



Dear Next Gen Team (AWANA & FBC Students),

I want to begin by saying **thank you**. Your willingness to serve in AWANA and FBC Youth matters more than you may realize. These ministries simply do not operate well without faithful volunteers, and more importantly, **our kids feel loved, welcomed, and encouraged because you show up**. God uses your presence to help create a safe, joyful environment where students can grow in their faith and learn to follow Jesus.

As we step into the winter/spring semester, this is a natural time to **renew our commitment and finish strong**. January has been a great start, and this season will go by quickly. With that in mind, I want to share a few reminders that will help us serve our students—and one another—well.

Be present, prepared, and joyful.

Your attitude is contagious. The way you show up points kids to our true joy—Jesus.

Please arrive a few minutes before students arrive.

Being ready ahead of time helps set the tone for the night. It allows us to warmly welcome kids and parents and creates a calm, joyful environment from the very start.

If you're unable to serve on a Wednesday night, please communicate early.

If possible, let your director know by Monday:

- AWANA: Nathan and Kara — awana@fbcsparta.org / 931-261-2779
- FBC Youth: Pastor Kevin — kevin@fbcsparta.org / 931-267-8338

Early communication helps us ensure we have enough volunteers in place and prevents last-minute scrambling.

We know life happens, and we're grateful for your willingness to serve. These reminders aren't about perfection—they're about consistency, care, and finishing this semester strong together for the sake of our students.

Thank you again for loving our kids, giving your time, and partnering with us in this important work. We are truly thankful for each of you.

With Gratitude,

Kevin Weldon
Next Generations Pastor | FBC Sparta