



## 2009 Bible Bee of the Reedy River Baptist Congress of Christian Education

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### **Re:Participation/preparation**

The Reedy River Baptist Congress of Christian Education will sponsor the first annual **2009 Bible Bee** October 24, 2009 at Reedy River Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. We ask that you encourage your church staff, ministry leaders, and congregants to **develop a team in each of the three divisions**—Elementary, Middle, and High. **The Bible Bee enrollment fee per church is \$30.00. The fee is the same regardless of the number of teams representing your church.**

Study guides lists the questions and answers that will be randomly asked during the contest, the Participation Application, and the Bible Bee Rules are enclosed. **We have provided, for your convenience, the answers and scriptural references to each question. You will only need to concentrate on the questions/answers which are highlighted in Yellow.** During the contest, we **will not require teams to state the scripture reference** as that is given to you for documentation purposes.

We encourage your designees working with the teams to devise a weekly schedule where each team can review the questions together. Correct pronunciation is very important. Study guides, the bible, or other biblical literature can not be in the team's possession during the "active" contest. Participants are to arrive at 9:40 a.m. on the contest date. **Team members are encouraged to wear their church t-shirts to show team spirit!** Your congregants are encouraged to wear the same to show support!!

We ask that you please review the Bible Bee Rules and expectations with your participants. The application, contest rules as well as this letter will be uploaded to the **Reedy River Baptist Association Inc. website** in the event your forms are misplaced **www.rrbai.org** .

If you have further questions, do hesitate to contact the coordinator of this event.

*We Excitedly Praise God* for your participation *in advance!*



# Contestant Rules

Churches represented in the **Reedy River Congress of Christian Education Bible Bee** must enroll all teams by completing the *Application for participation*.

## The Bible Bee is structured as follows:

1. The Bible Bee is open to Churches whose association dues are current.
2. Each church is asked to submit a team in each of the three divisions—Elementary, Middle, and High.
3. Teams are encouraged to wear their church t-shirts with appropriate jeans and comfortable shoes.  
***Congregants are encouraged to wear their T-shirts as well to show support!***
4. Within each grade level, each team will pull for a number placement in the Bee. Once numbers are assigned, teams will respond in the assigned numerical order. All team alternates are ask to be present in the event of a team member's illness and is unable to participate. If you do not have an alternant, teams may still participate.
5. Once the Bee starts, all non-participants can not communicate with their teams. The audience can not cheer, applaud, and make "shout-outs" during the contest.
6. Study notes, bibles and other Christian literature are not allowed in team possession during the contest. If found in team possession, the entire team will be disqualified.
7. **Officially**—a Team is given 15 seconds to respond immediately after a question is read.
8. Depending on the number of teams enrolled, each team will be allowed 2-3 chances to give an incorrect response during the course of the entire Bee. After the 2or 3 incorrect response to the varied questions asked, a team will be illuminated from the contest. **This will be determined by the coordinator upon completion of Church-team registration.**
9. **Designated readers** will read the contest questions. Each question will be read two times for clarity. If a team responds before the first **or** second reading is completed during their turn and an incorrect response is given, opportunity to respond is given to the remaining teams. At that time, those teams are to use there buzzers to earn a chance to respond. **Chancers** will determine which buzzer sounds/lights up first without question. If an incorrect response is given at that time, the reader will state the answer and move on to the next question.
10. Other Bible Bee administrators are **Time keeper[s]**—will watch time as designated in contest, keep watch of team response order ; **Answer Analyzers**—will check for correct responses on the answer key the duration of the contest and state in microphone if answer is incorrect; and **Chancers**—document number of times teams state incorrect responses for the process of illumination.
11. All read questions, responses, and other statements will be stated in a microphone for the benefit of teams as well as for the benefit of the listening audience.
12. **Other terms:**
  - **Round**=when all participants/teams have responded to a series of questions presented before starting over [again] with the team in "starting position." Coordinator determines the number of rounds based on the number of teams enrolled per division.
  - **Chance**= occurs when participant responds correctly or incorrectly to a question.
13. **Winner per division=** the last team left in each contest division.
14. **One Winning team per division**—Elementary, Middle, and High School. Each winning team will win a *trophy for their Church*. Other participating teams will earn a Framed *Certificate of Participation* for their church.
15. This contest will be featured in local media coverage—i.e. hardcopy newspaper edition, radio, and/or on-line media.

This contest preparation will reinforce the content studied in our weekly bible study lessons, Sunday school classes as well as other in-house learning opportunities about Jesus Christ in our daily lives and Biblical History.