

East Side Baptist Church

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Hello, parents! We are looking forward to another great year of AWANA at East Side Baptist Church! My name is Pastor Nathan, and I am serving as the Awana Commander this year.

As you probably know, AWANA is our Wednesday night ministry for children 2 years old through 6th grade. (We also have a Wednesday youth program for those in grades 7-12 and adult Bible studies for men and women.) We are excited about starting a new year on Aug. 24th. The evening kicks off at 6:30pm and runs until 8pm each Wednesday that school is in session.

This year we are asking for your help and cooperation as we implement some key improvements. The first improvement is a computerized child check-in system (with accompanying name tags). Our primary goal is to keep your children safe from drop off to pick up. But we also want this to be simple. We think it's appropriate that the program is called "Breeze." It's our hope that checking your children in and out is just that - a breeze. But starting this year *all parents dropping off their children will need to come in to the building to check in children to classes and pick them up at the end of the night.* Look for more details and a demonstration of how the program will work at one of our parent meetings - Aug. 24 or Aug. 31, 6:40-6:55pm. We only ask you to come to one of those meetings, but your participation is much appreciated!

Another great addition to the program this year is an Awana Facebook page. Parents will be able to look here for Awana announcements, alerts, and pictures throughout the year. This is a "closed group" so parents must request permission to join the page. Search for "AWANA - East Side Baptist Church" and request to join today.

At the beginning of the Awana year, children will receive an introductory Bible study at no cost. When they have completed this study they will have the opportunity to purchase a book for the year. We will notify you when this happens. Each book will cost \$10.00. If you are unable to afford this, please talk with your child's director and they will work with you to get what is needed.

And finally, Awana follows the lead of Crawfordsville Community Schools when it comes to weather emergencies. If Crawfordsville schools are closed due to weather, AWANA will also be canceled. You may also listen for an announcement on radio station WCVL/WIMC (1550 AM and 103.9 FM), Covington's radio station WFOF (90.3 FM), or look to the Awana Facebook page.

Thank you for allowing us to teach the Bible to your children! If you have any questions, please call the church at 362-1785.

In Christ,



Pastor Nathan Chambers