



# The Britton Bulletin

## Children's Ministry Skill Sets

I have recently read a new book from Larry Fowler, Awana's Global Training Director, which deals with keeping volunteers engaged called *Rock Solid Volunteers*. It is a tremendous read for anyone involved with leading ministry teams.

Of course dependence on the Lord and His empowerment is the first key to fruitful ministry. But then developing the ministry skills of our workers is key to keeping them involved, obviously because upon their

abilities hinges their success. The critical skill of counseling someone regarding salvation was a discussion I found particularly interesting.

Since the super-majority of people who trust in Christ do so between the ages of 4 and 18, one would think that those working with this age group would be well equipped to share the gospel. Yet the opposite is true. Few local churches have this type of training for their volunteers and less than 1% of major youth ministry conference

workshops deal with this subject.

This is not the case at our Awana Ministry Conferences. We invite your leaders to attend this Oct. 8 to receive critical training.

Don't lose sight of the length of *eternity*. One measure of the significance of something is "How long will the impact last?" If children's ministry and youth workers are skilled at anything, it certainly should be in counseling a student to find Christ as Savior!

## A Partnership Between Church And Parents

Why do three out of four Christian young people abandon their faith when they leave home?

Today's kids have a wealth of opportunity and tools that today's parents could only dream of when they were growing up. It's never been more evident that a young person can be anything that he or she wants to be.

Tragically, being the person that God wants them to be is falling farther down the list of life's priorities. Christian poll-

ster, George Barna reveals that three out of four Christian young people will leave the church after they leave home. This in spite of the increased focus that ministry leaders are placing on children and a plethora of quality ministry materials targeted toward this strategic age group. What's missing?

What's missing is a coordinated effort between the church and the home to develop the next generation of Christ followers, with each institution per-

forming its God-ordained role to help raise kids who will come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

Awana At Home from Awana is a set of resources to help make your home a disciple-making center with the support of the local church. Finally, something is available to facilitate the transfer of faith to the next generation.

**Please check it out at:**  
**[www.awana.org/athome](http://www.awana.org/athome)**

You may also find Awana At Home training at the Oct. 8

Awana Ministry Newsletter

August, 2011

Special points of interest:

- ☉ Children's Ministry Skill Sets
- ☉ Partnership Between Church And Parents
- ☉ Event Calendar
- ☉ Cubbies Update
- ☉ National Awana Movie Day
- ☉ Gospel Wheel APP
- ☉ Awana Ministry Conference

## Our Mission:

To introduce the ministry of Awana to local churches, equipping them to impact their community and the world with the gospel of grace.



# EVENT CALENDAR FOR 2010/11

## AWANA MINISTRY CONFERENCES

Saturday, October 8, 2011

Rollins Christian Fellowship, Manton

9:00 – 3:30

Saturday, October 29, 2011

Bethel Baptist Church, Marquette

## BIBLE QUIZ/GRAND PRIX

Saturday, February 4, 2012

Lower Peninsula

Emmanuel Baptist, Gladwin

## SPARKS-A-RAMA/AWANAGAMES

Saturday, March 17, 2012

Lower Peninsula

Kalkaska Middle School Gym

Saturday, March 24, 2012

UP Event

First Baptist Church, Calumet

## SUMMIT

March 3 - 6, 2012

Chicago, IL

### What are the grandkids up to?



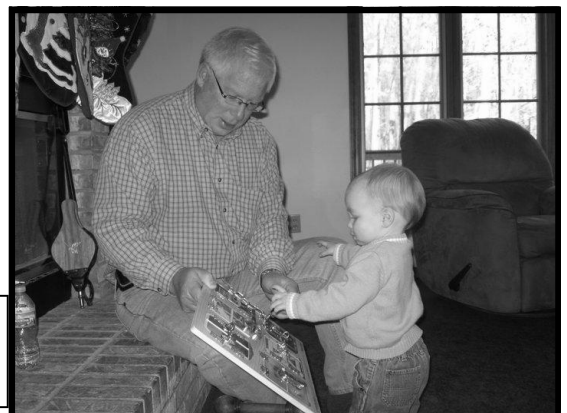
Lydia is checking out the produce from the garden



Hannah enjoys her new horsie tire swing



Caleb likes to drive the tractor



Mark (grandson) inspects the puzzle with grandpa

Grandchild # 5 on the way!  
Congratulations to Patrick and Rachel  
with their second child due in February!!

FROM THE CREATORS OF FIREPROOF  
**COURAGEOUS**

HONOR BEGINS AT HOME

**National Awana Movie Day**

- Church outreach event for children and parents during *Courageous* opening weekend (9/30 - 10/1)
  - Find tools to promote National Awana Movie Day event on [www.awana.org/courageous](http://www.awana.org/courageous) starting in July.
- Opportunity to challenge fathers/parents to:
  - Trust in Christ
  - Become involved with their kids' club work
  - Become an Awana leader
  - Take first step toward family devotions with Awana at Home

**Cubbies Update Coming**

Reasons:

- Teaching plans need to be more user friendly and flexible
- Cubbies content must align with the Modern-Day Joseph Master Life Thread of "respect"
- Cubbies can strategically promote Awana at Home
- The desire to have more digital options

Update Timeline:

- Now-June 2012: Development of new Year 1 material
- 2011-2012 is the final Jumper year
- 2012-2013 Club Year: Field Test Year 1 and develop new Year 2 material
- 2012-2013: is the final Hopper year
- Fall 2013—Launch new Year 1 material
- Fall 2014—Launch new Year 2 material

Begin this year carefully monitoring your inventory!

**Missionary Meditations**

1. How Great Thou Art
2. Missionary Medley
3. Christ Arose/ My Tribute
4. I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked/In The Garden
5. Jesus Loves Me/O How He Loves You And Me
6. Jesus Loves The Little Children
7. Come Ye Thankful People. Come/We Gather Together
8. Invitation Medley

Help Support Our Ministry

Suggested Donation:  
**\$15.00**

**\$\$Support Synopsis\$\$**

We are so thankful for many churches and personal supporters who financially partner with us in ministry. However, Michigan's significant economic pressures continue to take their toll on our support program, as evidenced by a roll back in church missionary budgeting and personal supporter giving.

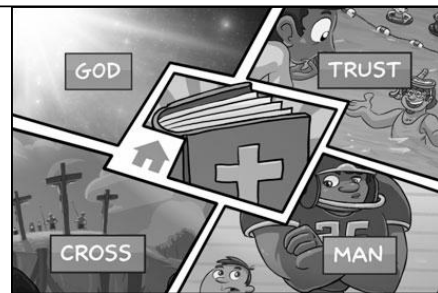
Currently we are at about 84% support. We are officially on Awana's deputation program and spend a significant amount of time each week on support raising efforts. Could we ask you to prayerfully consider asking your church to give even \$25.00 a month if we are not currently on the missionary list, or perhaps God might lead you to personally support this exciting ministry.

Our ministry support form can be found on our web site which gives instruction for sending a gift for our ministry to Awana. Or, listed below is another "creative way" to join our ministry partner team!

**Our God supplies all our needs!**

**NEW GOSPEL WHEEL APP!**

Awana is excited to provide you with a tool that helps you share the gospel with others. Our ministry is all about evangelism, and that is why we've created an app to help you communicate your faith.



This versatile app includes three different versions so you can modify the gospel presentation for adults, teens or children. So no matter who you're talking to, you'll always know just what to say.

A church may decide to provide a CD as a visitor gift!



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Over the years many have asked about music CDs. Mark has recently recorded an album called "Missionary Meditations". The eight arrangements on the album are those that have most commonly been shared throughout our missionary ministry. Just give us a call or email if interested in helping our ministry through a gift, and we'll send the CD as a thank-you!



**You must decide:  
What is your One More?**

**October 8, 2011 9:00 – 3:30**  
**Rollins Christian Fellowship, Manton**  
**UP event: October 29, Marquette (reg. coming later)**

**Top 10 Reasons Leaders  
Attend Conference**

1. They realize there is always more to learn about Children's Ministry and Awana.
2. Though they have been a leader for more than five years, they find benefit and value.
3. They enjoy the fellowship with other leaders.
4. Though they have been through Basic Training and even passed the Test, there is SO much more to learn!
5. The encouragement is worth the travel & effort.
6. The cost makes conference a bargain!
7. Children's Ministries is not mostly "babysitting".
8. This is one of the best ways to spend my time.
9. There is nothing more important than sharpening my serving skills.

And # 10:

They sense that improving the children's ministry to which God has called them is a high PRIORITY!

*One More.* One more boy riding in your car to Awana. One more girl in Handbook Time. One more invitation to meet the Savior. One more family changed forever. The impact of One More will ripple into eternity.

*If every leader and student in the U.S. reached out to One More, 1.2 million kids would hear the news of Jesus Christ through Awana. The ripple effect from One More would touch countless families with the hope of the gospel.*

Don't miss this one-day conference that will prepare you to reach out to one more child, teen or parent. Whether you're a Puggles leader, a T&T director, a Journey volunteer or a pastor, you will learn valuable principles and "how-to" ideas for your particular ministry as you share the hope of the gospel with:  
**One More**

**AWANA MINISTRY CONFERENCE**

**MANTON REGISTRATION FORM**  
 (UP form coming to UP churches later)

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Leaders Working in Your Awana Clubs for 2011/2012 Season:  
 (Including those not attending conference)

(Conference costs for Early Bird registrations received before Oct. 1)

Number of married couples \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00  
 Number of individuals \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25.00  
 Number of LIT's & Seniors \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00  
 Pastor and/or Pastor's Wife \_\_\_\_\_ X Free

(Conference cost for registrations received after Oct. 1)

Per person \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30.00  
 Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Awana  
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