

AWANA: *Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed* (2 Tim. 2:15)

God is at work through our AWANA ministry! We had over 100 parents, kids and volunteers at the kick-off supper last Wednesday. More than 60 preschool and elementary children participated in AWANA handbook time, games and activities.

Awana Commander, Jennifer Owen and I are grateful to have volunteers of all ages, including middle school, high school, and college students, working together to help children learn God's Word.

The mission of AWANA is to reach children with the gospel of Christ and engage them in lifelong discipleship. By providing handbooks and reviewing scriptures each Wednesday we partner with parents in helping children learn about God. Parents are commanded to teach their children what God expects. "Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up" NIV, Deuteronomy 6:7.

Scripture memorization is a large part of AWANA. In the next few weeks, we are issuing a church-wide challenge to memorize James 1:2-12. The enclosed insert provides you with this scripture passage broken down into four weeks, September 25—October 16. As you memorize scripture each week, bring your insert to an AWANA child on Sundays or Wednesdays. They will listen to you recite your memory verses and sign off on your insert.

Every Wednesday evening, Awanas say a pledge to the Bible. You may remember this from Vacation Bible School. ***"I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path and will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God."*** We hope you will join us by hiding James 1 in your heart over the next several weeks.

Joan Ross, *Minister to Children*

Deacon nominations - Today is the final day to turn in a deacon nomination to the Deacon Nominating Committee. Please prayerfully consider nominating individuals you believe are qualified and suited for this ministry of service to our church. Nomination forms are available through Sunday School departments and in the Church Office. Please return your completed nomination form to the Church Office.

Friendship Club - Bring a friend and join us for a pork tenderloin lunch at Noon on Tuesday, **September 27**, in the Great Hall. You will enjoy the music repertoire of Toney Walsh which includes standards by Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Nat King Cole, Harry Connick Jr, Mel Torme, and Elvis Presley. The meal is \$3. Make your reservation by calling the Church Office at 972-424-8551.

Trips & Outings: *Christmas Mystery Trip* - A fun-filled overnight trip of special surprises, great food and lots of beautiful Christmas lights. Double occupancy \$199; single \$249. We will depart at 6:30 a.m. on **November 29** and return by 8:30 p.m. on November 30. Paid reservations are due in the Church Office by October 30.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Preschool & Children's Teacher/Greeter Meetings TODAY...

Preschool: 4:00—5:00 p.m., C207

Children: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., C207

Parent's Night Out - Children (babies - 5th grade) enjoy a fun evening at First Baptist Plano (6:30 - 9:30 p.m.) on **September 23**. Print the registration form at www.fbcplano.org/children. Return your form and fee to Cathy Hacker in the Children's Ministry Office today for a cost of \$10/child (max \$25/household). Late registration is available through Wednesday, September 21, at a cost of \$15/child (max \$25/household).

Children's Music Kick-Off - October 2, 6:00-6:45 p.m. - Preschoolers (*4 yrs by Sept 1*) focus on music skills and biblical foundation, while K-5th grade will prepare to participate in our Celebrate Christmas concert. Drop-off and pickup will be in the Weekday School lobby area each Sunday evening. Register your child at www.fbcplano.org/children.

Save the Date! FALL FEST is coming October 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

FALL BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Behold Your God: *Rethinking God Biblically* (12-week study)

Facilitated by Don and Lena Gibson

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m., B210

The Miracle of Israel

Facilitated by Pam Ownby

Sundays at 5:45 p.m., B205

Women's Bible Study: *1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ*

Facilitated by Judy Cleveland

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., B201

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Led by Pastor Craig Curry

Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m., Great Hall

Parental Guidance Required (6-week study)

Facilitated by Tommy Shumate

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., Gathering Hall

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service, Sanctuary
10:05 a.m. Bible Study (All Ages)
11:00 a.m. Forest Community Baptist Church, The Refuge
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service, Great Hall; Arabic Baptist Church of Dallas, Chapel
11:30 a.m. Agape Baptist Christian Fellowship, B218
3:30 p.m. Missions Committee, B201
4:00 p.m. Stewardship/Finance Committee, Conference Room
Preschool Teacher/Greeter Meeting, C207
4:30 p.m. Adult Handbells, Handbell Room
5:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting, B202; Student Life Groups, The Refuge
Children's Teacher/Greeter Meeting, C207
5:30 p.m. *Where Moms Connect*, B209
5:45 p.m. *The Miracle of Israel*, B205

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, *Poor Richard's Café*
9:00 a.m. Parents Day Out; JVP Quilters, Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. ESL, Gathering Hall
Behold Your God, B210
11:00 a.m. Sunshine Singers, Choir Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

4:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal, Great Hall
6:15 p.m. Bible Study, Great Hall
6:30 p.m. Awana, Children's Hallway
Parental Guidance Required, Gathering Hall
6:45 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. UPG Ministry Team, B102
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
7:30 p.m. *Journey* (Students), The Refuge

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00 a.m. Parents Day Out
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study, B201
6:30 p.m. ESL, Gathering Hall

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

6:30 p.m. Parents Night Out

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service, Sanctuary
10:05 a.m. Bible Study (All Ages)
11:00 a.m. Forest Community Baptist Church, The Refuge
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service, Great Hall; Arabic Baptist Church of Dallas, Chapel
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CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

Planned giving through September 11: \$89,651 Actual giving through September 11: \$96,686

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