

Meet Your Missionaries

Jamie and Donna Root

Currently serving with Awana Clubs International in Missouri



BIRTH PLACES: Springfield, MO (Jamie)
Carson City, NV (Donna)

BIRTHDAYS: September 12 (Jamie), April 23 (Donna)

HOBBIES/INTERESTS: Jamie: reading, collecting National Geographic magazines, traveling, organization
Donna: reading, puzzles, traveling, and administration

CHILD: May 7, 2009 (Shannon Marie)

FAVORITE VERSES: John 21:15 (Jamie), Psalm 119:105 (Donna)

SALVATION AGE: 10 (Jamie – at Awana club), 9 (Donna)

EDUCATION: Jamie: 1990 Bolivar High School; Awana Commander College 301 Graduate

Donna: 1991 Purdy High School; BS in Elementary Education and Masters in Education from Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Missouri; Awana Commander College 301 Graduate

OUR CALLING

God has used Awana in our lives. For Jamie, he grew up in Awana starting in fourth grade. He was a guest of a friend who needed to bring someone to pass a section. From there, he learned verses, found friends, trusted Jesus as his Savior and developed a passion for serving. As a bus kid himself, he has a love for those who find themselves without that important at-home Christian influence.

For Donna, she spent her childhood in church and at 9 years old, she realized she was in need of a Savior. After being saved, she continued to go to church and youth group. Being in a Christian atmosphere at Southwest Baptist University gave her opportunities to be a part of ministries on and off campus. Finding her ministry in a public school, she has been blessed with eighteen years of teaching fourth grade students and is now the K-12 school librarian.

We met while we worked at a residential facility for severely and profoundly handicapped. We were married on August 10, 1996 at our church in Bolivar. In 2009, we were blessed with our daughter, Shannon Marie.

As Zone Directors for the Culberson ministry in Southwest Missouri, Jamie and Donna were given the opportunity to learn what was required to be an Awana Missionary and built relationships with pastors, commanders and the leaders in the Awana clubs in the area. We administered trainings, worked with other ministry team members in events such as Awana Games, Sparks-a-Rama, Grand Prix, and Youth Day.

We have served in the club of our home church in many different roles, from Game Director to Commander and enjoyed each and every privilege to serve! Noble Hill Baptist Church commissioned us on September 1, 2013 as Awana Missionaries.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

2013-Present - Awana Missionary Appointees, Awana Clubs International serving in Southern Missouri

2012-Present - Noble Hill Baptist Church Commander

2008-Present - Mid-Lakes Baptist Association Children's Ministry Specialist (Jamie)

2007-2013 - Southwest Missouri Awana Zone Directors

2003-2013 - Southwest Missouri Awana Ministry Team Members

2005-2009 - Mid-Lakes Family Worship Awana Sparks Director (Jamie)/Cubbies Director (Donna)

2001-2005 - Mt. Olive Baptist Awana Games Director (Jamie)/Cubbies Director (Donna)

CURRENT MINISTRY WITH AWANA

We minister to the churches in Missouri through prayer support, encouragement, training, club speaking/evaluation and pulpit supply. Throughout the year we plan and host area wide events: Training, Bible Quizzing, Sparks-a-Rama, AwanaGames, Missouri Regionals, and Awana Ministry Conferences. We look forward to meeting the many dedicated workers of the clubs in the area. Our goal is that all children and youth throughout Missouri will come to Know, Love and Serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mission Contact

Awana Clubs International
One East Bode Road
Streamwood, IL 60107
Root's Account #350

Personal Contact

670 North Russell Avenue
Bolivar, MO 65613
jamier@awana.org
www.facebook.com/jamie.root.7
Twitter @jdroot

Please contact us if you would like to receive our newsletter.