

AWANA

National Capital Region

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A new year brings new challenges and we are looking forward to what God will bring in 2009. As a nation we have inaugurated a new President. Let us be mindful to "Pray without ceasing", not only for our new President but for our country as well. We live in fragile times and it is refreshing to know that no matter what our world may do, whether good or bad, God is still in control.

As a family, 2009 brings several milestones.

To start things off Nic celebrated his 18th birthday on January 9. He will be graduating from Grace Brethren Christian School in Clinton, Maryland this May. He has plans to go on another Missions trip this summer. It will be his fourth trip in three years. Nic has already put to good use some of the talents and gifts God has given him.



Noah becomes a teenager this year as he turns 13 this May. Thank you for your prayers for our family. God has blessed us abundantly more than we deserve.



In January, Bill attended Awana Commander College 101 in Orlando, Florida. Commander College gives specialized training to Awana Commanders to help them make their ministries everything God intended!

This was done in anticipation of another new and exciting opportunity for all Commanders of the National Capital Region. We will be holding our first Commander College 101 on April 30, May 1 and 2, 2009 in the Baltimore area. Details can be found at [www.Awana.org](http://www.Awana.org) and [www.Awanamd.org](http://www.Awanamd.org)

In the photo to the right, Bill is participating in one of the skits used during the Commander College.



February starts our Bible Quizzing and Awana-Games season. We have three Quizzes, three Games and one 24/7 ministries Super Saturday planned through March. Pray for the speakers who present the Gospel and for safety during the Games.

Another matter of urgent prayer is our support raising. Our monthly support has fallen to around 60%. Although we have some faithful churches and individuals who we are grateful for, we still need to raise more. Due to this Bill will be attending training February 21 through March 6 at Awana Headquarters on raising support. Please pray for us as we enter this time of deputation.

Thank you again for your prayers and support. Awana Clubs exist because of faithful volunteers and supporters who want to see boys and girls come to know, love and serve Jesus Christ.

