

Dear Parents,

I would like to take a moment to thank all of you for your involvement in Awana club. It's been such a pleasure working with your children and they've made it such a great year so far. Today, I'd like to tell you about an upcoming event that I am really excited about. This will be the first time that Cornerstone has participated in the Awana Verse-a-thon. You play an important part in helping Awana transform and train our kids to serve Jesus. Verse memorization has always been foundational to the Awana program and the Verse-a-thon is their chance to show off everything that they've learned.

Money raised during our Verse-A-Thon will be used to reach children with the gospel message and engage them in lifelong discipleship by fully trained and equipped Awana leaders through the Awana Go program. If you'd like to learn more about Awana Go, please visit [www.awana.com/go](http://www.awana.com/go). This mission focused program plants Awana programs in third world countries and truly reaches all corners of the earth. '

Like a 'jog-a-thon' or other similar events, pledges are collected for verses recited from memory by our clubbers. Please come join in on the fun.

**Who?** Awana clubbers at Cornerstone Church.

**Why?** To provide an opportunity for your clubber to reach children around the world and help them attend an Awana club where they will hear about Jesus.

**How?** Verses must come from the child's current Awana booklet or handbook. Help your clubber decide how many verses they want to quote using the tracking sheet, which is included in their Verse-A-Thon packet. Your child can use this sheet as they study their verses to be ready to say on Verse-A-Thon night. Parents, please be involved during the weeks leading up to the Verse-A-Thon to help your students memorize as many verses as possible.

**Who Pledges?** Find sponsors among family, neighbors, and friends. Request a pledge per verse or a fixed amount pledge for your child's recitation on Verse-A-Thon night. The goal is to have 10 or more sponsors. Record the pledges on the Verse-A-Thon sponsor sheet, included in your packet.

**When?** Our club's Verse-A-Thon is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22nd during the normal club time from 6-7:30. Your child should be prepared to recite their verses from memory to a listener (with helps according to the Awana guidelines).

**When are Pledges Due?** After the Verse-A-Thon night, kids will have two weeks to collect and turn in all pledges. Funds are due on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Please collect donations in the form of checks payable to Cornerstone Baptist church. Cash will be accepted, but not preferred.

Whether your child knows 5, 20, or 50 verses, we want all children to participate and so encourage them to take the challenge and see what they know. You'll be surprised!!

If you have any questions, please contact me at [awana@cornerstonesedalia.com](mailto:awana@cornerstonesedalia.com). Thank you all for your support.

For His Glory,

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