

Welcome to the 2009



National Capital Region

Awana Ministry Conference

Grace Baptist Church - Bowie, Maryland

October 17, 2009



Conference Schedule

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| 8:00 - 8:40 | Registration - Coffee, juice and donuts served in the Gym |
| 8:45 - 9:30 | Opening General Session -
Keynote Speaker: Attorney David Gibbs III
Christian Law Association |
| 9:40 - 10:30 | Workshop 1 |
| 10:40 - 11:30 | Workshop 2 |
| 11:40 - 12:10 | Red Ticket Lunch /General Session 1 |
| 12:20 - 12:50 | Blue Ticket Lunch /General Session 2 |
| 1:00 - 1:50 | Workshop 3 |
| 2:00 - 2:50 | Workshop 4 |
| 3:00 - 3:30 | Closing General Session |

Please take time to visit the sales table and displays throughout the day. Cash and Checks accepted at the Sales Table.

THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY!

YOUR AWANA MISSIONARIES



Welcome to our 2009 National Capital Region Awana Ministry Conference. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support for the National Capital ministry which has grown to 200 clubs so far this year. We look forward to visiting your church and club as we continue our ministry in the National Capital Region. We covet your prayers for our family as we travel and for the many clubs that are starting the Awana ministry this year. We are privileged to serve beside you here in Maryland, Northern Virginia and Washington D.C.

Bill and Judi
Nic and Noah



During the General Session and all Workshops, please be courteous to others and turn all cell phones off or to silent mode.

2009 Conference Staff

Bill Bianco	Awana Missionary	MD, N. Va, Wash. DC
David Gibbs III	Christian Law Association	Seminole, FL
Monte Leister	www.musicwithmonte.com	Westminster, MD
Bill Barrows	Ministry Team	Lanham, MD
Bill Gunter	Ministry Team	Hanover, PA
James King	Ministry Team	Westminster, MD
Sandy Mikesh	Ministry Team	Bowie, MD
Deb Murphy	Ministry Team	Seabrook, MD
Deb Vincent	Ministry Team	New Carrollton, MD
Chris Ward	Ministry Team	Alexandria, VA
Shellie Wilson	Ministry Team	Bowie, MD
Mike Wilson	Ministry Team	Bowie, MD
Dr. Nancy Shields	Tool Kit Ministries	Columbia, MD
Pastor Josh Baker	Capital Baptist	Annandale, VA
Todd Lennon	Derwood Bible	Derwood, MD
Karen Vile	Derwood Bible	Derwood, MD
Sandy Bossard	Grace Baptist	Bowie, MD
Harriet Guthrie	Calvary Road Baptist	Alexandria, VA
Keith Neihart	Calvary Road Baptist	Alexandria, VA
David Painter	Calvary Road Baptist	Alexandria, VA
Emily Lette	www.justfavored.com	Alexandria, VA

Our appreciation and a special thank you to the following:

Grace Baptist Church for hosting this year's conference. We appreciate your hospitality!
To the workshop leaders, helpers, staff, etc. Thank you for your hours of work.



Workshop Period One 9:40 - 10:30

Room: Sanctuary Protecting Your Awana Ministry from Lawsuits

The Bible refers to children as a precious “heritage of the Lord” – literally an inheritance received directly from the Lord into our care and protection. What can we do to protect precious, vulnerable children, and, at the same time, what can we do to protect the ministry?

Attorney David Gibbs III

Room: 100 - 102 Making the Gospel Simple: (Gospel Basics)

Using object lessons, illustrations and colors to explain God’s simple plan of salvation. This includes ideas to be collected and shared along scripture such as John 3:16 with colors.

Dr. Nancy Shields

Room: 101 -103 AwanaGames Judges Meeting Workshop #1 of two workshops

Come and learn the ins and outs of judging our region wide Awana Games in order to pass the on-line test.

Bill Barrows

Room: 104 Social Networking: Good or Bad

Learn about the pros and cons of social networking on the internet presented by the creator of www.justfavored.com, a new social networking site for Christian teens.

Emily Lette

Room: 106 “The Gift”

A video on how to lead a clubber to Christ. The video features Awana President and CEO Jack Eggar and Dr. Erwin Lutzer Senior pastor of Moody Church in Chicago. The main points will be discussed following the video. A pin for your uniform will be given to those who attend this workshop.

Shellie Wilson

Room: 114 Sparks Roundtable

A sharing time between Sparks leaders. An interactive time to help improve your Sparks Club or for you to help others who may have questions

Sandy Bossard

Room: 116

Awana Basic Training Part #1

Required Awana orientation for new leaders emphasizing the Gospel using the Gospel Wheel

James King

Room: 200

Awana at Home

Using Awana's newest ministry to develop a dynamic partnership between Awana, the church and the home.

Chris Ward

Room: 201

Rock Solid Kids – Part #1

Build a strong ministry modeled on scriptural teaching. Key Scripture passages explain the importance, responsibility, content and opportunity of children's ministry.

David Painter

Room: 202

Size Doesn't Matter

How to run a club and helpful tips from a commander who started an Awana club in the basement of people's homes.

"Commander Bill" Gunter

Room: 204

Game time like you've never seen before! #1

I guarantee it. No "common" or "game book" games. Topics: The complex and the simple, Game theme nights, games that leave 'em begging for more.

Pastor Josh Baker

Room: 206

18 Ways to Kill an Awana Club

A different approach to learning what not to do in your Awana Club.

Bill Bianco

Room: 207

Square Pegs in Round Holes

Using Spiritual Gifts Effectively in Club

Todd Lennon

Workshop Period Two 10:40 - 11:30

Room: Sanctuary Estate Planning for the Christian: What Documents Do I Need?

Do I need a will? Do I need a "Living Will?" Here are the answers to the most commonly asked questions.

Attorney David Gibbs III

Room: 100 - 102 Scriptures that Sing

This class emphasizes using music as a tool to enhance scripture memorization. Take simple melodies and match to scripture verses to help put God's Word in the heart of children. This method helps all ages and learning levels. Be prepared to "Sing" God's Word in this class.

Dr. Nancy Shields

Room: 101 -103 AwanaGames Judges Meeting Workshop #2 of two workshops

Come and learn the ins and outs of judging our region wide Awana Games in order to pass the on-line test.

Bill Barrows

Room: 106 Creative Balloon Making

Learn how to make Balloon creatures to use in your children's ministry.

Deb Murphy

Room: 114 Truth and Training Roundtable

A sharing time between T and T leaders. An interactive time to help you improve your T and T Club or for you to help others who may have questions.

Sandy Mikesh

Room: 116 Awana Basic Training Part #2

Required Awana orientation for new leaders emphasizing the different Awana Clubs and leader roles.

James King

Room: 200 Raising Children with a Biblical Worldview

Modeled after Joseph of the Old Testament, who maintained his faith in spite of challenging circumstances. It features insights for growing kids spiritually, plotting out critical milestones from the toddler years through adolescence to raising a modern-day Joseph while allowing for the uniqueness of each child.

Chris Ward

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Rock Solid Kids – Part #2

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David Painter

Room: 202

Awana Goes High Tech (Media Mania)

Using today's technology in every aspect of your club to take your ministry to the next level..

"Commander Bill" Gunter

Room: 203

Fun Theme Nights

Different ideas you may not have heard about concerning theme nights. Never heard of theme nights?

Come and find out all about them.

Karen Vile

Room: 204

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Pastor Josh Baker

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Cubbies Roundtable

A sharing time between Cubbies leaders. An interactive time to help you improve your Cubbies Clubs or for you to help others who may have questions.

Todd Lennon



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Go to www.awana.org/Commandercollege

Lunch One/ General Session One

11:40 – 12:10

*All those with a **Red** Lunch ticket found in your packet please go to the Gymnasium for lunch.*

Everyone else proceed to the Sanctuary.

Thank you.

Lunch Two/ General Session Two

12:20 – 12:50

*All those with a **Blue** Lunch ticket found in your packet please go to the Gymnasium for lunch.*

Everyone else proceed to Sanctuary.

Thank You.

They're ready to hear...



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Room: 100 - 102 Creative Ways to use Music in your Club

Expand your scope as you discover new songs and new styles of music that can be effective in your Awana Club.

Monte Leister

**Room: 101 -103 Sparks-A-Rama Judges Meeting
Workshop #1 of two workshops**

Come and learn the ins and outs of judging our region wide Sparks-A-Rama in order to pass the on-line test.

Bill Barrows

Room: 104 Awana Basic Training/ Sparks Training Part #1

For those doing Basic training this is the Sparks Club (K-2nd grade) specific training.

Keith Neihart

Room: 106 Training LIT's

Learn how to train LIT's and effectively use them in Children's ministry. This workshop is not intended for LIT's only those train and lead them.

Deb Murphy

**Room: 114 So you want to coach an AwanaGames or
Sparks-A-Rama team**

Helpful hints on new items, how to register, prepare and coach an AwanaGames or Sparks-A-Rama team

Mike Wilson

**Room: 116 Creating an Awana store that will rival
Chuck E Cheese!**

There's no need to succumb to trinket toys! Learn the ins and outs of successful store management, promotion, and financing that will bring your club a huge Wow! Factor

Pastor Josh Baker

Room: 200 Why Isn't Tanner Coming Back to Awana Club?

**"Tanner" represents the countless boys and girls, who for one reason or another, quit coming to Awana.
Why Tanner quit and what you can do about it.**

Chris Ward

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Build a strong ministry modeled on scriptural teaching. Key Scripture passages explain the importance, responsibility, content and opportunity of children's ministry.

David Painter

Room: 202 Do They Run When They See you Coming?

Without a vision, the volunteers will vanish... helping potential volunteers see the need for and the vision of Awana

"Commander Bill" Gunter

Room: 203 Awana Basic Training / T and T Training Part #1

For those doing the Basic training this is the Truth and Training club (3rd – 6th grade) specific training.

Sandy Mikesh

Room: 204 H1N1 Information and Your Awana Club

Find out guidelines concerning the H1N1 virus (Swine flu), what to be aware of and how to keep your Awana Club safe.

James King

Room: 205 Puggles Training

Information and training for those interested in and working with Puggles club (two year olds) in Awana.

Harriet Guthrie

Room: 206 Personalities are Different... in Kids too!

Let's examine what four different personalities people, including boys and girls, may have. Take a simple test and find out yours before you leave today.

Bill Bianco

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Todd Lennon

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Bill Barrows

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Keith Neihart

Room: 114: Commander Roundtable

Do you feel like you are all alone as a Commander? Come network with other Commanders and see how you can make your Awana Ministry the best it can be.

James King

Room: 116 Puppetry 101

Kids won't listen to you tell the Bible Story? Would you believe, they will listen to a piece of talking foam with plastic eyeballs? Come learn the basics of sharing Christ through puppets, how to implement a team, and where to get the best resources.

Pastor Josh Baker

Room: 200 Awana Resources and Tools (ART)

Learn information concerning the leadership portal, Awana Resources and Tools (ART) at www.Awana.org. Designed especially for Awana commanders and leaders, ART gives you exclusive access to the tools, creative materials, ideas, instruction and inspiration you've come to expect from

Awana.

Chris Ward

Room: 201

Rock Solid Kids – Part #2

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David Painter

Room: 202

Awana 24/7 Ministries

A look at the Trek and Journey Ministries of Awana. The workshop will be in the roundtable format but pertinent training information will be given as well.

“Commander Bill” Gunter

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Sandy Mikesh

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Effective Secretary Roundtable

Experienced as well as new Awana Secretaries are welcome to come together and discuss how to be a productive and organized Awana Secretary for all Awana Clubs

Karen Vile

Room: 205

How to encourage Clubbers with Special Needs

Working with LD and ADHD children in all parts of a club night

Sandy Bossard

Room: 206

Sharing Christ with Kids: Evaluating the Readiness of a Child to Receive Christ.

Parents and Church Workers should gain skill in developing spiritual relationships and diagnosing spiritual readiness.

Bill Bianco

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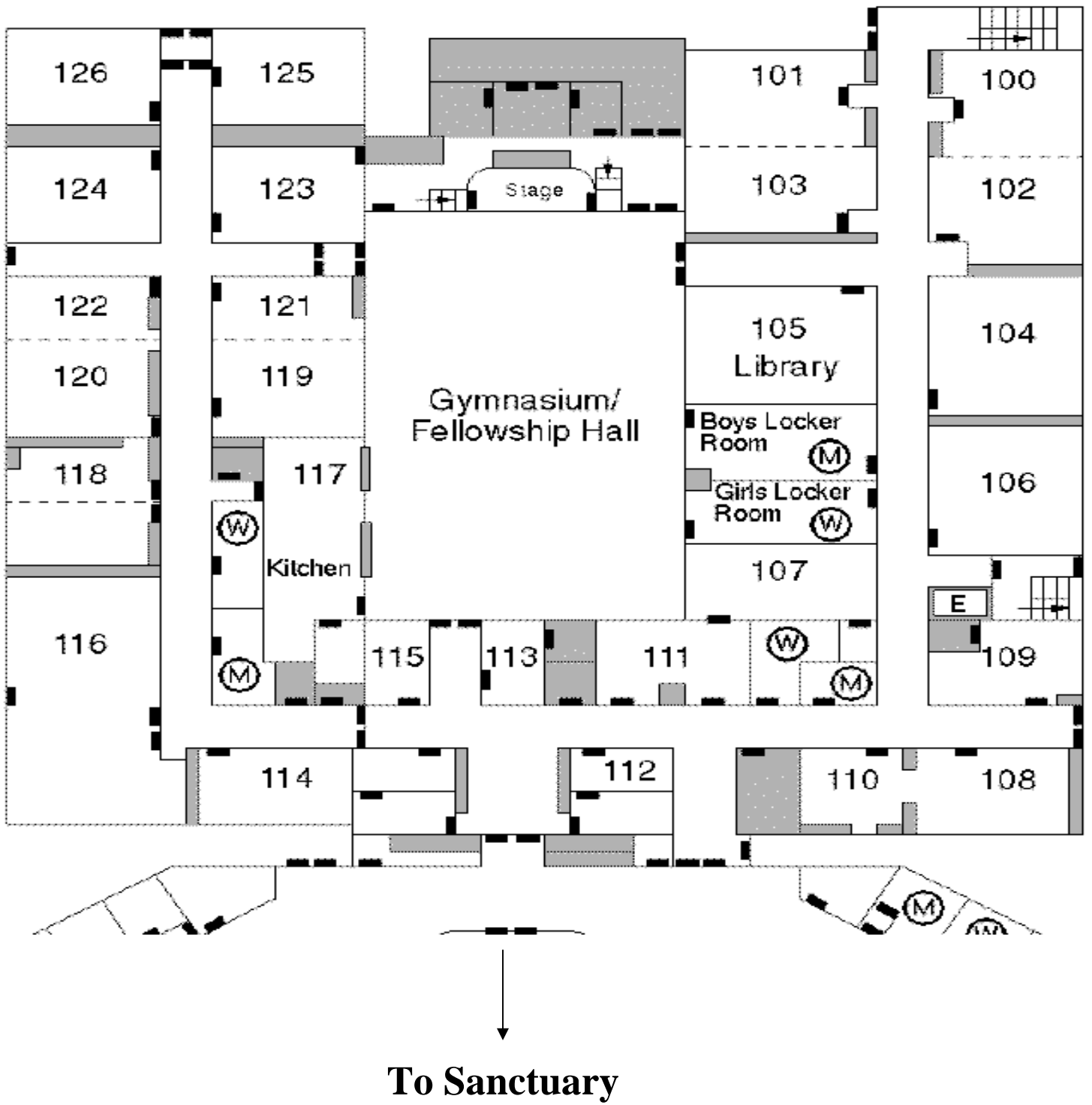
Todd Lennon

Closing Session

3:00 – 3:30

Everyone in Sanctuary

1st Floor



2nd Floor

