

LAUREL CHURCH OF CHRIST

BIBLE BOWL 2018

Subject: Matthew 15-28 NIV

Rules of Competition

1. There will be two age divisions: one for 2nd and 3rd graders, and one for 4th through 6th graders. The order of participation will be chosen randomly.
2. All teams will consist of **three to five players**. If you have one or two players, or if you have extra players, they will be added to another team, or combined with another congregation who may be short of players. Exceptions may be made to allow only three players on a team, but we try to avoid this if at all possible. In the oral stage, a **maximum of four (4) players** may participate per team, per session. Coaches are responsible for making substitutions so that all players get a chance to participate. Please encourage all of your children to participate, even if you don't have enough for a team. Emphasize the aspect of fellowship with other Christian young people and a strong knowledge of God's word. That is our goal in hosting this event.
3. There will be three rounds of oral questioning (depending on how many teams register) and one written stage.
 - a. The oral stage will consist of teams with a **maximum of four (4) players** being asked questions by a question caller.
 - b. Each oral round will last approximately 20 minutes. In these rounds there will be a maximum of twelve questions asked of each team. This will allow an equal opportunity to score, and not give undue advantage to faster, more experienced teams. It will also be applied to those rounds where fewer teams are competing.
 - c. The written stage will consist of multiple choice and fill-in-the-blank questions. There will be twenty-five questions for both age groups, and the time limit will be twenty-five minutes.
 - d. As was the case in years past, there will be **NO ELIMINATION**. All teams will participate in all rounds. The scores will be totaled following each round, and the placing of each team will be announced during the closing exercises.
4. Each team may select a spokesperson, although answers from any team member will be accepted. During the oral stages conferring will be permitted with the spokesperson answering. During the written stage there will be no conferring, as this stage is to determine the preparation and study of the individual player.
5. Scoring:
 - a. Questions will be weighted so that the oral and written rounds are worth the same amount of points.
 - b. In the oral stages the question caller will ask each question once. The team spokesperson may request that it be repeated. **It will be repeated once and only once.**
 - c. The team will have 20 seconds to render an answer after the caller has finished with the question.
 - d. There will be a timekeeper who will let the caller and judge know when time is up. If time runs out and no answer is given, or an incorrect answer is given, the caller will move on to the next question for the other team.
 - e. No points will be given for incorrect answers.

- f. During the oral stage, the judge will examine answers. The judge's ruling will stand. If there is a question about the ruling, **Team Coaches** must record the number of the question so that it may be discussed after time has expired. If a change is necessary, the scores will be adjusted accordingly.
 - g. In the written stage the teams will be taken to a classroom and seated in individual desks. Each player must work on his/her own. The cumulative score from each team in the written stage will be added to the oral score. In the case of a team that has less than six players, their scores will be averaged, and the average score added to their total so as to rule out any score disadvantages.
6. Bonus Questions:
- a. In the second and third oral rounds, each team will be permitted to answer one "bonus question," if they desire and ask to do so.
 - b. If asked for, a "bonus question" will be read in place of a regular question. The questions, which will be used as "bonus questions," will be included in your question packet.
 - c. The "bonus questions" will be worth double points.
- ** Remember, this option may be used only once during the 2nd and 3rd rounds. ****
- 7. During each round the next teams to compete must be (on deck) waiting for their turn. Team coaches are responsible for getting their team "on deck" and ready to play. Teams who are not playing or "on deck," may **watch quietly**. Study rooms will be available.
 - 8. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their team members. We want to emphasize the aspects of fellowship and good citizenship. Please instruct your teams in the benefits of accepting victory or defeat graciously. Cooperation and proper behavior are essential to the success and continuance of this event.
 - 9. **In the oral rounds the audience needs to remain quiet. This will help the children not only to hear the questions that are asked but also concentrate on them. Your cooperation will help us to stay on schedule. Applause should be held until the end of the round.**
 - 10. All Bible Bowl questions will be taken from the NIV version of the Bible. However, answers from any version will be accepted.
 - 11. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams in each age division will be awarded. In addition, special recognition will be given to those who get perfect scores, or miss one or two questions, on the written test. All participants will receive certificates.