



2026/2027

Welcome to Truth & Training at Belgrade Alliance Church! We would like to thank you for trusting us to partner with you in the spiritual, emotional, social and physical nourishment of your child. We are excited for the upcoming year and have made some changes for our Truth & Training club, that we think will make the program more meaningful and fun.

About the Truth & Training Program.

Truth and Training (TnT) at Belgrade Alliance Church is a two-year weekly program for kids in 3rd and 4th grade. The name Truth & Training reflects the passion of Awana to teach upper elementary students the truth of God's Word and to train them to follow Christ in their daily lives. TnT focuses on deepening kids' understanding of Biblical truth, as well as giving them a stronger foundation to live out their faith so that they can grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

What Happens During Club?

3:30 – 4:00 PM – Check-In, Snacks, Fast-Track and Free Play

Clubbers arrive at club and get checked in. This is an informal time as kids arrive at different times. They have an after-school snack, reconnect with friends and get extra help if needed. A designated caregiver needs to check kids each week.

4:00– 4:10 PM – Opening Roundup

Spark and TnT'ers participate together for welcome, songs & prayer, as well pledges & Bible verses, before being dismissed for club specific activities.

4:10– 4:40 PM – The Gathering

Large group time for TnT clubbers to gather for worship & prayer, celebrate accomplishments, and hear a story from the Bible. We also work through the explore questions together for the handbook section we are working on that week and introduce the weekly memory verse.

4:40– 5:05 PM – Game Time

Active, high-energy games to get kids moving and having fun with their fellow clubbers.

5:05– 5:30 PM – Team Time

Small group team time is where small groups of 4 – 5 clubbers gather with their leader to work on understanding and memorizing the memory verse, share prayer requests and spend time together building relationships.

5:30 PM – Dismissal

Clubbers are dismissed downstairs in the same place they were checked in. It is important that a designated caregiver pick the child up with their security tag in hand or via photo.

Truth and Training Handbook Progression

Each year, all TnT clubbers will complete the **Start Zone Entrance Booklet**. Once this is completed, clubbers will receive their handbook and uniform shirt if they have not already earned one.

The handbook is for use during our large group “gathering time” and small group “team time”. These books help guide discussion and aid in Bible memorization. To “complete” a section, clubbers answer the handbook “start here” and “explore” questions and recite their memory verse, including the review verse from the prior section.

We will work on the handbook questions as a group during club and introduce and practice the memory verse. If a clubber misses a week, or doesn’t complete all the questions at club, they can work on them throughout the week and bring them back the next week to get signed. Clubbers should practice their verse at home and do their best to recite it to their leader the next week.

We also have an optional “Verse Worksheet” that clubbers can complete for extra points. This worksheet helps reinforce the memory verse, what it means and how they can apply it to their lives. If they complete all of them throughout the year, they will receive a special award at the end of the year.

Just ten minutes each day at home will help them memorize verses throughout the week. Parents are encouraged to help clubbers work on sections at home, so that they come to club prepared.

Truth and Training Handbook 2026/2027 - “Agents of Grace”

In “Agents of Grace”, children discover how to be Agents of Grace by learning about the attributes of God, the importance of biblical theology and the seven “I AM” statements of Jesus Christ from the Gospel of John.



T & T Awards

T&T clubbers, who progress in their handbooks, will receive awards to be displayed on their uniforms. Recognition chevrons are earned for every four sections completed. Start Zone sections are counted toward this.

If a clubber completes their handbook, they are eligible to receive a book award at the Awards Ceremony at the end of the club year. Book awards are cumulative over the four years of T & T resulting in the coveted “Timothy Award. The best way to achieve this is to attend club whenever possible, and to work at home finishing questions and memorizing their weekly verse.

Our Truth & Training club at Belgrade Alliance is intended for 3rd & 4th graders, prior to moving up to our middle school youth group in 5th grade. However, if students wish to complete all four books to earn the Timothy Award, they may stay in TnT to finish those books or work through them at home on their own. If this is a desire of your clubber, let’s talk about how we can make that work!

TnT’ers also earn Awana Bucks for coming to club prepared, demonstrating good sportsmanship, completing sections and participating in theme days or special events. Awana Bucks can be used at the Awana Store on shopping days throughout the year.

How Can Parents Help?

- Support your child in working through sections in their handbook that they may not have completed at club.
- Encourage your child in memorizing the weekly memory verse by practicing with them and celebrating their success. Audio versions are available on our website to help make memorizing fun. It is also fun to create a game out of it.
- Connect with your child over what they are learning. The “Parent Pages” help with this. These provide a summary of the weekly lesson and are great conversation starters.
- Take time to read newsletters, and calendars so that you are aware of upcoming theme days and other fun events happening at Awana.
- Always feel free to seek help & ask questions. We are all here to help!

Requirements for Memory Work.

Children are allowed two “helps” per verse. Each verse needs to be recited in one session. We encourage each child to say at least one verse at club each week. Typically, we ask them to recite the verse from the section we studied the previous week. This gives them an entire week to work on memorizing their verse. Clubbers are encouraged to come early to “**Fast Track**”, which begins at 3:30. During this time, clubbers can work with their small group leader on memory verses and recite their weekly verse. Children are also encouraged to join us on select Friday evenings for Handbook Catchup night if they need help with completing sections. These are held near the end of each unit.

If you are wondering what we are learning and what verses we are reciting each week, that information is on our yearly calendar. While we encourage kids to memorize their verses, we do understand that it can be very difficult for some children. We just ask that they try and do their best. They will not be pressured to recite a verse if they don’t want to. Our focus is introducing them to the Bible and to Jesus, and how much He loves us.

Be on Time, Prepared and In Uniform

Each clubber should come to club wearing their **uniform shirt**, and bring their **handbook, Bible, pencil, water bottle and shoes** they can run and play in. Help your students come prepared, and remind them to leave electronics, toys and other distractions at home.

Your child should arrive at club between 3:30 and 3:50 pm, so that they have time for a snack before we get started at 4:00. Parents (or authorized caregivers) need to check kids into club. Kids may not check themselves in. Please be aware that prior to check-in, you are responsible for your children at church, as we are not able to provide supervision prior to 3:30. Before club, all of your child’s leaders spend time in prayer for each clubber and their families.

Club ends at 5:30 PM. We will dismiss from downstairs and for the safety of your child, ask that you or someone you designate come downstairs to pick up.

At check-in, you will be given a security tag to show when you pick up your child. If you need someone else to pick up your child, you may give them the ticket, or share via text etc.

The Awana Store

Truth and Training clubbers earn Awana bucks throughout the year to spend at the Awana Store. They can earn Awana Bucks by attending club, participating in theme days or special events, coming prepared, bringing friends and completing sections in their books. If we notice good sportsmanship or being extra helpful, they will earn bucks too. This is a way to encourage your child to come to club prepared and to work through their handbooks.

Truth & Training meets most Wednesday evenings, September through April. Please see our calendar for Wednesdays when we do not meet during holiday breaks. We also have some optional “Handbook Catchup Nights” on Friday afternoons, family fun activities and other events throughout the year. Be sure to check out the calendar so that you don’t miss these fun activities. More details about family fun days and other special events will be in our monthly newsletter and sent via email.

Awana also communicates through the **BAND App**. This is a provided communication space for families and volunteers of Awana at Belgrade Alliance. We post reminders and other information there, as well as photos of special events. To join the BAND. First download the BAND App on your phone or other device. Then create an account if you don’t already have one. Then, follow this link <https://band.us/n/abaab7J3RaW6L> to join our BAND. You won’t get immediate access, since we approve who can join, but we try to approve request within 24-48 hours.

We love having your child at club, however, if they are not feeling well, or have had a fever, vomiting, etc. within the last 24 hours we ask that they stay home and rest, so that we don’t spread sickness through the club.

We are so excited to have your family join the Awana Truth & Training family this year! Our heart is that your child meets, develops and deepens their relationship with Jesus, above all else. If you have any questions at all throughout the year, please feel free to reach out to any of us on Wednesday afternoon or contact our club director at the contact information below. If there is something that we need to know about your child, or your family that will help us make the year great, or that we can pray for, we will keep that in strict confidence. Please share those things with us!

Blessings!

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