



**Directors and Room Assignments**

| MINISTRY         | AGE OR GRADE                                     | DIRECTOR/ LEADERS                          | ROOM |
|------------------|--|--|------|
| Cubbies          | 3- & 4-Year Olds                                 | Victoria Washington                        | TBD  |
| Sparks           | Kindergarten                                     | Victoria Washington                        | TBD  |
| Sparks           | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Girls    | Linda Sims                                 | TBD  |
| Sparks           | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Boys     | Vickie Gilbert<br>Johnny Grier - Assistant | TBD  |
| Truth & Training | 3 <sup>rd</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls | Christine Artemus<br>Teresa Weedon         | TBD  |
| Truth & Training | 3 <sup>rd</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys  | Larry McCormick<br>TBD                     | TBD  |
| Game Time        | All Clubbers                                     | Pheona Walker                              | TBD  |
| Share Store      | All Clubbers                                     | Jane McCray                                | TBD  |
| Administrator    | All Clubbers                                     | Nancy Clark                                | TBD  |

**AWANA Class Schedule**

| GROUP  | GAME & TIME   | HANDBOOK TIME  |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| Cubbies  | 7:45 – 8:15pm | 7:05 - 7:45 pm |
| Sparks (K-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade)               | 7:45 – 8:15pm | 7:05 - 7:45 pm |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls | 8:00 – 8:15pm | 7:05 - 8:00 pm |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys  | 7:45 – 8:15pm | 7:05 - 8:00 pm |



**APPROVED WORKMEN ARE NOT ASHAMED**  
II Timothy 2:15

**A Youth Ministry Program for Boys and Girls (Age 3 – Grade 6)**

**When: Each Friday of the month except most 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays**

**Where: First Baptist Church of Highland Park  
James McCord Education Building  
6801 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD  
Time: 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm**

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JAM Ministry  
6801 Sheriff Road  
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**Vickie Washington - Commander  
Rev. Altheria Barnett – Youth Minister  
Rev. Dr. Henry P. Davis, III – Pastor**

## AWANA MINISTRY AT FBCHP?

The goal of the AWANA Ministry is “to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him”. The purpose of AWANA is two-fold: Evangelism and Discipleship .

- **Evangelism:** To draw unsaved children to AWANA where they can hear the gospel and accept Jesus Christ as their Savior.
- **Discipleship:** To encourage and train children to memorize scripture and know the principles of God’s Word so that the Spirit of God can work in them (1) to understand of the relevance of God’s Word on a daily basis, (2) to have the ability to discern right from wrong according to God’s Word, and (3) to have a desire to share the Gospel and the AWANA ministry with their friends and family.

### What does the Acronym “AWANA” mean ?

“AWANA” is an acronym for “Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed.” It is taken from II Timothy 2:15, which states, “Do your best to present yourself to God as one accepted, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth”.

**What do kids do at AWANA?** During Handbook Time, children progress through age-appropriate handbooks by memorizing and demonstrating an understanding of Bible passages. Council time is an interactive Bible lesson presented on their level. Also includes children’s recognition of achievement and presentation of awards. Handbook Time, and Game Time. Kids have fun and learn good sportsmanship in a virtual environment.

**What is a section ?** A section is a segment of material to be studied, focusing on two or three Bible verses to be memorized. Sections also include brief quizzes, puzzles, questions, and definitions designed to increase Bible knowledge and understanding.

**ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS:** New members receive an entrance booklet. It consists of six or seven sections that teach basic Bible truths and introduce children to AWANA. On completion of the entrance booklet, children may order the appropriate uniform and handbook. Once they start working in the handbook, they can achieve their ranks (which includes a Sunday School attendance requirement), by completing Bible drills and other activities. The children are encouraged **not to** put off their activities late in the club year.



Starting activities early in the year ensures completion of their rank and Bible Drills. When you first see the entrance booklet or handbook, look through it so you become familiar with what your child is required to do. Help your child work at a pace that will enable him or her to complete the handbook before the end of the club year.

**AWANA MEETING SCHEDULE:** AWANA meetings will be held every Friday, except most 3rd Friday of the Month, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

**MEMBERSHIP:** In order to join the AWANA Ministry, a child needs to: Come 2 weeks in a row and pass their entrance questions – booklet is provided. Once your child(ren) joins the ministry, he/she will be eligible to order an AWANA uniform and club book. The uniform is very important to the individual for this is where they display their awards in the form of patches, pins, etc. The AWANA award system encourages children to learn more about God’s Word. The ministry is open to children 3 years of age to the 6th grade.

**UNIFORM & HANDBOOK COSTS:** The uniform and handbook cost \$8.50 together. There is a fee to replace lost items.

**DONATIONS:** This request has been removed.

**DISCIPLINE:** AWANA is not a babysitting service. It is a ministry to children and can only operate in an atmosphere of order, respect, and love. Children must be able to adhere to the specific rules set up by each group Director and must be able to respect the authority of the Adult leaders in their group. Parents will be contacted and are expected to intervene in cases of severe disobedience.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Every parent is needed in order for us to continue ministering to the number of children that God has brought to AWANA. We are, therefore, requiring that every parent, who is not a regular leader, volunteer for 3 sessions during the AWANA year-September through May. A form must be filled out when you register your child.

**AWANA SHARES STORE:** The AWANA store is currently closed due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Under normal circumstances, it is open on a quarterly basis. Children will be able to purchase toys, jewelry, stickers, etc., with AWANA shares that they receive as awards for memorizing verses, bringing a friend, meeting set deadlines, etc. An AWANA share is a paper certificate with a monetary value. As children accumulate their shares, they can redeem them for AWANA store items. Cubbies and Sparks will be able to deposit their shares in a make-believe bank to avoid losing them. Older children will be given their shares. Lost shares cannot be replaced by the share store.

### SOME TIPS FOR PARENTS

- ✓ Know the name and phone number of your child’s handbook group leader and feel free to call if you have any questions.
- ✓ Designate a place in your home where the child’s Bible, uniform, and AWANA handbook is to be kept. Encourage your child to put it back in the same place after studying each night.
- ✓ Spend an average of 10 minutes a day having your child either recite or write their memory verses. This will help your child remember the verses.
- ✓ Make your child’s participation in AWANA a priority.
- ✓ **Make yourself available to help in your child’s AWANA group. Feel free to give the Director ideas and input. You know your child best.**

