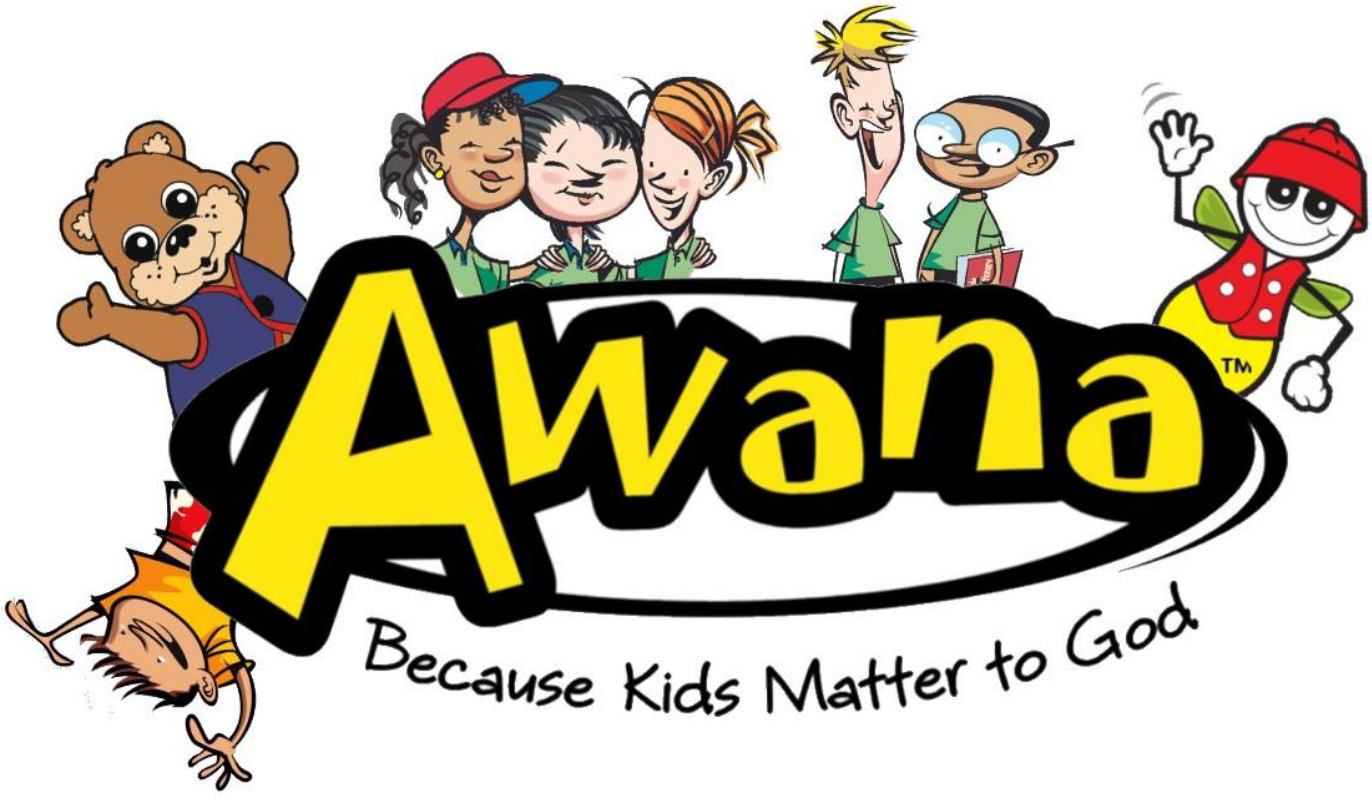

Parent Handbook
2018-2019

FIVE FORKS Kids

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Welcome to AWANA

Thank you for allowing your child to come to AWANA! We trust that they will have a great time, and will want to keep coming regularly all year!

The Bible says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6) Realizing that today's children are confronted with more difficult decisions than ever before, AWANA seeks to establish them on a firm Biblical foundation which will provide direction for their daily lives. Each clubber is very special to us and to God so we want to do our best for them.

AWANA presents an opportunity for your child to establish and grow in their relationship with Christ, and to build relationships with others. You can really help your child in these areas by encouraging them to complete the sections in their handbook and by showing interest in their achievements. Feel free to visit the club meetings any time and to talk with us about any concerns or questions the you may have.

In order to help offset some of the cost of the club we are asking for a $20 non-refundable participation fee for each child. Club will meet on Sunday evenings at 5pm. Check in will take place in the Sanctuary foyer. In order to allow us enough time to prepare each night we ask that the clubbers not be dropped off before 4:50pm. We will continue the car line method for pick up this year. This is explained in better detail on page 8.

We established an email specifically for our AWANA program. The email address is: fiveforksawana@yahoo.com. We will use this email to send out updates and reminders for the program. Also, if there are any weather closings. This is the best way to contact us about the club. We will be trying out the Remind App. There will be more info to follow.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Paul S. Madak
AWANA Commander

What is AWANA?

AWANA stands for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed, based on 2 Timothy 2:15 which reads, “Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the Word of truth.” This ministry helps churches and parents work together to develop spiritually strong children and youth who faithfully follow Jesus Christ. The program is based on Scripture learning/ memorization and has become a proven method of building boys and girls into strong leaders in the spreading of the Gospel message.

How To Work Through the Handbook

(Ages 3-4)

The Cubbies leaders will send out a list of verses and sections on which they will be working from in the Cubbies book. In this young group, we keep them on the same schedule so all Cubbies will be learning the same verse at the same time.

(K5- 2nd Grade)

There are three handbooks that encompass the Sparks program: HangGlider, WingRunner, and SkyStormer.

(3rd-6th Grade)

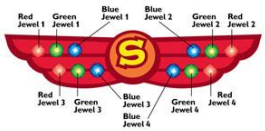
There are four handbooks that make up the Truth in Training program: The Ultimate Adventure books 1 and 2 for the third and fourth grade; The Ultimate Challenge books 1 and 2 are for the fifth and sixth grade.

(6th – 7th Grade)

This is a new part of our AWANA program. Our Jr. High group will be participating in the TREK program this year.

<u>General Instructions</u>

With each book, the clubber will start at the beginning and work their way through. They must complete all sections to be considered as completing their book. Some sections such as “Bring A Friend” and “Write a Missionary” will be completed in different ways then the book describes due to space constraints and some special missions programs. We strongly encourage parents to help their child memorize the weekly verses. Simply taking 5-10 minutes a day can really make a difference.



Awards

As your children progress through their handbook, they will earn awards for the verses they have recited and activities that they complete. These awards are listed in their handbook. All awards will be given out each week at the closing rally. Please remember, that the clubber needs to have his/her uniform on to receive the awards.

In addition to the handbook awards, the following awards will be handed out at our Award's Night at the end of the club year.

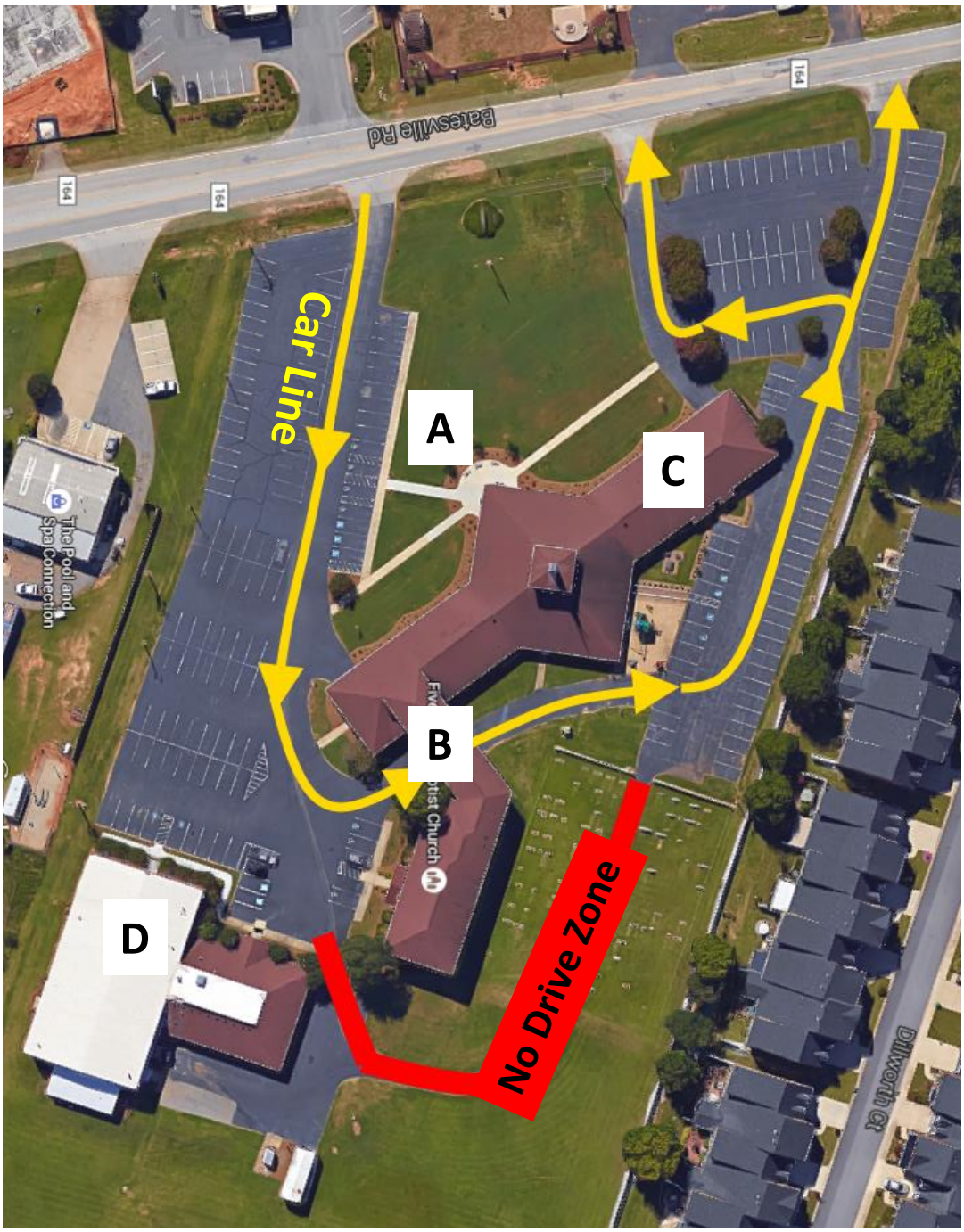
Sparky Award: To earn the Sparky Award, a clubber must finish all three handbooks in the Sparks program.

Excellence Award: To earn the Excellence Award, a boy or girl must complete two handbooks from T&T and either have completed or are about to complete fourth grade.

Timothy Award: To earn the Timothy trophy, a boy or girl must complete four handbooks from T&T and have completed or are about to complete fifth grade.

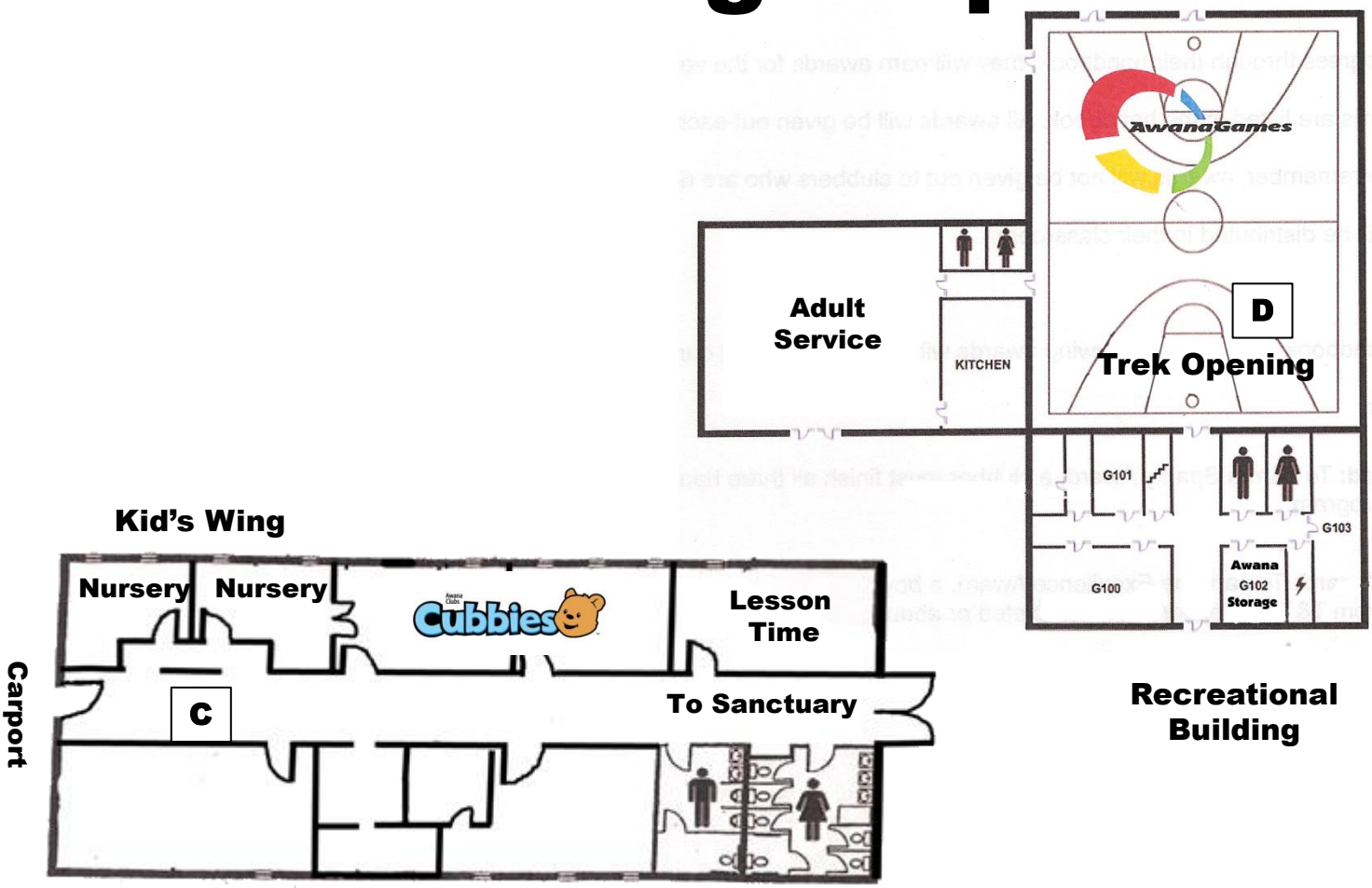
Campus Map

Primary pick up will be by a car line. Take note that you will enter the car line from the gym side of the car port. We are not sure how this traffic pattern will flow. If there are any changes we will let you know via fiveforksawana @yahoo.com.

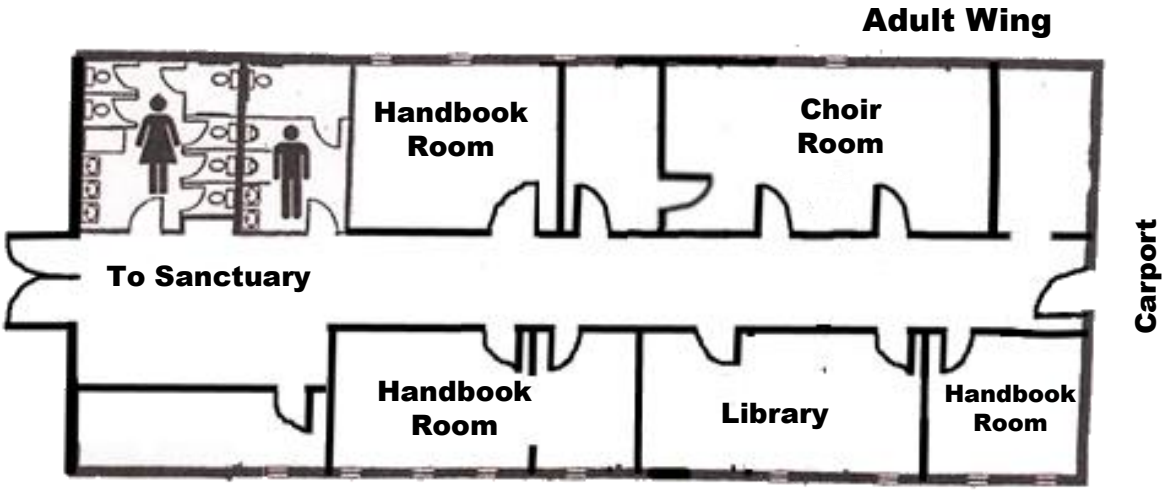


Key
A- Sparks & T&T Drop off
B –Club Pick up
C- Cubbie Drop off
D – Trek Drop off

Building Map



A **Sanctuary – Opening and Closing Service**
Sanctuary Foyer – Check-in for Sparks and TNT



AWANA Weekly Schedule

4:55 – 5:00 - Check-in for Sparks and TNT will be in the Sanctuary. The Cubbies will be checked in at their classroom in the Children's wing. Trek (Jr. High) will meet in the gym.

5:00 – 5:30 -Opening Rally: Sparks and T&T will meet in the Sanctuary for the opening which includes prayer and pledges. Trek will have game time.

5:30 – 6:45 - Sparks and T&T will rotate through lesson, handbook, and game times.

Trek will have a small group, and a praise and worship time.

6:45 – 7:05 - Awards and Closing program

7:05 - 7:15 - Dismissal.

Cubbie Weekly Schedule

4:55 – 5:15 - Check-in at the Cubbies room on the Kid's Wing. The Cubbies will have a free play time until everyone arrives.

5:15-5:30 – Cubbies pledges and Mottos

5:30 – 5:50 – Outside Play or Inside Games

5:50 – 6:00 – Snack

6:00 – 6:10 – Puppet Show

6:10 – 6:30 – Lesson

6:30 – 6:45 – Craft

6:45 – 7:00 – Closing

7:00 – 7:15 – Dismissal

For exact locations of the rooms mentioned above see page 8.

2018-2019 Calendar

Date	Theme Night/Event
Sept 9	AWANA Begins
Sept 16	Crazy Hair Night
Sept 23	Camo Night
Sept 30	Camo Night - Canned Food Night
Oct 7	Hat & Tie Night - Verse Incentive Night
Oct 14	Fashion Disaster Night
Oct 21	Teacher Workday Weekend – No AWANA
Oct 28	AWANA Fall Fest – Bible Story Theme – Canned Food Night
Nov 4	Fall Break – No AWANA
Nov 11	Operation Christmas Child
Nov 18	Thanksgiving Night – Canned Food Night
Nov 25	No AWANA – Thanksgiving
Dec 2	Crazy Sock Night
Dec 9	Elf Night
Dec 16	Christmas Store & Party/ Canned Food Night/ Christmas Decoration Night
Dec 23	No AWANA – Christmas
Dec 30	No AWANA – Christmas break
Jan 6	Backwards & Inside Out Night
Jan 13	Pajama Night
Jan 20	Neon Glow Night
Jan 27	Bring a Friend Night

2018-2019 Calendar

Date	Theme Night/Event
Feb 3	Decades Night (70's, 80's, 90's. . .)
Feb. 10	Red Night/ Valentine's Party
Feb. 17	Mission's/ International Night
Feb. 24	Blue Night/ Canned Food Night
Mar. 3	Storybook Character Night/ AWANA Store
Mar. 10	Western Night
Mar. 16	Grand Prix Workday
Mar. 17	Green (FROG) Night
Mar. 23	Grand Prix Workday
Mar. 24	Flower Night
Mar. 31	Patriotic Night/ Canned Food Night
April 6	AWANA Grand Prix
April 7	Rain Night
April 14	Spring Break No AWANA
April 21	Spring Break No AWANA
April 28	Hawaiian Night/ Canned Food Night
May 5	Crazy Glasses Night/ AWANA Store
May 12	No AWANA – Mother's Day
May 19	Last Day – Closing Program

AWANA Store Schedule

Each night your child comes to club they have the opportunity to earn AWANA bucks. This is done by attending, bringing their books, Bible, and wearing their uniform. They also can earn AWANA bucks by participating in the theme nights found on the calendar.

During the AWANA store your child can use the AWANA bucks to purchase things that they might like. The store will be three (3) times this year. The store dates are as follows: December 16th, March 3rd, and May 5th.

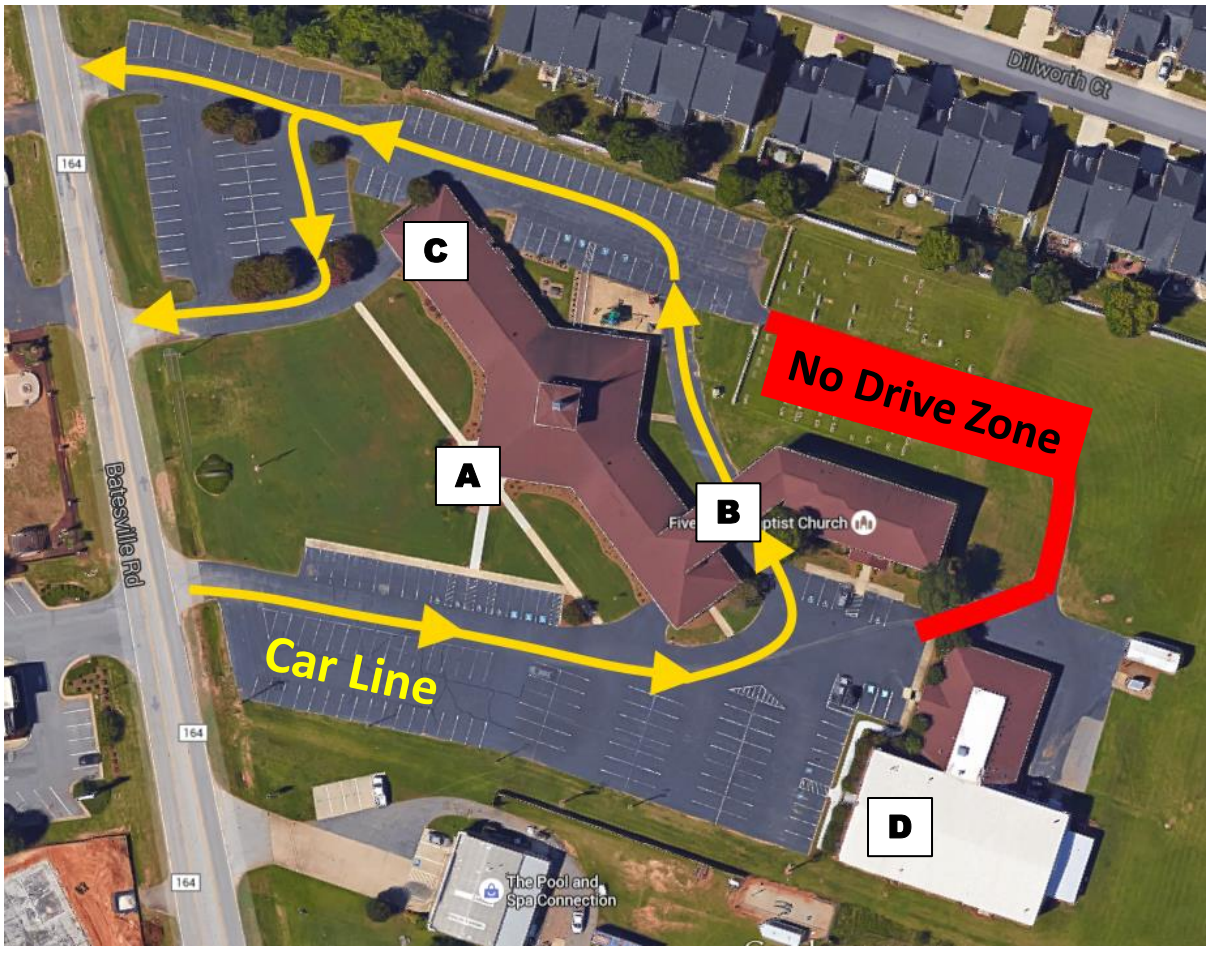
You may note that this is fewer stores than last year. We found that if we have a store early in the year many clubbers did not have a lot of AWANA bucks to spend. So we are going to do something special on October 7th. We have coined it as "Verse Incentive Night."

On the nights that the store is open we will not have game time. Store will be in the gym. This will help make it so that we are not taking away from time spent teaching God's Word to the children. Please note the dates, so your child will not miss out on store nights. The kids should especially not miss the December store. This could give them an opportunity to purchase some neat gifts for their family. There will also be free gift wrapping at the Christmas store.

Child Safety

Here at Five Forks Baptist Church we want to take every measure to ensure the safety of the children within our ministries. Every group of children must be accompanied by at least two members of the church that have been members for six months, as well as have completed a background check. Also, all volunteers must have a completed background check. We also utilize various systems to ensure that each child goes home with a person that is approved by their parent or guardian.

As mentioned previously, we will be using a car line for pick up. Each family will be issued two car tags. When you come to pick up your child just show the car tag and they will be sent out and assisted into your car. For a more detailed building layout see page 8.



How Can I Help?

We want to encourage all our parents to volunteer in some capacity, if they are able. We have opportunities to listen to verses during the handbook time, helping kids memorize their verses, assisting with game time, or even helping with the awards. There also will be opportunities to volunteer for special events throughout the year. In order to help protect the children in our care, all volunteers must go through a background check. Please see the next page for information concerning volunteering.

There is a place for everyone in AWANA!!

Volunteer Registration for 2018-2019

If interested send the information below to Paul Madak at FiveforksAWANA @yahoo.com

Name _____ DOB _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip:_____

Have you ever served in AWANA before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, in what capacity? _____

AWANA starts September 9th at 5pm. We want all volunteers to be at AWANA and ready 10 minutes before the program starts.

How would you like to serve? There are several areas of opportunity to serve. Some of the areas you can help in more than one spot do to the commitment. Those are shown in **bold and underlined.**

- ☐ **Leader T&T 3rd to 5th grade**
- ☐ **Handbook Listener**
- ☐ **Car Line Dismissal**
- ☐ Game time Assistant
- ☐ **Leader Sparks K5 to 2nd grade**
- ☐ Substitute
- ☐ **Secretary/Awards Assistant**
- ☐
- ☐ Willing to serve, let me know where you need me.

Important Note: All volunteers must agree to a background check and if the volunteer is not a member of this congregation, we request a letter of recommendation from your pastor or church board stating that you are a member in good standing.