

# The Buzz In Bible Bowl News in the Mid South



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## National Bible Bowl Mission Statement:

Bible Bowl creates an atmosphere that enhances knowledge of God's Word, Christian character, community and discipleship.

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## Meet the Team from Shanan By Philip Winn and Stephanie Higdon

The Shanan Bible Bowl team is in their fourth season with the Mid-South Round Robin. Shanan has three teams this year. Team one consists of five players:

Christopher and Lisa Higdon, Sam and Hannah Hacker, and Philip Winn.

The players on team two are Christopher Theissen, Reed Boeger, Canaan Foriest, Will Bessent, and Britain Miethe.

On team three, we have Addison Foriest, Joshua Petrin, Carly Gresham, Nicholas Tomlin, and Stephanie Higdon.

Outside of Bible Bowl

they're all great friends, but, although they are all still friends during Bible Bowl rounds, they are very competitive, especially at practice.

Shanan is a homeschooling community group that includes families from all over this area. The Hebrew word "Shanan" is taken from Deuteronomy 6:7 and means "Impress" or "teach diligently".

Shanan looks forward to the 2009 tournaments, such as Indy Winter, Johnson Bible College, and Nationals. These are the tournaments they have attended every year. Nationals is their favorite, of course.

They love Nationals because of the breathtaking hotels, the awesome competitions, and the other friendly Bible Bowlers they have fellowship with while there. Johnson is fun because of the opportunity to stay in college dorm rooms. Indy is a very short tournament, but jam-packed with lots of competition and Bible Bowl excitement.

The Shanan team loves Bible Bowl, and they want to continue participating in memorizing God's word in such an incredibly fun way.

## How 'Bout Our Beginner Bowlers?

After lunchtime at the Mid South Round Robin, our Bible Bowlers go downstairs to start the second half of their day, but upstairs, the day is just beginning for Beginner Bowl. We have four teams playing in our Beginner Bowl league this year—two teams are from Madison Christian Church and two teams are from Lakeshore

Christian Church.

When our Beginner Bowlers were asked about why our they like playing, they say Beginner Bowl is fun, exciting, they like making new friends and they like the Chick-fil-a sandwiches at lunch.

Matthew likes the story of Jonah and the fish, especially the pukin

part. Kortney, Elizabeth and Randi thinks that Jonah has been the easiest story to learn so far this year. Toby likes the story of Elijah on Mt. Carmel because it proves that God is better than Baal.

The best part of Beginner Bowl is getting to see them play. These 3rd through 5th graders know their stuff and they are a joy to watch. Way to go Beginner Bowlers!

# Quizmastering Jack Style

By Jack Gryglewski

Hi folks! I'm Jack Gryglewski and I'm the oldest quizmaster at our monthly meets. I first became involved with Bible Bowl when Paula Lindsey asked me to help her coach a team of girls at Central Christian Church in Columbia. They were a part of the Mid South Round Robin during the first couple of years. I found out that the monthly meets would be at Franklin Christian Church and Carie Turner was the director of the whole shebang. Having known Carie when I attended Franklin, I accepted.

At the Central Christian's practice sessions, I saw how hard the girls worked to learn the scriptures

and I gained an appreciation for their efforts. I was asked to become a quizmaster and wasn't sure I could do a good job. But Carie has a way of being verrry persuasive and here I am. As a Q.M. I am really in awe of the kids' ability to quickly recognize where the question is going and to give the correct answers. I respect these young people and enjoy being a small part of their lives. When I get depressed about where our country is headed, I picture the faces of these youngsters, their commitment to God's word, and I know that the country is going to be OK.

As a Q.M., my philosophy is not to be so legalistic. I think that the

look of joy on the face of a kid getting the right answer, or close to it, is far more important than keeping to a 3 second time limit. I love to see the excitement and enthusiasm on their faces when they do well and I do all I can to encourage them. I also enjoy being in the company of other adults dedicated to bringing up kids in the way God wants them to grow up. My prayer is that some of this scripture will be remembered by these Bible Bowlers and provide the correct way to go in solving a problem they may encounter. If you haven't tried being a QM, step out of your comfort zone and get a blessing.

## A Limerick from the Book of Jonah

Time to get your creative juices flowing again. This time we are writing limericks from the Book of Jonah. Here is an example:

A man named Jonah went sailing one day

But was thrown overboard as the scared sailors prayed.

Inside a whale's belly

He became rather smelly

'Til the whale burped Jonah away.

Now it's your turn. Submit a limerick to me by January 2. The one I deem to be best will win a prize. Have fun! [turner82@comcast.net](mailto:turner82@comcast.net)



## Casa Alleluia Update

Here's the latest on our Casa Alleluia project (see last month's newsletter for part 1):

**Goal—50 treat bags to be taken to Guatemala**

**Needed—each of our six groups would need to provide 50 of one of the following 6 items:**

### Items needed -

- 1) Small bottles of shampoo
- 2) Toothbrushes and small toothpaste
- 3) Hair brushes
- 4) Small activity books—preferably with a Bible theme
- 5) Small stuffed animals
- 6) Set of colored pencils, a regular pencil and a small pencil sharpener

We would assemble these treat bags during lunch time at our February meet. One member of each of our six churches/homeschooling groups will be selected to be assemblers. They will take the items that have been contributed by each team and assemble the 50 treat bags. We will display these bags during our awards ceremony. We will decide which teams will bring which items at our January Quizmaster/Sponsor meeting. Stay tuned !

# December Meet Results

## Beginner Bowl

### Team Results

- 1st Place—Madison 2 6-1
- 2nd Place—Madison 1 5-2
- 3rd Place—Lakeshore 2 3-4

### Year to Date

- 1st Place—Madison 1
- 2nd Place—Madison 2
- 3rd Place—Lakeshore 2

## Bible Bowl Team Results

### Division I

- 1st Place—Franklin 1 8-2
- 2nd Place—Franklin 1 8-2
- 3rd Place—Shanan 1 6-4

### Year to Date

- 1st Place—Franklin 1
- 2nd Place—Franklin 2
- 3rd Place—Shanan 1

## Bible Bowl Team Results

### Division II

- 1st Place—Athens 1 9-1
- 2nd Place—Shanan 2 9-1
- 3rd Place—Madison 1 6-4

### Year to Date

- 1st Place—Shanan 2
- 2nd Place—Athens 1
- 3rd Place—Madison 1

# December Top Brain Results

## Senior Division

- 1st Place—Spencer Colling 149
- 2nd Place—Dylan Underhill 147
- 3rd Place—Katharine Offutt 141
- 4th Place—Jennifer Fling 137
- 5th Place—Mallory Doran 120
- 6th Place—Lisa Higdon 106
- 7th Place—Britain Miethe 84
- 8th Place—Will Perry 74
- 9th Place—Lydia Cross 68
- 10th Place—Rebecca Offutt 68



## Quoting Bee

- Bible Bowl - Stephanie Higdon
- Beginner Bowl—Eli Perkins

## Junior Division

- 1st Place—Christopher Thiessen 148
- 2nd Place—Stephanie Higdon 147
- 3rd Place—Phillip Winn 145
- 4th Place—Dawson Colling 104
- 5th Place—Taylor Perkins 101
- 6th Place—Hannah Ritterskamp 99
- 7th Place—Rachel Offutt 78
- 8th Place—Christopher Higdon 71
- 9th Place—Makayla Underhill 63
- 10th Place—Caroline Bivins 57



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## The Buzz In

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Bible Bowl Rocks!

## January—What You Need to Know

*By Monday, December 29—Lunch headcounts and  
Team Roster Changes Due*

Lunch headcounts to Barbara Traylor - [traylors@comcast.net](mailto:traylors@comcast.net)  
Roster Updates to Tom Dierkes - [tom@dfamily.com](mailto:tom@dfamily.com).

**This Month's Text—Bible Bowl –1 Kings 17—Jonah 4**

Beginner Bowl—Core 1-3

*Cookies - Madison*

*Devotional—Athens*

*Closing Prayer-Lakeshore*

*Team Article—Franklin (300 words or less) Due 1/19/08*

## Did You Know -

Shanan is missing one of their buzzers. If you have found it please bring it to our next meet.

The missing ring from last month was found in a sweatshirt. Yea!

The January test is equally over the entire text we have had so far—1 Kings 17—Jonah 4.

Our next meet is

**January 3**

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Some pictures from some of our Beginner Bowler games!

