

Culberson Chronicle



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The Culberson Family In Review

January: Joel and I, along with his mom and dad and 3 other siblings and their spouses all went on a 7 day cruise to the Southern Caribbean. The picture below shows all of us while we were visiting the beautiful island of Dominique. It was a good thing that our cruise was so relaxing because our flight to and from San Juan (our port of call) were anything but! As my mother-in-law says "Always pack essentials in your carry-on just in case they lose your luggage." I did: my make up and tooth brush were in there! A big THANK YOU goes to Dad Culberson who



treated everyone to this very special vacation!

February: Joel and I learned that while on the cruise we brought home an extra souvenir that we didn't purchase! We found out that I was expecting baby number 4! While it was very unexpected, it answered a year-long prayer of mine. Joel's new motto is "four and no more!" I believe him now. His "three and leave it be" motto just didn't have the ring to it like the new one does!

March: Tiffany began the spring soccer season. She can give you her statistics if you ask! Her highlight of the season was having a hat-trick (three goals in one game). She was elated! Brianna was a fabulous cheerleader for her sister! Erica was moved into a big bed and is pull-up free! We are enjoying the few months of no diapers before October!

April: Grandma-in-the-mountains came for a visit while Joel and I went to Summit in St. Louis. The girls had a wonderful time (as did Grandma) and it was a nice break for Joel

and I! Everyone cried when Grandma left. We look forward to seeing her and Grandpa in October after the baby is here! At the end of the month I had my first sonogram at 17 weeks. We were verifying the due date so we didn't expect to know if it was a boy or a girl, but we did. We are going to have a baby boy and we are ecstatic (the girls included)! I have pictures if anyone is interested! Please continue to pray for a healthy pregnancy, baby and smooth delivery.

May: We are getting ready for a week of Awana Missionary R&R in Lancaster PA. If you think it is only Awana clubbers and leaders who get to have fun ...think again!! Joel will have a chance to play some golf and I am very excited about an all day trip to Gettysburg!

All of the US and Canadian missionaries will converge on PA and leave renewed, encouraged and equipped to continue on serving the Lord in children's ministry.

Memorial Day will be relaxing as we visit cousins in Newton, Kansas. They have three boys all the ages of our girls. It will be great watching them interact! We also hope to visit the Awana Missionaries in that area. They are new to the field and go to our cousins' church! Have a wonderful summer!

CONGRATULATIONS



The following young men and women have earned their Citation Award, Awana's highest achievement! A big thank you goes out to all of the parents and leaders that have worked with them. We praise these teens for the time and commitment they have put into learning and memorizing God's Word. Veronica and I pray that the knowledge that you have gained over the past 10 years will be used to honor and glorify God as you seek to serve Him and do His will. If we are missing anyone, we apologize, but please let us know.

Katie Allcorn
Benjamin Anderson
Emily Brock
Connie Cecil (leader)
Benjiman Dougherty IV
Brittany Hadley
Karin Hutson
Jonathan Keener
Karla Kelly
Christian Kriegel
Luke Lancaster
Jason Loden

Adam Mickelson
Ryan O'Hern
Hope Patterson
Andrew Powell
Samantha Rauch
Rachel Richardson
Shawna Ristow
Gregory Schrodt
Craig Short
Carolyn Timlick (leader)
Sarah Wilson



Antioch Bible Baptist Church and Red Bridge Baptist Church participated at Summit in St. Louis, MO. They were awarded their Citation at a special ceremony during the week.

REGIONAL EVENT DATES TO REMEMBER

BASIC TRAININGS

KC Area Saturday, July 30th, 9:00am
Thursday, August 11th, 6:30pm
Saturday, August 20th, 9:00am
Thursday, September 15th, 6:30pm
Thursday, October 13th, 6:30pm
Antioch Bible Baptist
800 NE 72nd St.
Gladstone, MO



SWMO Area Saturday, August 13th, 9:00am
Tuesday, August 16th, 6:30pm
Second Baptist Church
3111 E. Battlefield
Springfield, MO

Topeka Area Saturday, July 30th, 9:00am
First Southern Baptist Church
1912 SW Gage Blvd.
Topeka, KS

Saturday, July 30th, 9:00am
Forest Park Baptist Church
725 Highview
Joplin, MO

FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES:

Topeka Area Saturday, August 27th
First Southern Baptist Church
1912 SW Gage Blvd.
Topeka, KS

SWMO Area Saturday, September 17th
High Street Baptist Church
900 N. Eastgate Rd.
Springfield, MO

Kansas City Area Saturday, September 24th
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church
1600 N. 291 Hwy
Liberty, MO

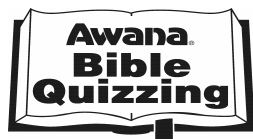
REGIONAL GRAND PRIX:

SWMO Area TBA

KC/Topeka Area TBA



REGIONAL BIBLE QUIZ:



SWMO Area Saturday, January 28th
High Street Baptist Church
900 N. Eastgate Rd.
Springfield, MO

Kansas City Saturday, February 4th
Antioch Bible Baptist
800 NE 72nd St.
Gladstone, MO

Topeka Saturday, February 11th
First Southern Baptist Church
1912 SW Gage Blvd.
Topeka, KS

REGIONAL AWANAGAMES:



KC Club & Sparks Saturday, March 4th
KC Kansas Comm. College

SWMO Area Saturday, March 18th
Republic Comm. Center

JV/Journey Saturday, March 10-11
Blue Valley NW H.S.

SUMMIT 2006:

April 19-22 in Chicago, IL

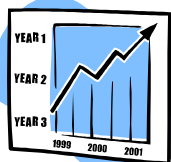
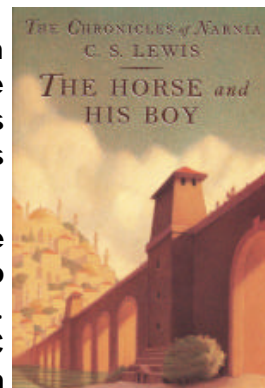


www.awanafamilyconnection.com

The Awana Family Connection Web site has been rebuilt and restocked! Our new Web site offers top-quality resources, assembled primarily to help parents encourage and nurture spiritual growth in the home. Using Deuteronomy 6:4-9 as our basis, our site educates and encourages parents and provides appropriate resources. By offering books, music, games, videos and other products, we want to enable prayer, discussion and spiritual discipline in the home, in the car or wherever a family might gather. A free parents newsletter, called the "Awana Family Connection" will be emailed monthly, providing links to AFC and to great parenting tips and suggestions and forums on the Awana website. You will need to sign up for this free newsletter.

In addition, we also offer a broad selection of products from the *Awana Ministry Guide*. We feature gift-type items, like Cubbie and Sparkie earrings and a variety of polo shirts and t-shirts, as well as verse music CDs and cassettes to help connect parents and kids together in the Awana experience.

Most Awana leaders want their kids' parents to spend more time on Scripture memory at home, and AFC is here to help encourage that involvement. We hope you'll support this effort. Your church should be receiving, if not already, a large AFC promotional poster and information about the site to share with their people.



Support Report

Praise the Lord for the growth in our territory! We now serve 240 churches which is about a 10% increase from last year. Presently we have 93% of our needed monthly financial support. We are so thankful for every gift we receive. Please continue to pray for our support level.



Parent Pause is especially for Cubbies parents.

Many parents today don't know how to give their kids the spiritual guidance they need. This newsletter can be a starting point for the influence of the local church in these families' lives. Our desire is to help parents give their children the gift of their time and attention that will result in strong families with a biblical

understanding of life. Encourage all the Cubbies leaders in your church to use it as a tool to reach out to the parents of your Cubbies - after all, parents are the major influence in the lives of these kids! Each monthly issue features:

- A meaningful truth from Scripture.
- Parenting tips and family-centered activities.
- Practical ideas for nurturing the parent-child relationship and having conversations about God.
- A page for you to add your own announcements and club news.

Sign up for Parent Pause by going to: www2.awana.org/subscriptions and each month you'll get a reminder when Parent Pause is posted.

CHURCH RENEWALS

ATTENTION CHURCHES:

A renewal packet will be mailed to the church the first week of June. Please update all information and club data and mail the form in as soon as possible (do not hold on to it). Awana HQ needs to hear from all churches and it is very important this year to get correct club data. HQ was short nearly 1,000 church renewal forms last year. This affects the stats across the nation. A separate mailing for the renewal fee will be mailed shortly after. (\$75.00 renewal fee)



Because their Future is Now

We believe there is a growing movement of leaders that want to make a radical difference in ministry to children and parents. Leaders play a key role in shaping the spiritual future of their clubbers. Our theme for the annual Leadership Conference is "Because their Future is Now". We pray that you will see your Awana kids as not the future of tomorrow, but the future of today. We want the leaders to know we have new tools they have never seen before that will show them what to do in order to shape their kids' future -- now. Our Leadership Conferences are designed to give you fresh ideas in working with children and youth and to help you get excited about your own walk with Jesus Christ. You will learn plenty of new ideas and gain information that will improve your clubs, while re-discovering the joy of reaching and training kids for Christ. We have an exciting line-up of speakers that will truly challenge you in seeing the importance of children's and youth ministry. Be looking for the list of workshops on our website this summer. Please encourage your Awana leaders to attend one of the conferences. This year, each conference will be ALL DAY trainings, except the Topeka date. We will also have a "Seminar-within-a-Conference" that will cover the Rorheim Institute training. More information will be sent out in the future.

TOPEKA CONFERENCE August 27th - First Southern Baptist Church, Topeka, KS
SWMO CONFERENCE September 17th - High Street Baptist Church, Springfield, MO
KANSAS CITY CONFERENCE September 24th - Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Liberty, MO

Prayer and Praise Report

- ◆ For the upcoming Basic Trainings this summer
- ◆ Pray for the staff and teens that will be involved with Red River Valley Scholarship Camp June 18-25. Pray that lives will be changed.
- ◆ For our ministry team as they help us with the planning and preparation of upcoming events.
- ◆ For the Rorheim Institute and the Conferences that will take place this fall along side our Leadership Conferences.



- ◆ For a committed, faithful, and hard-working ministry team. We are so thankful that God has placed them in our area. Their support at the regional events and through their many prayers for our churches has allowed God to bless our ministry.
- ◆ Our area saw 26 new churches start Awana in 2004, thus a 10% increase in the total number of Awana churches in E. KS / W. MO.. Praise the Lord!!

Where in the World is your Awana Missionary?

June

- 4: KC/Topeka Ministry Team Meeting
- 11: SWMO Ministry Team Meeting
- 18-25: Red River Valley Scholarship Camp

July

- 15: Anniversary
- 30: KC, SWMO & Topeka, Basic Training
- 30: Veronica's Birthday

August

- 11: KC Basic Training
- 13: SWMO Basic Training
- 16: SWMO Basic Training
- 19: JV Kickoff - Pleasant Valley Baptist
- 20: KC Basic Training
- 27: Topeka Leadership Conference**

September

- 15: KC Basic Training
- 17: SWMO Leadership Conference**
- 18: Club Speaking - Springfield Bible
- 24: KC Leadership Conference**



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