

**Great Lakes Bible Bowl**  
925 Ennest Blvd  
White Lake, Michigan 48386

**GREAT LAKES BIBLE BOWL 2021**

November 24, 2021

Dear Friend,

Great Lakes Bible Bowl is back for 2022. After cancelling due to COVID-19 last year, we plan to be back in January. We have an exciting study planned as we study through the Gospel of John. Bible Bowl provides a fun and faith building way for 3rd through 12th grade students to study the Bible and meet with other congregations of the Lord's Church to for an afternoon of competition once a month for three months. Trophies, ribbons and other awards are presented at the conclusion of our season but the real reward is God's Word in the hearts and minds of our youth. Our youth compete in three different age categories – Primary (3rd – 5th grade), Junior (6th – 8th grade), and Senior (9th – 12th grade). Our Senior Division goes first, allowing MDYC members the opportunity to compete and then leave for their performance site.

**This year we will be combining our competitions and will have one central location at the Livonia Church of Christ. We will be taking precautionary measures to keep participants safe from the COVID-19 virus. To assist us, can I ask you to email me by December 15, 2021, and let me know if your congregation will be participating and approximately how many teams you will have? This will help us set up so that we can maximize social distancing. I realize your numbers may change by the time you register.**

Our goals for Great Lakes Bible Bowl can be summed up by the three “F’s” – Faith, Friendship, and Fellowship. By participating in an intensive study of God's Word, the faith of both the students and the coaches are strengthened. Great Lakes Bible Bowl promotes teamwork and often bonds of friendship are built or strengthened among teammates. In addition, Bible Bowl promotes fellowship by bringing together area congregations and strengthening our bond of unity. Over 80 congregations have sent teams to compete in our program in the past 35 plus years.

Studying God's Word is such as vital part of our Christian life. Many of our young people are growing up and abandoning their faith. It is my hope that along with family and church Bible study time, Bible Bowl can play an important role in reversing this trend amongst our youth by getting them into Word.

2021 SCHEDULE / TOPIC OF STUDY

Bible Bowl will take place on a Sunday of each month (January – March) at 2:30 p.m. at two locations at the Livonia Church of Christ.

January 16	John 1-7
February 13	John 8-14
March 13	John 15-21
March 20	State Finals (Optional)
March 26	Awards Event

## RULES

(See separate sheet)

## COST / REGISTRATION

Participation fee will be \$75.00 per team. This will cover all trophies and awards, a ribbon for each participant, postage, equipment, State Final expenses, Award's Presentation expenses and incidentals. Enclose this payment with your registration form. Make checks payable to **Walled Lake Church of Christ**. Mail to: Frank Schipani, 925 Ernest Blvd, White Lake, MI 48386.

*If paying the fee will cause your church hardship, please inform me of your difficulty and we will work something out!*

**You can save money by taking advantage of our Early Bird Special (\$65.00 per team) if registration and payment are mailed together and postmarked by January 3, 2022.**

## HELP

If you need more information or have any questions regarding Bible Bowl, you can check out our website at [www.greatlakesbiblebowl.org](http://www.greatlakesbiblebowl.org) (a video is available to view), find us on Facebook, or feel free to contact me at (248) 390-0946 or [frankschipani@gmail.com](mailto:frankschipani@gmail.com). If you are new to Bible Bowl and don't know where to begin, I would be happy to come out and talk to your congregation about this wonderful program.

I look forward to seeing you in January!

In Christ,

Frank Schipani  
Chairman – Great Lakes Bible Bowl

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Matthew Brown - Utica  
Doug Donald – Vinewood  
Michael & Jayne French – Livonia  
Michael French - Livonia  
David & Kimber Kelley – Walled Lake  
Becky Metz – Lincoln Park

Christina Phillips – Gateway  
Myra Phillips – Gateway  
Frank Schipani - Brighton  
Roheima Stringer – Wyoming  
Monique Tate – Wyoming Avenue

## **RULES FOR THE GREAT LAKES BIBLE BOWL 2021**

1. Teams will consist of four or more people. Team members do not all have to come from the same congregation, nor do they have to attend the churches of Christ. The Senior Division will consist of grades 9-12, the Junior Division grades 6-8 and the Primary Division grades 3-5. Team members may move up into harder divisions, but not down. All divisions will have at least one team member in the appropriate grade level. When registering multiple teams in any one division – only one team may have a mixture of grade levels, but the mixed team must still have at least one member in the appropriate grade level. **Our desire is for grade appropriate teams, not mixtures – unless absolutely necessary!** Teams may have alternates with substitution at the mid-point of the round.
2. Each team will compete in one round at each monthly Bible Bowl meeting. In each division three trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place finishers. Monthly winners will keep their trophies until the next competition; at the Awards Fellowship, final winners will be awarded the trophies to keep.
3. Each round will consist of 20 multiple choice questions with all competitors answering all questions. For each question, the questionmaster will read the question, with its three possible answers, twice. Then he will ask for the answers. Each competitor will then display his or her answer on the answer-box. Once the answer is displayed, it cannot be changed. After each participant has displayed an answer, they will be asked to clear their answers. The questionmaster will announce the correct answer with the scripture reference and the score-keepers will record the scores. **Please follow the instructions of the questionmaster.**
4. Immediate appeal of an answer, after the correct answer has been given, may be made by any team-member – but by no one else. The only valid reason for an appeal is if the competitor believes there is more than one correct answer out of the three that were given. If a question is challenged, the appropriate scripture will be read by the questionmaster, if this does not satisfy the challenger, then the appeal will be decided by the Bible Bowl Committee. If a majority of committee members vote to throw the question, it will be replaced. Any question can also be challenged by a member of the Bible Bowl Committee at the end of each half of the round. If an appeal is determined to be valid, that question will be thrown out and replaced from a pool of alternate questions.
5. All questions will be based on the text of the scriptures (not necessarily verbatim) taken from the (NIV) New International Version – 2011 edition. We are not using the older editions of the NIV nor the NIV. Footnotes will not be used!
6. Scoring will be 10 points for each team-member answering correctly, plus a 10 point bonus if all members of a team answer correctly. Thus, two members of a team answering correctly would score 20 points; four members with correct answers would score 50 points (40 for the correct answers – plus 10 for the bonus).
7. The audience will not in any way indicate answers to questions, whether verbally or by signs. The audience should remain seated and quiet while questions are being read so the competitors can hear clearly. The Bible Bowl committee will have the power to enforce this rule by asking audience members to leave if they persist in distracting the competitors. The front pews are reserved for coaches and team scorekeepers only – no young people!

8. No competitor will have in their possession an electronic device (cell phone, tablet, etc.) while in the boxes. If a competitor is found to have an electronic device in their possession, it will be taken, that person will be warned, and the device will be returned after the round. If that competitor is found in possession of an electronic device in the boxes a second time, the committee may elect to take action up to and including disqualifying the contestant.
9. In the event that multiple "rounds" are required, teams that are competing in later rounds will not be able to hear the questions asked of the early competitors in their division.
10. The 90 second break between rounds is for coaching or changing contestants only. Only coaches and students should be at the boxes during this break.
11. In the case of a tiebreaker round, the team with the first incorrect answer will lose the tiebreaker, regardless of the overall score of the round or the number of questions asked.
12. Great Lakes Bible Bowl, along with all host congregations and facilities, are not responsible for lost or misplaced items.
13. Coaches are held responsible for the behavior and whereabouts of their students. Please respect the facilities of the hosting congregation and pick up after yourselves.
14. In the case of inclement weather, all efforts will be made to continue to hold the competition on the appointed date and time. If a congregation does not feel that weather condition allow for safe travel, that congregation will need to contact the chairman or operations manager by noon on the date of the competition to advise they will not be attending the completion. In such cases, arrangements will be made to for a make-up competition for that/those congregation(s) and the scores will be added to the season totals as if the teams had been present at the actual competition.
15. Scholarships must be used only by members of the team who won that scholarship and may not be shared with or transferred to other students, teams or congregations.
16. Teams names selected in January will be used for the entire season. Please do not change your team name as it makes tracking scores more difficult.
17. In order to participate in the State Finals, a contestant must have completed at least 10 questions during a regular competition that season on the same team they are competing on in the State Finals.

**GREAT LAKES BIBLE BOWL 2021 – REGISTRATION FORM**

CONGREGATION \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

CONTACT PERSON \_\_\_\_\_

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(City) (State) (Zip)

CONTACT PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

***NUMBER OF TEAMS***		
SENIOR (grades 9-12) _____	JUNIOR (grades 6-8) _____	PRIMARY (grades 3-5) _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$75.00 per team).

PAYABLE TO: Walled Lake Church of Christ

**Early Bird Special (\$65.00 per team) if registration and payment  
are mailed together and postmarked by January 3, 2021.**

MAIL TO: Frank Schipani, 925 Ennest Blvd, White Lake, MI 48386

IMPORTANT - PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO **WALLED LAKE CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Please list names and grades of each student. Students may be added on the date of the competition. This list is just to help us get the name and information of most students for registration and score keeping purposes.

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