



October 2008

Dear Parents,

AWANA begins Wednesday November 5, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Students in grades K-5 are invited to join the program at Village Baptist Church. Those students who attend United Elementary will be picked up at school and transported to the church for pre-AWANA activities and a snack. Dean Patterson, Pastor Terry Johnston, and Barb Howard will provide transportation. Please have a permission slip on file at school and call the church office to let our drivers know your child needs transportation **#309-482-3330**. If your child is not attending on a specific date, please notify the school and the church office.

AWANA is a children's program that teaches scripture memorization and gives kids lots of fun activities and games in a church setting. It is non-denominational and is used by churches across the US and around the world. All leaders have been trained in the program with approximately 15 hours of training or more.

AWANA will meet every Wednesday after school except when school is not in session. **In case of a snow day or an early dismissal, AWANA will not meet.** Other dates AWANA will not meet are the Wednesdays before Thanksgiving and Easter. Children who have not been in school on Wednesday due to illness or injury should not come to AWANA. One Wednesday a month will feature a family night for AWANA children, their parents and siblings, and the church family. These special evenings will begin after AWANA and conclude by 7:00 at the latest. Usually this will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday evening of the month. Invitations will be sent home with the children.

You must come into the church and pick your child up. If someone other than a parent is picking your child up, please send a note for AWANA staff indicating who is picking your child up. The last 5 minutes of meeting time will feature awards so you will want to arrive in time to see your child receive awards.

There are no regular dues for AWANA. We will take offerings at special events and you will be asked to pay for your child's uniform and book if at all possible. A letter will be sent home when your child finishes the introductory brochure.

**If you have any questions, please call Pastor Terry at #309-482-3330 or #309-482-3740. Information is also available on the church website: [vbcalexis.com](http://vbcalexis.com)**

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I give my child \_\_\_\_\_ permission to attend AWANA at Village Baptist. I understand that my child will be picked up at United Elementary and transported to the church for AWANA.

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_