



The Baptist Bell

Wanna know more about AWANA?



What is Awana?

For nearly 60 years, Awana has been a leader in children's ministry, helping churches and parents worldwide raise children and youth to know, love and serve Christ.

Based in the Chicago area, Awana is the only organization with [fully integrated evangelism and discipleship programs for ages 2 to 18](#) that actively involve parents, church leaders and mentors. Each week, more than a million children and youth, 250,000 volunteers and 300-plus field staff take part in Awana in over 17,000 churches in the U.S. and internationally. (Learn about the [prayer, vision, mission and values](#) of Awana.)

Awana works with churches from nearly 100 different denominations. It began as a children's program at the North Side Gospel Center in Chicago in 1941. Lance Latham, North Side's senior pastor, collaborated with the church's youth director, Art Rorheim, to develop weekly clubs that would appeal to churched and unchurched kids, lead them to trust Christ for salvation and grow them in enduring faith and service to God.

Other churches learned about the success of the program and inquired about its availability. In 1950, Latham and Rorheim founded Awana as a parachurch organization. By 1960, 900 churches had started Awana pro-

grams. By 1972 Awana had begun its first [international](#) club. Today children and youth in more than 100 countries participate in Awana programs, and millions of adults are alumni.

The founders of Awana derived the Awana name from the first letters of **Approved workmen are not ashamed** as taken from 2 Timothy 2:15 of the Bible.

Today, 12,000 U.S. churches run Awana with programs in all 50 states. Awana can also be found in over 5,100 churches in [109 other countries](#) and six continents.

Our Core Beliefs

- THE BIBLE
- GOD
- GOD THE SON
- GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT
- MAN
- SALVATION
- THE CHURCH
- THE ORDINANCES
- THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
- THE SECOND COMING

What We Do

Awana helps churches and parents raise children and youth to know, love and serve Christ! We do this through:

- Fully integrated programs for ages 2 to 18
- The best evangelism tools to reach unsaved children, youth and families
- Teaching that builds an enduring biblical faith
- Resources bringing churches and parents together to disciple the next generation
- Initial and ongoing volunteer training
- Healthy mentor and peer relationships
- Dynamic fun for children, teens and adults alike!

How To Join AWANA Here at First Baptist

Come to AWANA on Sunday nights from 5:30—7:30 pm

Programs for all children—as young as age 2

Opportunities for adults to teach and serve.

Questions? Contact Paitra Gibson.

Good \$ense Christian Financial Management Course

Do the recent events on Wall Street and surrounding the presidential election have you biting your fingernails? Do you avoid your mailbox like the plague because of the bills that might be lurking in there? Do you want to learn how to manage your finances in a Godly way? Then be sure to join us this month here at FBC. —Pastor Jim

Grace. Joy. Freedom. Are these the first words that come to mind when you think of finances? They could be! Grace, joy and freedom are words people most often use to describe their experience of Good \$ense—a proven, biblical resource for changing hearts and lives in the area of finances.

In the Good \$ense Budget Course you'll discover tools and develop skills to help you control your finances so your finances don't end up controlling you. You'll get training in biblical financial principles as well as help and guidance to:

- Prioritize financial goals
- Develop a personalized spending plan
- Identify action steps to reduce expenses
- Reduce debt, and much more!

More than just a learning experience about budgets and finances, the course also enables you to reflect on your relationship to money and how it impacts your

relationship to God. No matter what your circumstances - financial crisis or abundance - Good \$ense can help you.

- Discover how to become a diligent earner, generous giver, wise saver, cautious debtor and prudent consumer.
- Learn how to resist the pull of culture and draw closer to the heart and mind of God.

Experience the joy of becoming financially faithful as well as financially free.

The result is a God-honoring financial lifestyle characterized by grace, joy and freedom.

Sign up today for the Good \$ense course.

Cost: \$5 per person (this pays for your participant workbook)

Place: First Baptist Church

Time: Sunday, Nov 16th and Sun, Nov 23rd, 3:00-6:00 pm (refreshments provided)

Presenter: Christian financial planner Dick Towner and facilitator Mike Hubbs.

Good \$ense: Money Management Principles You Can Bank On

November Sermon Series

November 2

“What Would Jesus Say When the Dow Jones Melts Down”

November 9

“The Bible’s Common Sense Advice for Managing Money”

November 16

“It All Goes Back in the Box”

November 23

“Seven Reasons Why I Give”

(Audio cassette tapes of Pastor Jim's sermons are available for loan - or purchase for only \$1 each.)

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WEEKLY SERVICES:

SUNDAY 9:00 AM AND 11:15 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 AM

FOR INFORMATION ON

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS, CHOIR, BELL CHOIR, AMERICAN BAPTIST YOUTH OR OTHER MINISTRIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE

OUR WEBSITE

WWW.FBCJAXIL.ORG

GREAT RIVERS REGION WEBSITE:

WWW.ABC-GRR.ORG

AMERICAN BAPTIST WEBSITE:

WWW.ABC-USA.ORG

101 Ways to Wellness

1. Keep a positive attitude
2. Control your stress
3. Stay active
4. Do self-exams
5. Stop smoking now
6. Soothe your fears
7. Challenge your mind
8. Get a message
9. Budget time and money
10. Forgive and forget
11. Walk miles each week
12. Enjoy the outdoors
13. Go bananas for fruits
14. Value your veggies
15. Avoid overload
16. Exercise your mind, body, and spirit
17. Knock out bad fats
18. Think happy thoughts
19. Avoid dangerous drugs
20. Eat a balanced diet
21. Drink green or black tea
22. Maintain lower blood pressure
23. Slow down on sugar
24. Learn to breathe deeply
25. Rinse fresh fruits and vegetables
26. Practice cleanliness
27. Take medicines as directed
28. Count your calories
29. Scale down your weight
30. Walk briskly
31. Curb cholesterol with oatmeal
32. Keep up with checkups
33. Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully
34. Talk slowly, but think quickly
35. Cherish your values
36. Be gentle with the earth
37. Share your feelings with others
38. Meditate
39. Appreciate life
40. Keep an open mind
41. Protect your hearing- avoid loud noises
42. Eat smart
43. Warm up before and after exercising
44. Buckle your seatbelt
45. Use common sense
46. Drink 8 glasses of water each day
47. Take charge of your money and your life
48. Don't drink and drive
49. Eat fruits for dessert
50. Learn to say no
51. Get regular dental check ups
52. Practice portion control
53. Take your vitamins
54. Sit up straight
55. Cut out caffeine
56. Stretch
57. Pray and give thanks
58. Brush and floss often
59. Stay fit for life
60. Vary your routine
61. Proclaim your greatness
62. Laugh often
63. Don't believe everything you hear
64. When you lose, don't lose the lesson
65. Mind your own business
66. Take responsibility for your actions
67. Don't laugh at others dreams
68. Be skeptical of scams
69. Don't neglect diabetes
70. Substitute the salt
71. Cook and store food safely
72. Organize your life
73. Wear your helmet for biking and skating
74. Shun the sun
75. Look for adventures
76. Detox with antioxidants
77. Get enough sleep
78. Enjoy success
79. Count your blessings
80. Keep a journal of happiness
81. Work at relationships
82. Resolve conflicts peacefully
83. Cool down and stretch after exercise
84. Manage anger wisely
85. Keep up with health news
86. Dress for the weather
87. Respect your body
88. Fuel up with fiber
89. Reduce your risks
90. Be tobacco free
91. Search for goodness
92. Be adequately insured
93. Learn internet safety skills
94. Avoid eyestrain
95. Volunteer
96. Ask questions of your doctor
97. Weight train for bone & muscle strength
98. Celebrate life
99. Love others
100. Love yourself
101. Be peaceful

Office Hours:

Mondays

10am-3pm

Blood pressure

clinics: held the second and fourth Sundays of each month in the Narthex

Home, nursing home and hospital visits: upon request

Contact: First Baptist Church 245-6119 or Sis Goben, RN 245-6204



FBC Welcomes New Pianist

On Sunday, Nov. 2, the First Baptist family welcomed our new pianist, Ms. Erica Dowd. Erica is a junior at Illinois College, majoring in Music Education. Erica is from Moweaqua, Illinois (near Decatur). We are very excited to have Erica join our church staff and family and are looking forward to enjoying her musical talent. If you haven't already, please offer her some encouraging words of welcome.

Dinner Is Served!

The Keenagers will take part in a Progressive Supper on Saturday, November 22.

The evening will begin with hors d'oeuvres at Joe and Sis Goben's home at 5pm. Dinner will be served at 6pm at Fred and Betty Still's house; dessert and devotions at 7pm at Bill and Kay Nichols' home. Please RSVP to Sis Goben at 245-6204.

Take a Moment to Show Your *Spirit of Faith*

In response to the Spirit of Faith Soup Kitchen's plea for help, on your next grocery trip--please consider picking up an extra non-perishable item or two and placing them in the box in the Narthex. Each week the items will be removed and stored in Jacquie Barringer's Sunday School Classroom. Please feel free to check to see what has been collected. We will collect food items until Sunday November 23, when the Sunday School children will present the collected items to the congregation in a processional during the first hymn. Throughout November grades 1-6 will be participating in a special Sunday School bible study around the theme of Thanksgiving. Suggested non-perishable items are as follows: Boxed stuffing mix, Cans of Cranberry sauce, Canned Yams, Boxed Potatoes...Items always needed: Sugar, Punch mixes, Canned vegetables (corn, green beans, carrots, etc), Sloppy Joe Mix, Paper Plates, Plastic spoons and forks. Please call Jacquie Barringer or Lori Pahde if you have any questions.

Thanksgiving Potluck
Sunday, November 9
12:00 Noon



Bring a dish to pass.

Christmas Giving Tree

The holidays are almost upon us. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year for the items you have donated each month.

The Giving Tree will be appearing in the Narthex soon. Remember to take a tag or two and return the unwrapped gift to the church before Christmas.

More details will come soon.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Wednesday,
Nov. 26, 7:30 pm

**Grace Methodist
Church
Jacksonville**

**SPEAKER:
OUR VERY OWN
PASTOR JIM**

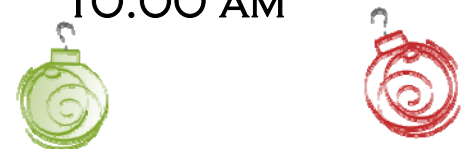
HELP WANTED

Presentations Direct, a Christian-owned company specializing in office machines, is seeking an experienced, motivated salesperson for a Central Illinois territory. Excellent salary, commission and benefit package. For full details, please ask the church office for a copy of the announcement.

HANGING OF THE GREENS



SUNDAY, NOV 30
10:00 AM



Stewardship Report

October 2008

	General	Missions
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 160,949.00	\$ 16,555.00
Year-to-Date Receipts	\$ 147,590.69 *	\$ 18,094.18
Difference	\$ (13,358.31)	\$ 1,539.18

Offering:

October 5	\$5,352.38	\$585.00
October 12	\$3,851.88	\$823.50
October 19	\$1,685.70	\$ 74.00
October 26	\$1,969.05	\$341.50

Attendance:	Sunday School	9:00 AM	11:15 AM
October 5	63	97	27
October 12	63	103	26
October 19	63	94	22
October 26	68	94	24

NOVEMBER AT FIRST BAPTIST

Every Week:

Sunday	AWANA	5:30 pm
	ABY Senior High	6:30 pm
Monday	Ladies' Bible Study	6:30 pm
Tuesday	Bell Choir Practice	5:30 pm
Thursday	Choir Practice	7:00 pm

Upcoming:

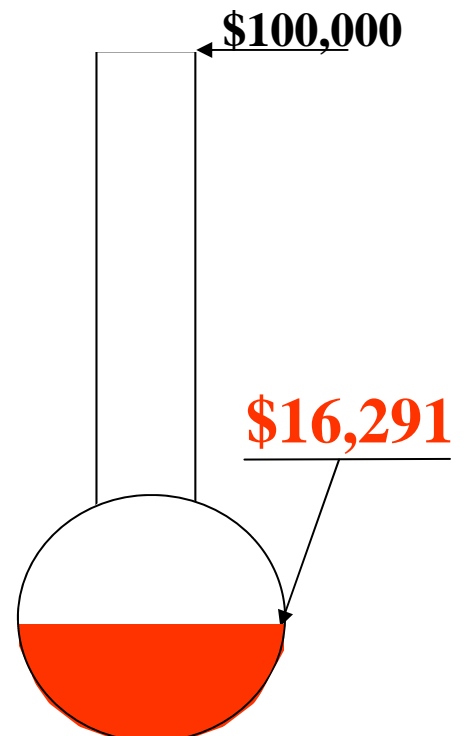
Sunday, Nov 9		
	All Church Potluck	Noon
	ABY Junior High Youth	3:00
Tuesday, Nov 11		
	Commissions	6:45 pm
	Diaconate	7:30 pm
Sunday, Nov 16 & 23		
	Good \$ense Financial Mgmt Course	3pm
Saturday, Nov 22		
	Keenagers Progressive Dinner	5pm
Sunday, Nov 23		
	ABY Junior High Youth	3pm
Wednesday, Nov 26		
	Community Thanksgiving Svc	7:30 pm

Lay Leaders Schedule ~ Nov & Dec 2008

Date	Ushers			
Nov 2	Kay Kafer	Nita Raye Gondek	Carroll Houston	Jeff Campbell
Nov 9	Roger McKinney	Bob Neff	Joe Goben	Geoff Griffin
Nov 16	Chris Valentine	Greg Huckabay	Jeremy Walker	Bill Sims
Nov 23	Jim Hayes	Bud Birdsell	Tom Holliday	Brad Walker
Nov 30	Bill Nichols	Jeff Jacobs	Jim Hayes	Tim Runkle
Dec 7	Kay Kafer	Nita Raye Gondek	Carroll Houston	Jeff Campbell
Dec 14	Roger McKinney	Bob Neff	Joe Goben	Geoff Griffin
Dec 21	Chris Valentine	Greg Huckabay	Jeremy Walker	Bill Sims
Dec 28	Jim Hayes	Bud Birdsell	Tom Holliday	Brad Walker

Date	Worship Leader	Children's Church	Acolyte
Nov 2	Barb Baker	Janice Hubbs	Brock Ripple
Nov 9	Melanie Floyd	Melissa Walker	Chris Barringer
Nov 16	Bob Nicolet	Jennifer Gaus	Wade Berger
Nov 23	Mike Hubbs	Jacob Pahde	Brock Ripple
Nov 30	Melanie Floyd	Janice Hubbs	Chris Barringer
Dec 7	Barb Baker	Melissa Walker	Wade Berger
Dec 14	Bob Nicolet	Jennifer Gaus	Brock Ripple
Dec 21	Mike Hubbs	Jacob Pahde	Chris Barringer
Dec 28	Melanie Floyd	Janice Hubbs	Wade Berger

Raise the Roof II Update



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Top Ten Truths to Remember in Any Economy or Political Climate

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still work.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still inhabit the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

— Rev. Edward Weston, Belleville, IL