



News

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Welcome back to AWANA at Red Brick Church!

We are OFF to a great start! On Kick-off Night, we consumed almost 200 hot dogs, 9 lbs. of chips, and many tasty goodies while our enrollment specialists help sign up almost 75 families and 225 kids! It was an amazing night! We're ready to have a year packed full of fun and teaching from God's Word, with a special emphasis our theme **GOD PROTECTS** based from Proverbs 30:5, "Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him!" We are excited to have praise and worship nights return this year; some new, fun theme nights; and great speakers.

 Are you a Facebook user? If so, connect with us by Liking The Red Brick Church (link provided top right). If you ever have any comments or questions, please contact us at the phone numbers or e-mail in the "Stay Connected" box on the back.

Thank you for letting us be a part of your child's walk in the faith. We are so happy you are here!

Because **GOD PROTECTS**,
Mr. Darren & Mrs. Deb

September 14 | Olympic Night

Tonight, we had fun during games thinking about this summer's Olympic games. Clubbers earned an AWANA \$ if they came dressed in USA colors. We explored God's design of the Earth and how it shows God's protection & control over everything.

September 21 | First Responders

Clubbers can dress as a police officer, a fire fighter, EMS, military, or any first responder. Local area first responders will be on hand to show and tell us the tools they use each day to protect us. Lt. Shawn Ross from the Rockford Police Dept. & Red Brick Church will bring our devotion along with a panel of other

first responders for Q&A at the end. They'll also help us connect what they do to how we need God and His Word to protect us in all of life!

September 25 | Fall Festival Parade

Each year, our AWANA Club enters the Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade. This year's parade is SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 beginning at 1:00 PM.



If your clubber wishes to participate in the parade, they will receive \$5 AWANA dollars. Also, after the parade, clubbers can get a donut and some juice/water and a goodie bag! **Please RSVP to Mr. Darren via e-mail.** See the half-sheet flyer sent home with all of the details. See you then!

September 28 | Bring a Friend, Wear Uniform to School, and Parent Night

We love this night each year where we can bring people we care about most, our friends and parents. Parents, we want you to stay with us all night as we place a special emphasis on you during devotion time and also treat you the first hour next door at our admin building with our commanders and an encouragement from one of our parents and youth leaders, Mrs. Kathy Mrozek. During devotion time, we'll see how God Protects us by giving us family—this is also our first praise & worship night!

PLEASE make sure your clubber wears gym shoes to AWANA each Wednesday night for game time. Clubbers can BRING a pair of gym shoes. They really do need gym shoes for game time for safety reasons—we can't have clubbers play games in flip flops, boots that slip, or bare feet! Thanks for your help!



Saturday, November 19 | Ice Hogs Night

TICK, TICK, BOOM...it's BAAACCCKKK! One of our big goals at Red Brick AWANA club is to bring families together for a time of fun. Tickets are just \$7/person. Our initial deadline is October 23. Some of you may recall our perfect crowd of 250 people two years ago. We hope to exceed that number this year. Our church will again be featured on the jumbotron during the game at BMO Harris Bank Center and have our own section that evening. The seats and action are perfect! Now, we just need YOU! Mr. Darren has promised a special treat if we get more than 250 people again! Watch for a flyer to come home with your clubber as we get closer for details!



NEEDED: Frosting Cans


We are in need of empty, clean frosting containers to use as M&M banks for clubbers who did not get one at Kick-Off. On M&M Nights (first Weds. of each month), clubbers bring in money in their "M&M Bank," and exchange it for a small package of plain M&Ms (to eat at home). Money collected each week goes to support this year's missionary, The Boyd Family with TransWorld Radio. So, get baking and donate your frosting cans to AWANA! If you need a reason to bake, consider encouraging someone you know with a special treat so you can donate your frosting can to AWANA! Cleaned cans (with lids) can be turned into our AWANA office downstairs on club nights or on the back porch of the church admin building. We appreciate your help!



Just for Parents/Guardians:

Did you know that parents/guardians are the key to a clubber's success? You bet! Finding the best learning solutions for your child puts handbook completion well within reach. It also helps you gain confidence as a spiritual leader in your home. Consider establishing some activities at home this AWANA year to help your clubber! The lessons kids learn in AWANA now can shape their spiritual future for years to come.

Your family's schedule determines how much time is available for handbook work. Is your child more alert first thing in the morning? Are you less distracted after dinner? Pair the optimum time of day with the techniques that your child responds to best.

Here are some suggestions! 

MORNING

- Review lessons as your family gets ready for the day.
- Recite a few verses with your child when you wake him/her up.
- Make flashcards to display or to read during breakfast.
- Sing along to handbook music CDs (included with your book) – for younger clubbers.

AFTERNOON

- After school, opt for review that is active and artistic.
- Make up a fun tune or hand motions for memory verses.
- Draw or paint picture flashcards.
- Write verses outdoors using sidewalk chalk.

EVENING

- Incorporate handbook work into your family time!
- Let siblings practice saying verses to each other.
- Ask your child to teach verses to you to test his/her comprehension.

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