

Dear Family and Friends,



Happy Summer! It is so hard to believe the year is more than half over. Where has it gone? We had a very full spring, which made the time just fly. Here it is summer again, after a very mild winter and spring. Our biggest snowfall came in May... ah, Colorado! The eastern plains are in desperate need of moisture; please pray we get some. The wheat harvest was early, and not very good. It's amazing how many things depend on the moisture God sends or doesn't.

Our calendar has filled up for the summer with new Awana club trainings, Awana Connects, and the Awana Ministry Conference. We will literally be all over Colorado, which we love! There is nothing like Colorado in the summer (or any other season for that matter). We are blessed to live and serve here.

We are seeing some existing Awana clubs being revitalized with new leadership, a new club launching from a parent church, and clubs being held outside of a church. God is on the move, as usual, in ways we do not expect. We need to always be watching to see where He is working and come alongside Him. Isn't ministry amazing?

We head over the mountains to Grand Junction this Friday for an Awana Connect. We love connecting with folks around Awana. Please pray for all the churches that already have Awana and for the new churches coming on. The United States has seen an increase in the number of Awana clubs, and Awana has grown tremendously over the past two years. We now reach over 11,500,000 children! Incredible! Praise the Lord!

Our Awana Ministry Conference will be on August 22nd, at Red Rocks Fellowship, 11195 W. Belleview Avenue, Littleton, CO. This is an opportunity for Awana leaders to get further training, fellowship with other Awana folks, and get charged up for the coming Awana season. Plus, it's a lot of fun, and we feed everyone Chick-fil-A for lunch, YUM! We hope to see many of you there! Here is the QR code to register. - - - - >



Our theme/focus for the Awana Ministry Conference will be One Mission. It is the third and final theme in our series: One Child, One Family, One Mission.

Sometimes we can get the feeling that we are “on mission” all by ourselves when nothing could be further from the truth. We all serve the ONE true God, we are all part of His ONE big family, and we all have ONE mission to do, go and make disciples! What an encouragement to know we are NEVER alone! Child discipleship is a privilege, and we must always remember these precious boys and girls are being entrusted to our care, so let’s handle them carefully!

On April 23rd, we welcomed our twelfth grandchild to the world, a granddaughter. Addie Jo Parker Smith was born to our youngest daughter, Jillian, her husband, Karsten, and their then 19-month-old daughter, Ella. Ella thinks Addie Jo is exclusively her baby. It is a busy household, and we are smitten once again. Jill was able to be there for a week right after she was born and we made the drive there in early June so Joe could meet her, too. We were also blessed to see all our children and grandchildren this spring and all Joe’s sisters and his mother in June. His mom is now 93.

We still love what we do and hope to continue serving for many years to come. Thank you for praying for us so faithfully and for your support in so many ways. God is an amazing provider, quite often through His people, and we are truly blessed. May the God of all power richly bless you in the season to come!

In Christ alone,

Joe and Jill Cook

I Chronicles 29:11 “Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and You are exalted as head over all.”



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