

KINGS OF THE JUNGLE



The **2008 Bible Bowl** season has come to a close. Our final event was the **Fellowship and Awards Banquet** held at Wayne Bowl yesterday, April 12th. The **Shelter 7** crew took home a lot of hardware as our **Marmosets** (primary division), **Howlers** (junior division) and **Silver Backs** (senior division) ruled the South Division jungle this year by placing first in each of their respective age divisions. These trophies will be added to our ever growing collection in the Shelter Room. Come by to have a look, but make sure you wear sunglasses—they're shiny!



2008 BIBLE BOWL PARTICIPANTS

PRIMARY*

Juliana Boyd
Hannah Bradburn
Aaron Glenn
Amber Glenn

JUNIOR

Ethan Boyd
Becky Gailbreath
Adam Kuehn
Hannah Price
Mark Strader

SENIOR

Sam Cale
Chloe Corley
Dominique Corley
Justin Lambert
Chris Lawitzke
Hannah Smithseeley
Erin Strader

* Our primary team was made up of one second grader (**Aaron Glenn**), two third graders (**Juliana Boyd & Hannah Bradburn**) and only one fifth grader (**Amber Glenn**). The Primary division is for 4th and 5th graders. It's pretty incredible that these youngsters competed all year against kids a couple of years older than them. What's even more incredible is that they took first in their division and earned the right to compete at States!

STATE FINALS

The **Shelter 7** crew took their show on the road this past Sunday, April 6th. That's when the three top teams from both the **East Division** (Rochester) and the **South Division** (Gateway) met at the Walled Lake church of Christ to find out who was the best of the best. We met some really tough competition from all over Southeast Michigan, but our teams did great and we're all very proud of them. Here are the results:

PRIMARY DIVISION (4TH & 5TH GRADE)

1. Wyoming Avenue (Detroit) 960 (Won tie breaker)
2. Walled Lake 960
3. Bristol Road (Flint) 910
4. Gateway (Southgate) 870
5. **Shelter 7 (Ann Arbor) 830**
6. Flat Rock 790

JUNIOR DIVISION (6TH THRU 8TH GRADE)

1. Bristol Road (Flint) 950
2. Romeo & North Warren 940
3. **Shelter 7 (Ann Arbor) 900**
4. Northwest (Detroit) 880
5. Franklin Road (Pontiac) 870
6. Vinewood (Detroit) 810

SENIOR DIVISION (9TH THRU 12TH GRADE)

1. Romeo & North Warren 980
2. Wyoming Ave (Detroit) 940 (Won tie breaker)
3. **Shelter 7 (Ann Arbor) 940**
4. Ypsilanti 860
5. Gateway (Southgate) 790
6. Oakland (Southfield) 790

*Note: **Ann Arbor** was the only congregation in either division to send a team for **all three age divisions!** Our kids did an awesome job all year in order to achieve this feat.*

STATE FINALS—PERFECT SCORES

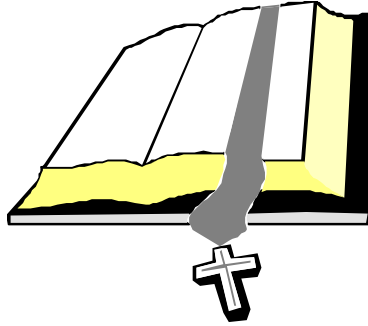
The questions for the state finals were quite a bit harder than they were during the regular season. That, and coupled with the fact that they were based on material we had studied for the whole year, made getting a perfect score in the finals a very hard thing to do. Nevertheless, some of our kids did just that.

Congratulations to:

BECKY GAILBREATH (Junior Division)
ERIN STRADER (Senior Division)
MARK STRADER (Junior Division)

2008 SUBJECT MATTER

This year's area of study came from the book of Mark. We basically read the whole book, but had to skip a few sections in order to make it fit into the parameters of how much material we give the students to study. If you've ever read Mark's gospel, you'll know that he cuts right to the chase in his story telling. He doesn't give a ton of details, which was good for the Bible Bowlers, but he covers a lot of ground in a short period of time—sort of like the Cliffs Notes of Jesus' life.



THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

It's always exciting to read a book of the Bible from beginning to end, especially when you're pouring over it again and again to wring out all of the details. What's even more exciting is seeing how much the students learn as they progress through the season. For many, if not all of them, this was the first time they read an entire book of the gospel. Often in our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes we'll point to a verse or two here and there to support a point of view, but it doesn't always put the verses into context for the students. The Bible Bowl format provides this opportunity and our students are blessed because of it.

It's cool when a scripture is mentioned in a sermon or a point is made using a story we studied during Bible Bowl, and you'll see a student's eyes light up because they know the subject matter—they get it! They understand it! It makes sense now! That's when all the studying and hard work pays off. It's not the trophies and the success in the competitions that makes Bible Bowl worthwhile, it's the wonder and joy of having God's Word etched into the minds and hearts of the young people of the church.

DID YA KNOW?

Try to answer these Bible Bowl questions:

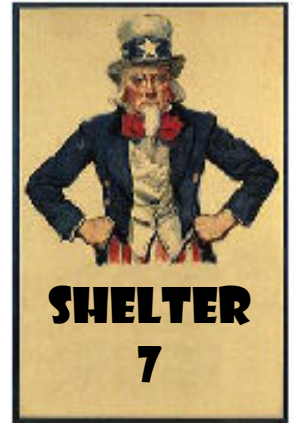
1. Where did Jesus say he would meet his disciples after he had risen from the dead?
2. What was the name of the man who asked for Jesus' body after he was crucified?
3. Who was Levi's father?
4. Who was the high priest when David and his men ate the consecrated bread?
5. What was the name of the demon who had possessed a man in the region of the Gerasenes?

Answers:

1. Galilee (Mark 16:7)
2. Joseph of Arimathea (Mark 15:43)
3. Alphaeus (Mark 2:14)
4. Abiathar (Mark 2:26)
5. Legion (Mark 5:9)

WE WANT YOU!

It's not too early to be thinking about **2009 Bible Bowl**. If you would like to be on next year's team, or just want to learn more about Bible Bowl, let one of the coaches know—**Tim Bradburn, Char Luttrell or Cindy Strader**. It doesn't matter if you've never played before or are a ten year veteran...we want you to be on our team. It's a lot of work and a big commitment, but it's a lot of fun too! Ask anybody who's participated in the past and they'll tell you that even though we're serious about learning the material, we have a blast learning it together and just hanging out with each other. Often there seems to be more laughter going on than studying...and that's a good thing.



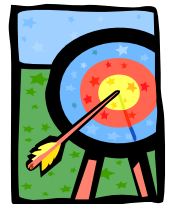
So if you like having fun, learning God's word and Trivial Pursuit type games, then Bible Bowl is just the thing for you.

VOTE FOR 2009 TOPIC

Visit www.greatlakesbiblebowl.org to place your vote for next year's topic. The Bible Bowl committee will be meeting in a couple of weeks to do a "year in review" and also to decide on the 2009 topic. So let us know what you're interested in.

PERFECTION = \$20

Hannah Bradburn and Sam Cale were among a select few people who received \$20 Target gift cards from the Bible Bowl committee for having perfect scores all year long. Congratulations, you two!



FIRST PLACE = \$1,000

The members of Team Silver Back (Sam Cale, Dominique Corley, Justin Lambert and Erin Strader) received \$1,000 scholarships from Rochester College for finishing first overall in the senior division. Holy guacamole! That'd buy at least a semester's worth of books!



Above: Photo of one of our Shelter 7 practice sessions.