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SUNSHINE STATE

Association of Christian Schools

ATTENTION: Senior Pastor, Youth Pastor, School Administrator, School Principal

We at SSACS are already working toward the 2024 SSACS Bible & Fine Arts Competitions, and we would like to re-introduce to you the new concept for Bible competition we tried last season. Enclosed is a Promotional Flyer and Registration Form for your church and school to review.

Last year, we utilized a new concept to give opportunity for participation from more young people. We opened the Bible Preaching and Bible Teaching competition to 9th-12th grade students of non-member schools as well as to churches of like-faith and practice (homeschoolers and public school students). This exposure:

- 1) Encouraged students to participate that would otherwise not have this opportunity.
- 2) Increased participation in a very important area of competition.
- 3) Provided a wider fellowship around the teaching and preaching of God's Word.
- 4) The area of the Bible competition was helped overall.
- 5) Many expressed that this competition was the "best experience that provided exposure for their teens for ministry."

This Bible Competition Day does require commitment from sponsors to work with their designated students; however, the reward is great along with the eternal value instilled in each young person's life. Each non-member participant will be judged and scored like member schools, and they will receive a Certificate for Participation in their category.

We saw doubled participation this first year, and it was a great success! In fact, we had one of our young men win first place at the National Competition at BJU in April. We had several homeschool students participate, and they are all looking forward to competing again next year. The goal would be to see even more participation and to allow those students this opportunity of preaching and teaching by using the resource of competition. Participation in the other areas of Fine Arts will not be open to non-member schools, homeschools, or churches. This will be exclusive to the area of Bible.

If you have any questions, or need more information, please email me and I will be glad to assist.

Sincerely,

Dr. John C. Van Delinder, Ph. D.
SSACS Executive Director





S.S.A.C.S. Annual

BIBLE COMPETITION

BIBLE PREACHING | BIBLE TEACHING | BIBLE QUIZZING

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

at Hillsdale Baptist Church

6201 Ehrlich Road, Tampa, FL 33625

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

ALL students 9th-12th grade are invited to participate.

MORNING Coaching Sessions

AFTERNOON Competition

Everyone will be scored

SSACS members will be eligible for AACCS Nationals.

Registration, rules and instructions: ssacs.net

All preaching, teaching and quizzing from KJV

BIBLE COMPETITION REGISTRATION FORM

(For Non-SSACS members)

Registration Deadline; Postmark Jan. 10, 2024 - Not accepted after Jan. 19, 2024

STUDENT NAME _____ GRADE _____

CHURCH NAME _____

STUDENT PHONE _____ STUDENT EMAIL _____

STUDENT ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

- **Certificates will be sent to the student's address.**
- **NON-SSACS students need to send this Registration Form with \$12.00 to Sunshine State Association of Christian Schools, 44063 Maplewood Ct. Callahan, FL 32011.**
- **SSACS school student will also need to register WITH your school.**



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Bible Competition Day Schedule

Friday, February 16, 2024

Hillsdale Baptist Church, Tampa Florida

8:30 AM: Registration, Welcome and Orientation in Auditorium - Dr. John Van Delinder

9:30-11:30 AM:

- Coaching training sessions with experienced Teachers and Preachers will be in the morning.
- Participants must be on time to participate.
- To allow coaches the opportunity to work with each student, we request that no parents, guests, friends, spectators or sponsors attend these sessions.
- Each student is to bring an outlined message / lesson and a judging sheet marked "COACHING" to this round.
- Extra Judging Forms will be available at the Registration Table.
- Students will stay until the entire round is complete.

Bible Competition Day Instructions and Rules

1. Bible Competition Day will start on time, all students should be present for the entire day.
2. The day will start with Registration, and judging sheets will be distributed then. Students should come with a pen, note pad, and a message/lesson outline which he/she will present and be critiqued and coached from.
3. Students will stay in the round and hear and learn from the others as well as participate in the critiquing and coaching each other.
4. We will be following the AACS rules as students in SSACS will be eligible for the AACS Nationals; however, all students will be scored and rated.
5. Preaching will fall into three categories: Expository, Evangelistic and Topical.
6. FEES: The registration fee is \$12.00 per student to be sent with a registration form to Sunshine State Association of Christian Schools, 44063 Maplewood Ct. Callahan, FL 32011.
7. Preaching will be restricted to young men.
8. A sermon/lesson will be 10-15 minutes in length. A violation of the time limit of more than one minute will cause disqualification. If over or under time be less than a minute, points or fraction of points will be deducted to prevent an otherwise first place winner from being first, and so for second and third.
9. Each student will present two typed copies of his sermon/lesson to the judges at time of delivery.
10. The outline should be done in standard subordination form with complete sentences, and written introduction and conclusion, and should include a theme and Scripture references.
11. King James Version will be the only authorized translation.
12. An EXPOSITORY sermon is derived from a portion of Scripture and is interpreted in relation to one theme or central idea. An EVANGELISTIC sermon may be either expository, topical or textual but must be primarily directed to the lost. A TOPICAL sermon is one in which the main divisions are derived from the topic independent of the text and uses Scripture passages to support the topic.