



Registration

In order to participate, your congregation must register and pay online. Go to www.sycamorebiblebowl.com to register. This is limited to congregations of the Churches of Christ only. Registration will open May 1st and close August 15th.

Integrity of Bible Bowl

Coaches must help us teach good sportsmanship and honesty for this event. To accomplish this we all must train our young people prior to this event, and we must monitor them during the rounds. Cheating will destroy the credibility of Bible Bowl. If coaches and parents do not enforce honesty, our staff will be forced to respond to any suspicion. To keep from suspicion, your participants must keep the basic rules such as keeping your eyes straight ahead, and having no delay in raising your card. It puts our staff in a difficult spot when we have to approach someone who is suspected of cheating, and we do realize some may be innocent. Please be understanding of our position and we ask for your cooperation. We must teach and enforce honesty to uphold the integrity of this event.

Format

All participants are seated in the gymnasium. Each team has four members, who are seated one in front of the other. The coaches will sit directly behind their team. Each participant is given a folder with three answer cards - A, B, and C. A quizmaster orally reads aloud a multiple-choice question twice and the questions are projected on the screens. After three seconds he then will call "time", in which each participant will immediately hold up the answer card of their choice. Those with the correct answer are asked to keep their cards held up as designated scorekeepers will tally the scores for each team. In the preliminary rounds, there are four rounds of twenty-five questions. The top 16 teams will qualify for the semi-finals, with the #1 team automatically going to the championship round. The top three teams of the semi-finals will advance to the championship round.

Mandatory Scorekeepers

We require each congregation that participates in Bible Bowl to bring one scorekeeper. Congregations that bring more than 4 teams must bring one additional scorekeeper. This scorekeeper will not be keeping score for their congregation but will be keeping the official scores for multiple teams. Congregations that do not bring a scorekeeper will not be allowed to participate.

Team Coaches

Each team must have a coach from your congregation. The coaches' job is to record and tally the individual scores for their team and double check team scores tallied by the scorekeeper.

Study Material

The study material for Bible Bowl is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible on Biblegateway.com. No other book or resource is needed, and no prior knowledge of another text is required. The answers to the questions are taken word for

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word, and unless stated in the text, no interpretation of passages will be asked. On January 1st, an official text of the study material will be made available on our website to all participating congregations. All questions will be taken from this official text; therefore, you must use it as a guide to ensure exact wording of the text.

Team Scoring

Each correctly-answered question is worth 10 points. When all team members answer correctly, the team will receive a bonus of 10 points. Therefore, each question has a possibility of 50 points. There is no penalty for an incorrect answer. However, if a card is not promptly raised, it will count as an incorrect answer. All team scores will be tallied by the scorekeeper, checked by the coach, and then submitted to the Bible Bowl staff on the floor at the Bible Bowl Central tables. Team coaches should closely check the official score board to ensure accuracy of the recorded score and totals, and immediately inform the scorekeepers of any mistakes. No changes will be made to the official score for any question after the quizmaster begins reading the next question. Only math errors may be corrected once the next question is read.

Please make sure that the age division is correct on the sheet turned in for each team. Both the coach and the scorekeeper must sign the score sheet. Team score sheets are provided in the scorekeeper packets. Each division scoresheet is a different color so make sure the correct sheet is signed and turned in at the Bible Bowl Central tables.

Individual Scoring

Separate and apart from the team scoring is the individual scores. Coaches sheets for recording individual team member scores are in the congregational packet. The coach will simply record each team member's score by making a mark for each correct answer under the appropriate question column. After each round, the coach will tally the total number of correct answers. Then after the fourth round, the coach will add the grand total for all four rounds for each team member.

The congregation will write down the name and score of each Senior Participant that scored 90 and above on the Senior 90 and above scoresheet (yellow sheet). The name and score of each Junior Participant that scored 90 and above on the Junior 90 and above scoresheet (blue sheet). ALL Young Achiever names and scores will be turned in on the Young Achiever scoresheet (green sheet). These forms will be turned in at the Bible Bowl Central tables.

Please put your church name and team number(s) on the individual score sheets. So regardless of how their team did, all top individuals will be rewarded at the end of the day. But it is the responsibility of the coach to record and turn in the individual score sheet after the fourth round. If individual score sheets are not turned in before the lunch break, your participants will not be considered for individual awards.

Participant Requirements

There are two grade divisions in Bible Bowl. The Junior Division is for the 6th grade and down. There is no minimum age required; however, please consider the attention span of

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your participants. The Senior Division is for the 7th-12th grade. Participants may compete in a higher division, but cannot compete in a lower division. For example, a 4th grader may participate in the Senior Division, but a 9th grader may not compete in the Junior Division. All grades will be in reference to the school year that is beginning when Bible Bowl is scheduled.

Time Schedule

The rounds are approximately 35 minutes. There is a twenty minute break in between the rounds. The rounds will begin on time, regardless of team members that may be tardy getting back to their seats. The only exception to a delay in rounds is if the Bible Bowl staff has technical difficulty, an emergency, or an uncontrolled problem.

NOTE: After the fourth round, it takes every minute of our time to tally all the final scores. Please be patient as we'll announce the individual award winners and finalists as quickly as possible.

Below is a tentative schedule for Bible Bowl day, which is subject to change:

7:00 am	Registration
7:30 am	Coaches' Meeting
8:15 am	Teams Seated / Announcements
8:30 am	Round #1
9:05 am	Break (20 minutes)
9:25 am	Round #2
10:00 am	Break (20 Minutes)
10:20 am	Round #3
10:55 am	Break (20 Minutes)
11:10 am	Round #4
11:45 am	Lunch Break
1:15 pm	Individual Awards Presentation / Finalists Announced
2:00 pm	Semi-Finals Round
2:30 pm	Finals Round

Individual Awards

After the fourth round and the lunch break, all the participants that individually achieved outstanding scores (90 and above and top 10 young achiever scores) will be recognized. They will receive a plaque for their accomplishment within their own division. If you have individuals who have participated in our Bible Bowl for five and ten years, you must send us their names by the announced deadline. All those who have participated for five years will receive an award which will be included in the congregational packets, and those who have participated for ten years will receive an award during the award presentation. Participants will only receive these awards on their fifth and tenth years. There is also a Young Achiever's Award that is given to the top-scoring individuals in the first grade and down. If you have individuals participating who are first grade and down, you **MUST** fill out a Young Achievers' Score sheet on Bible Bowl day. Failure to turn in this score sheet may result in one of your team members losing out on an award. If your

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congregation fails to include participants in the 5 and 10 year awards, those can be submitted the following year and will be recognized the next year.

Team Awards

After the awards presentation, the top-scoring teams from each division are announced. All semi-finalist and finalist teams will receive a plaque based on how the teams place.

General Rules

- 1) If there is a delay in raising the answer card, it will be counted as incorrect.
- 2) If the answer card is taken out of the folder before "time" is called, it will be counted as incorrect.
- 3) Folders must remain in the participant's lap. There will be no delay in questioning if your folder or cards are dropped.
- 4) No Bibles are allowed to be opened during the rounds by participant, coach, or any spectator.
- 5) No one can challenge a question. Only the quizmaster can throw out a bad question or one that is misread. **NOTE:** We will do everything in our power to insure that questions are correct and easily understood. However, in the event of an overlooked error, everyone answers the same question.
- 6) The rounds will begin on time, regardless of the tardiness of any participant for any reason. The only exception will be if the Bible Bowl staff has an unforeseen problem.
- 7) There should be no talking or disturbances during the rounds, especially, during the reading of a question. If any team causes a disturbance, they will be given one warning. After the warning, they will be disqualified at the Bible Bowl staff's discretion.
- 8) Eyes and heads must remain straight ahead. Anyone caught blatantly cheating will be given one warning. The next time they are caught, that participant will be disqualified from the competition.
- 9) The top sixteen positions will advance to the Semi-Finals. All teams tied for the last spot will advance to the semi-finals. The team that has the top score in each division will receive a bye. All teams tied for the top score will receive a bye to the final round. In the event of four or more teams tying for the bye, there will not be a semi-final round for that division. The remaining 12 positions plus ties will receive a semi-finalist plaque.
- 10) The following table shows an example:

Spot 1	4850
Spot 2	4840
Spot 3 (Tied)	4800
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Spot 6	4720
Spot 7	4710
Spot 8	4700
Spot 9 (Tied)	4600

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Spot 9 (Tied)	4600
Spot 9 (Tied)	4600
Spot 9 (Tied)	4600
Spot 13	4580
Spot 14	4570
Spot 15	4560
Spot 16 (Tied)	4550
Spot 16 (Tied)	4550
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Not in Semi-Finals	4540

- 11) Any discourtesy or verbal attacks given to the scorekeepers will result in disqualifications of a participant or coach.
- 12) No changes will be made to the official scoresheet after the quizmaster begins next question. The only exception is for an addition error. Team coaches must check the official scoresheet in between questions, and immediately notify the scorekeeper of any error.
- 13) The semi-finals will consist of 25 questions. The top three teams (plus ties) will advance to the final round. In the event of a tie for the final spot, all teams tied will advance to the finals. Exception to this would be in the case of ties for the bye, in which the number of teams advancing to the finals will be reduced.

Final position	Semi-final team	Semi Score
1	Spot 1	Bye
2	Spot 2	1200
3	Spot 2 (Tied)	1200
4	Spot 3	1100
5	Spot 4	1080
6	Spot 4	1080
Semi-Finalist	Spot 6	1050
Semi-Finalist	Spot 8	1000
Semi-Finalist	Spot 8	1000
Semi-Finalist	Spot 10	980
Semi-Finalist	Spot 11	900
Semi-Finalist	Spot 11	900
Semi-Finalist	Spot 11	900
Semi-Finalist	Spot 11	900
Semi-Finalist	Spot 15	850
Semi-Finalist	Spot 16	850

- 14) The teams(s) with the bye and the advancing teams will be asked 25 questions. There will not be any tie breaker questions and the round may in a tie! At the end the round, all teams will receive an award indicating place.
- 15) Additional plaques may have to be ordered after Bible Bowl in the event of ties.

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Plaque	final team	Semi Score
1 st	Spot 1	1250
2 nd	Spot 2	1200
2 nd	Spot 2	1200
3 rd	Spot 3	1100
4 th	Spot 4	1080
Finalist	Spot 5	1050

WHAT TO DO DURING ROUNDS

Step #1: Listen to quizmaster. The questions will also be on the screens.

- 1) Question number will be given first so coaches and scorekeepers can ensure they are on the correct question.
- 2) The book, chapter, and verse are given next.
- 3) Question is read, along with three multiple choice answers (A, B, C).
- 4) Question and answer choices are read a second time.
- 5) There is no talking during the round and especially no disturbances during the reading of the question.

Step #2: Hold up answer card

- 1) Without touching the card, participants must select an answer in their mind.
- 2) After three seconds, the quizmaster will call "time".
- 3) Immediately the answer cards must be raised high and straight in the air.
- 4) After quizmaster gives correct answer, all incorrect answer cards must go down and return to their folder.

Step #3: Scores are tallied and checked

- 1) Official scorekeepers tally scores on the official scoresheet.
- 2) Coaches tally scores on their individual score sheets.
- 3) Coaches double check their score sheets, and the official scoresheet.
- 4) Coaches must raise their hand to notify the scorekeeper if they find a mistake in the official scoring. This must be done before next question is read.
- 5) After a few seconds the next question is read.

WHAT TO DO AFTER THE FOURTH ROUND

Step #1: Coaches and scorekeepers must collaborate and sign all the appropriate scoresheets. All colored sheets must be turned in at the Bible Bowl Central tables. These must be signed and turned in before lunch or your scores will not be entered.

Step #2: Eat lunch.

Step #3: When returning from lunch, award recipients must sit in designated seating.

Step #4: Awards Presentation

Step #5: Team finalists announced and brought to the floor

Step #6: Semi-Finals Round

Step #7: Finals Round

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T-SHIRTS

Almost all congregations design and purchase their own t-shirts showing their Bible Bowl pride. There will be a contest on Bible Bowl day for the best-looking and most creative t-shirt. The Bible Bowl committee is not involved with the judging of this contest.

If you wish to participate in the tee shirt contest, please submit your shirt designs by email in a jpeg format. Shirts must be uploaded as part of the registration process.