

The Buzz In Bible Bowl News in the Mid South



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Going to the Next Level Julie Offutt

What is the biggest challenge for a first-year Bible Bowl team? For the Athens team, it has been trying to bridge the gap between Division I and Division II. As other Division II teams can surely relate, there is a huge difference in the level of competition. Those teams that bounce back and forth between divisions like ours wonder what it is we are doing wrong that gives us success one month and utter failure the next. For new teams, the monthly Round Robins are a bit like dancing in the dark; you feel you look graceful until someone turns on the light!

When we first began competing, simply memorizing the scripture allowed us to win

rounds. Just a basic familiarity with the text was enough for Division II, but was definitely inadequate for Division I. This left us asking questions such as:

How can we practice to improve speed?

What do those other coaches teach that ours don't ?

Where's the guidebook?

While we enjoy the fellowship and competition, new teams could really use mentoring. Perhaps an experienced coach could exchange emails with an inexperienced one; successful teams could encourage new ones. Perhaps we could exchange information:

How many years of competition experience does your team have?

How often does your team meet each week and for how long?

What does team practice generally consist of?

Do your players receive rewards for good effort and if so what?

Bible Bowl is such a great program. For it to expand and allow the Word of God to influence even more lives, there should be some educational aspect to assist in growing well-functioning teams and inspired coaches. If you have any advice, the Athens teams would love to hear it! Contact us at:

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So How Do We Step It Up?

Carie Turner

Julie Offutt's article asks some great questions. Beyond her actual questions is the idea that we as coaches need to coach, disciple, help and reach out to one another. What is the best way to do this? Do we need to have an annual

Bible Bowl workshop on coaching techniques, ways to keep our Bible Bowlers motivated, life lessons from Bible Bowl, etc? You know, there are a lot of tournaments for the players, but I'm not

aware of a coaching workshop. We could invite some top coaches from around the country to come and share and we could open the workshop up to anyone who is interested. What do you think?

Pictures from the February Meet



Shanan Bible Bowlers before the test.



Beginner Bowlers show off their February Hardware.



Quoting Bee Winners Philip Winn and Randi Crawford



A Shanan Sweep in Division I



February Division II Winners

Casa Alleluia Update

A big thanks to everyone for pitching in to put together the 50 gift bags for the Casa Alleluia children in Guatemala. Johnson Bible College will be traveling to Guatemala with the bags in April and we hope to get some pictures of the kids with the bags. Good work Mid South!



Mid South Bible Bowlers assembling gift bags for children at the Casa Alleluia project in Guatemala City, Guatemala.



February Meet Results

Beginner Bowl

Team Results

- 1st Place—Madison 2 6-0
- 2nd Place—Lakeshore 2 3-3
- 3rd Place—Madison 1 1-5

Year to Date

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

Bible Bowl Team Results

Division I

- 1st Place—Shanan 3 8-2
- 2nd Place—Shanan 1 8-2
- 3rd Place—Shanan 2 7-3

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 10-0
- 2nd Place—Lakeshore 1 8-2
- 3rd Place—Cookeville 5-5

Year to Date

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

February Top Brain Results

Senior Division

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|----------------------------|-----|
| 1st Place—Spencer Colling | 134 |
| 2nd Place— Britain Miethe | 128 |
| 3rd Place— Jacob Kundert | 116 |
| 4th Place— Jennifer Fling | 99 |
| 5th Place— Lisa Higdon | 92 |
| 6th Place - Hannah Hacker | 91 |
| 7th Place— Olivia Morris | 57 |
| 8th Place— Mallory Doran | 51 |
| 9th Place— Will Perry | 50 |
| 10th Place— Jacob McJellan | 50 |

Junior Division

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1st Place— Stephanie Higdon | 148 |
| 2nd Place— Christopher Thiessen | 148 |
| 3rd Place— Phillip Winn | 141 |
| 4th Place— Dawson Colling | 87 |
| 5th Place— Hunter Gregory | 78 |
| 6th Place— Mackenzie Colling | 60 |
| 7th Place— Hannah Ritterskamp | 47 |
| 8th Place— Joshua Petrin | 47 |
| 9th Place— Reed Boeger | 45 |
| 10th Place— Caroline Bivins | 44 |

Senior Division Top Brains for February



Junior Division Top Brains for February



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Bible Bowl Rocks!

March—What You Need to Know

*By Monday, March 2—Lunch headcounts and
Team Roster Changes Due*

Lunch headcounts to Barbara Traylor - traylors@comcast.net
Roster Updates to Tom Dierkes - tom@dfamily.com.

This Month's Text—Bible Bowl -Jeremiah 35—Daniel 2

Beginner Bowl—Core 5

Cookies - Cookeville

Devotional—Lakeshore

Closing Prayer-Franklin Band—Madison

Team Article—Already have Madison's article—thanks!

**Did You Know -
Our next meet is
March 7**



Quoting Bee fun with Todd

Getting to Know Your Lists

Bible Bowlers and Beginner Bowlers—get out your calculators—we're going to do some math this month. Beginner Bowlers, grab a Bible Bowler's text and go to their Official Lists for Jeremiah 35—Daniel 2. Here is what you need to add:

- 1) The number of letters in the longest name in this month's text.
- 2) The number of letters in the longest nationality in this month's text.
- 3) All the numbers listed in the Official Lists in the Numbers section for Jeremiah 35—Daniel 2.

The first person to email me with the correct answer gets a prize. My email address is listed in the upper left hand corner of this page. Have fun calculating!