, Sparks Store

Feb 18 T&T Bible Quizzing

Feb 22 Parent's Night #2

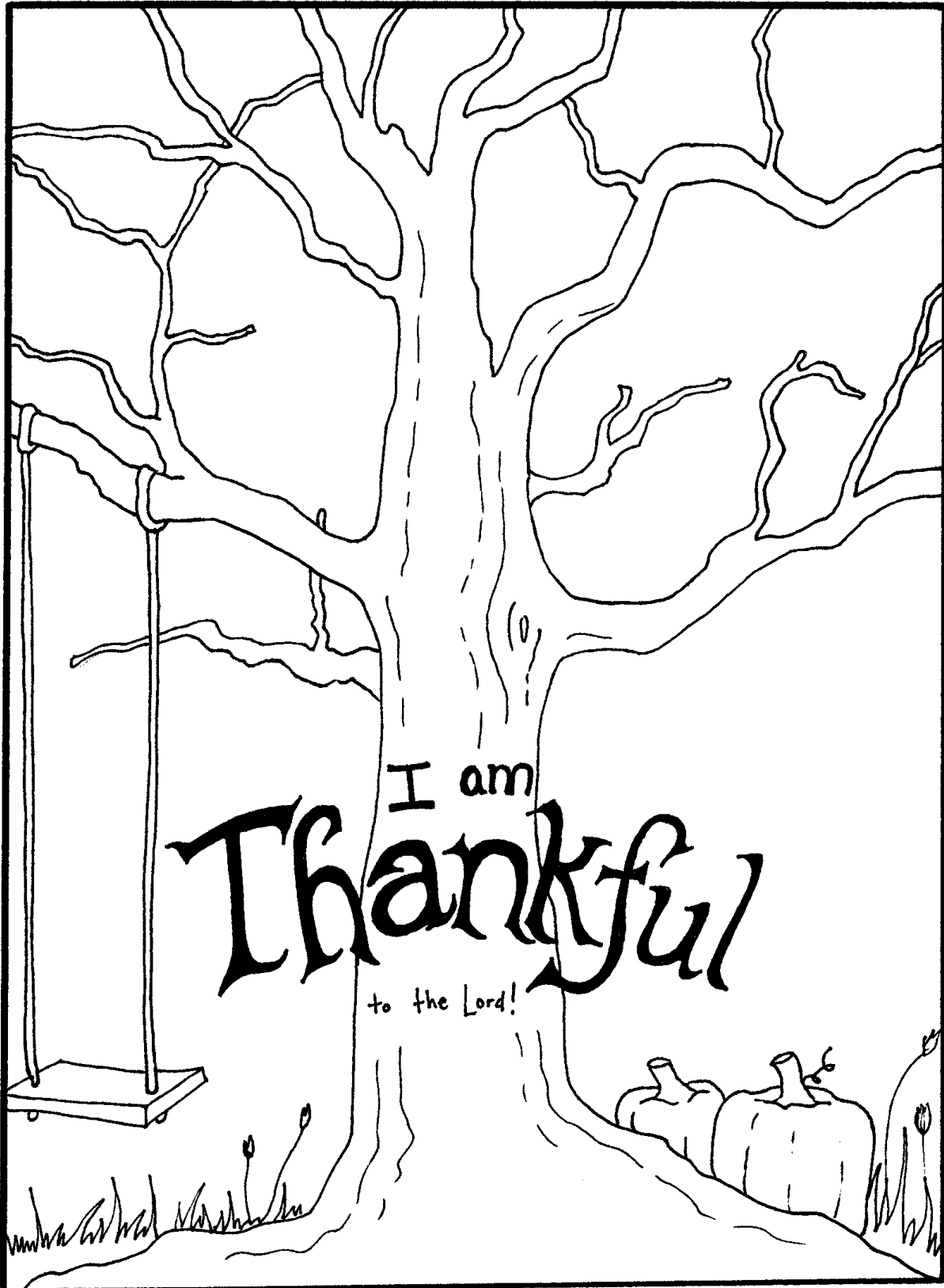
Feb 29 Crazy Hat Night

Apr 4 Patriotic Night, T&T Girls Store

Apr 11 Crazy Tie Night

Apr 18 Backwards Night, Sparks Store

Apr 25 Team Color Night



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Happy Thanksgiving from our family to yours!

We suggest making some leaves for this tree and writing on the leaves some of the things you are thankful for.

Enjoy!