

Good Day AWANA Parents and Teens,

As you may be aware of, Mr. Glen Parkinson has decided to relinquish his role as Trek and Journey Director. He served for many years in this capacity and will be greatly missed. Although his are big shoes to fill, we hope to make this transition as seamless as possible. We have both been a part of the Awana program for many, many years and we are excited to be co-directing the Trek and Journey Clubs at Bridlewood Bible Chapel. Our prayer and fervent desire is that each young adult will grow to love, know and serve Christ!

As you are aware, we will be continuing with an on-line club from September until further notice. For both Trek and Journey, we have an email account (BridlewoodAwanaTrekJourney@gmail.com) where students can submit their handbook work. Their work can be scanned/photographed copies of their handbook pages, attached text files, or embedded email text. Just make sure we can tell which section is being submitted and which 'Day' (for Trek). Our Trek and Journey leaders will reply with comments and indicate whether the section was sufficiently answered or not. Submissions can be made at any time during the week and our leaders have committed to checking the email account regularly. We strongly encourage parents to review the student's work before it is submitted and have their own discussions with their children on whatever topic is discussed in the section. Since we won't have the benefit of the student's company to translate, it is vital that the submissions be legible. Leaders will return work that they can't read.

The verses associated with each section (and reviews) will be completed through a one-on-one video call using Skype. To keep some semblance of a regular routine, a Trek/Journey leader will assign each student a weekly timeslot (which will be the same timeslot each week) between 530pm and 800pm on Thursdays starting September 23rd.

The leaders will be using their own personal Skype accounts to call their assigned students in order to recite their verses and/or review Bible summaries. I encourage the parents to hear the verses or summaries before the student's weekly meeting as time to coach each student through their verses will be very limited. ***PLEASE NOTE: If a student is not ready to recite their verse or cannot attend their scheduled meeting, please send an email to the email address noted above so that the leader will know not to call the student at their regularly scheduled appointed meeting time.***

The Bible summaries for Trek are available at <https://awanaym.org/trek/bible-readingsummaries> and the Journey summaries are available at <https://awanaym.org/journey/biblereading-summaries> (look at the bottom of this page). For Trek we ask for three key points about the Bible book and for Journey we ask for 10. The prepared summaries are a guideline but as long as the required number of key points are met, the student passes the requirement. For this club year, Trek will be studying the book "His Love". This study focuses on Jesus and His ministry, as told through the Gospel of Luke and answers the question, "Why am I here"?

For the 2021/2022 club year, Journey students will use the "Witnesses" Bible Study. Witnesses is an in-depth bible study that will train participants to share their faith with anyone and everyone and it consists of 32 lessons. Each lesson has a video to watch, a key verse (or verses) to recite, a study section, questions to answer, and an action plan to prepare.

For those who have already completed at least two years of Journey and would like to finish with the old Journey curriculum, we do have some of the existing study books available, and depending on how many of you are interested, there may be enough resources to let you finish the program. If you would like to pursue the older curriculum, please indicate it on your registration form. The study for this year will be Romans plus an elective of your choice.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us or the AWANA Commander (Greg Tyler - cc'ed) know and we'll do what we can to help.

Take Care and God Keep You Safe,

Megan Reid & Tracy Bigelow

Trek/Journey Directors