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Shameka joined the staff of Bethany in November 2018. Shameka holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration/Accounting and Finance from Austin Peay State University and a Master of Divinity/Leadership from Liberty Divinity School. She also is a

veteran having served in the United States Army. Prior to joining Bethany, Shameka worked in child and youth services for over ten years. She has served as a child and youth advisor, mentor, and as a leader in a liturgical dance ministry. Shameka's favorite scripture verse is Romans 12:2, and her life mission can be summed up as, " ... intentional to reflect Christ in all areas of my life."

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To register for events or for more information on any of our Bethany Kids Ministry programs, you may visit our church website at **YourBethany.org**.

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DO your best to present yourselves as one approved as a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. - 2 Timothy 2:15



Why Have AWANA?



The Bethany Awana Program is a weekly **Christ-centered club for children ages 4 through 5th grade**. Club night consists of interactive large group lessons, exploring God's Word in small groups, and a fun-filled game time, all done in an orderly, safe and respectful environment. **Why AWANA? Here's why:**

- To fulfill the great commission. How many children are still not being reached with the gospel?
- To supplement Sunday School. Children spend 25 hours per year learning God's word.
- To get parents involved in their children's spiritual development.
- To reinforce what is being taught at home.
- Children must enjoy God's Word!
- Christian friendships are a powerful tool against Satan's grip on the church.
- Our children desperately need Godly heroes (Parents, Awana Leaders, and Pastors).
- Discipleship. We are training our children to be a powerful influence in the community

Did you
Know?

AWANA stands for:
Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed

Our Emphasis — The Gospel Message: **For by grace, you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God. — Ephesians 2:8**

Scripture Memory — **I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11**

Our Activities

- Bible Quizzes, Games, Special Events
- Bible Knowledge, Relationships, Self-Confidence, and Awards

Schedule — AWANA meets **every Wednesday evening** (except holidays) at Bethany Church from **6:30 pm-8:00 pm** during the school year.



Cubbies celebrates the spiritual potential of preschoolers (4- to 5-year-olds) by helping them develop respect for God, His Son and His Word.

Preschoolers can hardly wait for their next Cubbies club meeting. Whether it's the fun puppets, the exciting games or all their fellow cubbie friends; they simply love it.

At story time each week, preschoolers learn about God: the greatness of His Love and His Word and about His Son, Jesus Christ, the promised savior.

Non-competitive games build excitement and reinforce story time lesson themes. Cubbies helps you lead your child to God early so your child can respect and trust Him for life.



Sparks® ignites the curiosity of **early elementary-age kids** to learn about the people and events of the Bible, building a foundation of wisdom for knowing Christ.

To many children in kindergarten to second grade, Sparks is the highlight of the week! They love their red vests, the exciting games and spending time with leaders and friends.

Sparks is divided into three years, and each year has a unique rank: HangGlider®, WingRunner® and SkyStormer™.

Each year, kids in Sparks:

- Explore the biographies of people of the Bible from a new portion of Scripture
- Memorize Bible verses
- Complete handbook activities



The Truth & Training curriculum teaches kids the truth of God's Word, trains them to follow Him and practice His grace. **T&T engages 3rd-5th graders** by answering their questions about God and the Bible, guiding them through this pivotal life stage to grow in Christ's grace.

At Awana, our goal is to equip our leaders to reach your kids and walk alongside them as they grow in their faith.

New features have been added to the program that allow for retention and application of the verses and Gospel message, creating greater inroads for discipleship on T&T night.

Families with 6th graders can attend Awana or join our Student Ministry Gather Program.