

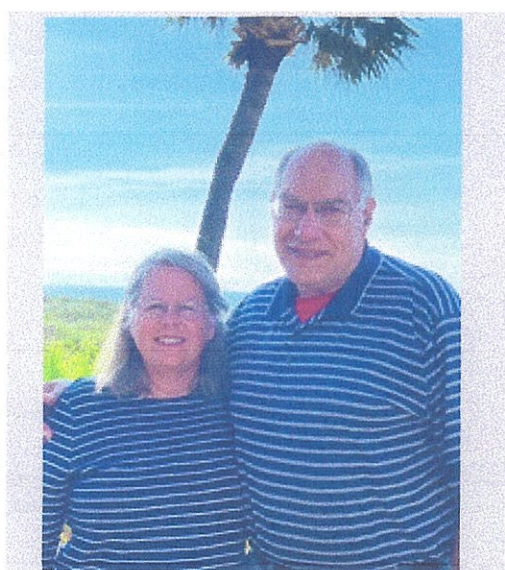


**I have no greater joy  
than to hear that my  
children are walking  
in the truth.**

**3 John 1:4**

**Bill & Dee Fugel | July, 2022 Newsletter**

**Thank you so much for helping  
us carry the fire of faith to the  
next generation!**



## **Impact Stories**

With the summer season, we are responding to new inquiries regarding the Awana ministry and several requests for assistance re-starting their Awana club. These churches are interested in re-engaging with parents within their church family and in being an outreach in their community.

As one church considered the restart of their Awana club after being shut down for over 15 years, a Sunday visitor fanned the flames for their club restart. Jesse had been a kid from their community, and somewhat of a "handful" each club night nearly 20 years ago. However, just a few weeks ago, Jesse and his wife were visitors in the Sunday morning service. They were looking for a church home for their family. Jesse came back to the church that had opened their doors and their arms to a kid from the neighborhood. And, the church was reminded of the vision for which the Awana ministry was intended to "reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ and train them to serve HIM!" Jesse, the handful, may soon become Jesse, the Awana volunteer.

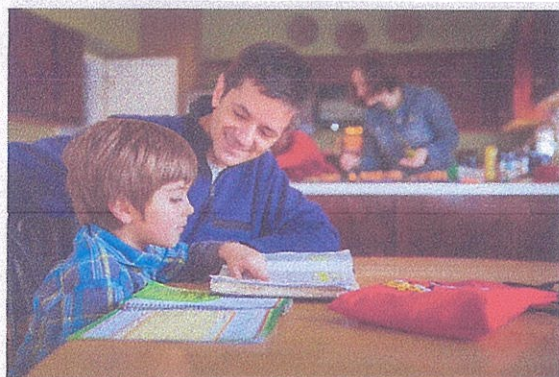
Please let us know how we can be of assistance with your plans to Reach More Kids!

## **Ministry & Equipping Highlights**

- We had a great time of fellowship, encouragement, and refreshment at the Missions Conference at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Easley.
- We are working with two new churches and four "re-start" churches for fall 2022 Awana club start-ups, and have had new inquiries almost every week.
- The year end reports from many of our churches have been such an encouragement in hearing how God is opening doors of opportunity to reach children and their families for Christ.







## Family Update

- We enjoyed a great family time with our kids and grandkids during a week of vacation at "the beach."
- Our family has been blessed with good health, strength, and travel mercies pursuing the many Awana ministry opportunities.

## Praise and Prayer Requests

- We have been encouraged by a significant increase in inquiries from churches in SC about starting or re-starting Awana clubs.
- We are working with several churches regarding STAMPs (Short Term Awana Mission Projects) in starting Awana clubs in Belize, Mexico, Cuba, Romania, and several other countries through their pastor and missionaries contacts.

## Ministry Goals

- Provide encouragement and solutions to churches who are navigating through ministry challenges.
- Equip leaders who will attend the Awana Ministry Conference at Pitts BC in Concord, NC on September 17 or the Virtual Awana Ministry Conferences on August 27 or October 22.
- Challenge churches that have not re-started Awana clubs due to Covid with a call to action, making child discipleship a priority.

## From the Awana Global Headquarters

Can you think back to a specific task or goal you wanted to accomplish and what it took to check it off your list? Perhaps you started with high levels of drive and motivation, and by the end, barely squeaked out that checkmark of completion. Or, maybe you stayed strong until the end, disciplined by your drive and hope for achievement. Either way, once you completed that goal, you set it aside and moved on to something else.

Often, we look at discipleship as a "one then done" type of objective when in reality, it's a daily rhythm we consistently engage as we look to be transformed from the inside out. "Walking in the truth" isn't a task we check off our to-do lists; it's choosing to follow Jesus in each and every moment of our lives. 3 John 1:4

Melanie Hester | Community Engagement Manager



*Pastor Steve & folks @ Grace*

Awana is a global nonprofit organization, fueled by the generous support of individuals, churches, and organizations as well as resource sales to accomplish our mission of equipping leaders to reach kids with the gospel and engage them in lifelong discipleship.

**THANKS** for partnering  
with us in reaching more  
children!

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*Bill & Dee*

**SC Awana Events 2022- 2023\***

**Awana Basics Training\*\***

(Saturday 9am-noon or Sunday 2:00-5:00p)

Awana Basics Training will cover topics from “What is Awana,” “What are the 3B’s in Child Discipleship,” “How to lead a child to Christ,” and “The nuts and bolts of Awana Club.” The training is intended for new churches, as well as a refresher for experienced Awana Leaders. The breakout sessions will feature training for each of the club age groups from Puggles and Cubbies to Sparks and T&T.

(Note: Awana HQ has requested that all churches use the on-line ABO.2 training videos prior to scheduling a live Awana Basics event. For more info please call or email for details.)

Sat, Aug 6th	Burnsview Baptist Ch	9690 Reidville Rd, Greer
Wed, Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>	Spears Creek Baptist Ch	116 Spears Creek Ch Ln, Elgin
Sat, Aug 13 <sup>th</sup>	Miles Road Baptist Ch	816 Miles Rd, Summerville

**Awana Ministry Conference**

We will partner with the NC Awana Missionaries for a live AMC at Pitts Baptist Church in Concord, NC on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, for more details and registration info please go to our NC/SC Awana website at [www.awanacarolinas.org](http://www.awanacarolinas.org). In addition, there will be two live stream National Virtual AMCs on August 27th and October 22nd with registration info available at [www.awana.org](http://www.awana.org).

**Awana Connect 2022 \*\* (6:30p-8:45p)**

Regional Awana Connect mini-conferences, aka “Awana RoadShows,” will provide Pastors, Youth Pastors, Children’s Directors, Awana Commanders, Directors, Secretaries, and Leaders with the opportunity to....

- network and share ideas with fellow laborers in children’s ministry,
- be motivated for the new Awana club year,
- learn of the 3B’s tools for more effective child discipleship ministry, and
- review Awana updates and featuring Q&A round table discussions.

Thurs, Aug 11th	Springbank Baptist Ch	5725 Fish Rd, Dalzell
Fri, Aug 12th	Miles Road Baptist Ch	816 Miles Rd, Summerville
Tues, Aug 22 <sup>nd</sup>	TBD	Greenville/Simpsonville
Thurs, Aug 24th	TBD	Columbia/Lexington area

**Awana Commander Connect\*\***

Saturday, January 28th, 2023 from 9:30a to 3:30p with location in the Columbia area TBD. Commander Connect is a mid-year mini-conference to provide the opportunity to network with fellow Commanders and Directors, share ideas, and discuss challenges in the ministry. The informal format will feature several workshops and round table discussions to share burdens and offer solutions to ministry challenges. The networking focus is always the most popular/beneficial aspect of the conference.

**\*The dates and times of these events are being finalized, and additional events are being considered/planned/scheduled. For additional info and/or to register, please contact Bill Fugel at 864.752.5126 or [billf@awana.org](mailto:billf@awana.org).**

**\*\* For planning purposes, PLEASE let us know at least one week prior to these events which location and how many will attend from your church.**