- 1. How big is the FFC Awana Club? We ended the 2015-2016 Awana year with over 400 boys and girls enrolled and an overall average weekly attendance of over 300. Our club is the third largest Awana club in Central Florida and we continue to grow each year.
- 2. Why is Awana moving to Sunday nights? The tremendous growth of our club has created a space constraint that limits our continued growth. In order to fulfill our mission to "Build Bridges that Connect Boys and Girls to a Passionate Life in Christ," we need more space; Sunday afternoons give us the opportunity to use our entire campus. In addition, due to the sheer number of people on campus, safety is better ensured by having Awana Club and Student Ministry meet on different nights. According to Awana International, Sunday afternoon represents one of the most popular nights for Awana Clubs to meet.
- 3. What are the advantages of moving to Sunday? As already mentioned, it gives our club the classroom space needed to grow. It also enables children in our community to attend who were previously unable to come because of scheduling conflicts with sports. Additionally, many FFC members have told us they wanted to serve in Awana but were not able due to their work schedules. With club on Sundays, they will now be able to serve as leaders; this also is needed to support our growth.
- 4. When will I be able to register my child? We plan to open registration for this year's club in early August, so be looking for more information. Awana Club begins the Sunday after Labor Day weekend.
- 5. What are the qualifications to be an Awana Leader? It's easy! You must love kids and be willing to listen to them recite Scripture verses and notate it in their handbooks. In our commitment to safety, we also run a background check for every leader who serves in Awana.
- 6. What time will the Awana Club meet? The new time will be Sundays starting at 6:00PM and finishing at 7:30PM each week throughout the school year.
- 7. Will Student Ministry continue to meet on Wednesday? Yes, the Student Ministry for Middle School and High School will continue to meet on Wednesday nights. They will now have more room to support their continued growth. Currently, there are approximately 150 students meeting on Wednesdays and we anticipate this ministry growing dramatically in the coming year.
- 8. Why not move Student Ministry to Sunday nights? Several years ago, we attempted moving Student Ministry to Sunday nights and had little success. We have heard from our students that Wednesday nights work best for them and gives them a spiritual "boost" in the middle of the week.
- 9. Is there going to be anything for elementary age children on Wednesday nights? We have terrific teaching and worship times for elementary children both on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings during our worship services. With Awana, our other ministry for children, moving to Sunday nights, we will not have any children's programs held on Wednesday nights. The Student Ministry will have access to all of the classrooms on Wednesday nights.
- 10. When the Multi-Purpose building is built, will Awana have more room to grow? The new building will offer the Children's Ministry many new opportunities for growth, including the Awana club. We are making plans for future growth for Awana and Sports Ministry and will give the church an update when the plans are finalized.