

KARE

Never too young to be a blessing to others

September 2017

Dear Awana Parent,

This year in Awana, we are making some changes to a ministry that was introduced last year. It is called **KARE Ministry**, and stands for **KIDS AT ROCHESTER ENCOURAGE**. As you can tell it already looks a little different. The reason for the slight name change is so that this ministry doesn't get confused with another ministry we will be rolling out in February. This year, starting on September 17, we will begin a 4 weeklong gift card drive/contest. The boys and girls will be competing against each other, with the winners receiving a special treat. The cards received will still be dispersed throughout the Awana year, as necessary. We will still accept gift cards for this ministry throughout the year, but we are trying to gather the majority during this gift card drive. For those who have forgotten the purpose of this ministry, I have included it below:

The **KARE Team** is a ministry that fulfills two main purposes.

1. First, we want to encourage those in the First Baptist Church of Rochester (FBCR) church family who are going through difficult times. "Difficult times" doesn't include financial issues, as we have a healthy deacon fund that handles that. Instead, we hope to minister to those dealing with illnesses, physical difficulties, personal or family struggles, or those dealing with the loss of a family member.

My family was personally encouraged by some of the loving members at FBCR. When my wife was battling colon cancer, we were very fortunate to receive some gift cards. What a blessing! Those cards came at the perfect times, making it easier to feed my family quickly, and take care of my wife.

2. Second, the purpose is for the kids, kids all ages. I want to give the kids an avenue where they could encourage others, young and old. Children rarely feel like they can help others, especially those older than themselves. Obviously younger children will need parental help with this. You may need to encourage your child/children to use their allowance to purchase a card, or provide them with opportunities to earn a card. Make it a family project.

Gift cards can be of any type or amount, and will be collected for disbursement during our card drive September 17 – October 8. Again, if you are unable to give during this time, we will accept gift cards at the Awana desk throughout the Awana year. Please help your children be a blessing to others, and donate some gift cards.

Thank you for your support,
Chad Barnett, Awana Commander

