

Scripture Challenge

PURPOSE: To promote the habit of memorizing scripture

Questions? Contact us and we'll connect you with the Event Coordinator.

PROCESS

Each participant will:

- Be certain that they're registered for this event. This must be completed by the registration deadline. (The local church coordinator will help with this.)
- Complete the memorization of scripture and be certain that Scripture Challenge Certification form (Below) is submitted to their church coordinator no later than the Challenge Event Deadline. (See submission guidelines.)

The Church Coordinator will:

- Work with the participant to verify each project as to the level of participation for that individual.
- Be sure the participant is aware of the submission deadline.
- Keep a record of all medals earned by participants and fill out the form on the website requesting the appropriate Scripture Challenge medals for their congregation

GUIDELINES

Participant Eligibility

- This event is open to any student in grades 3 through 12. Participants will be awarded based on their memory work and grade level (3-6 or 7-12)

Scriptures to Memorize

- *Grades 3 – 6:* Participant may choose to memorize any **50 verses** from this year's Bible Bowl book. The award earned is based on the number of sittings required to recite the verses.
- *Grades 7-12:* Participant may choose to memorize any **100 verses** from this year's Bible Bowl book. The award earned is based on the number of sittings required to recite the verses.

Demonstration of Memory Work

- *When:* Demonstration of memory work is done prior to the convention and early enough to send submission packet no later than two weeks before MWLTC Convention.
- *What:* Memory work shall be recited verbatim (within reason) to the chosen text. The student may use any translation except those referred to as paraphrased or condensed. *Our goal is to encourage putting God's word into our hearts. A participant may become discouraged and want to quit when trying to recite verbatim. Therefore, a proctor may help a participant by prompting him/her with a word or two if they get stuck. We want to **encourage** scripture memorization, not discourage it. Proctors should use their best judgment on how much help is acceptable and still vouch that the participant has memorized the passage(s).*

- The participant may use a list of scripture references during the sittings, but may have no other notes.
- *Examples:* A student in Grade 9, attempts to recite 100 verses in 1 sitting, but is only able to recite 60. This student returns twice and recites 30 and 10 verses. This student would earn a Silver medal. (60 + 30 + 10 = 100 in 3 sittings). Alternatively, the same student can “reset” by returning for a second attempt to recite all 100 verses in one or two settings to earn a Gold.

Certification of Memory Work (below)

- The Church Coordinator will specify one or more individuals to listen to the students and verify their accomplishments. He/she must certify that the student has memorized and recited the required number of verses. The adult must complete a certification form indicating that the memory work has been completed.

Submission:

- Each participant must complete the certification form (Below) and turn it in to the local church coordinator before **the challenge deadline**.
- The church coordinator will keep a record of all medals earned by participants and fill out the form on the website requesting the appropriate Scripture Challenge medals for their congregation by **the challenge deadline**.
- The certification forms do NOT need to be mailed in to MWLTC.

SCRIPTURE CHALLENGE CERTIFICATION FORM

Note: Each participant must complete the two certification forms and turn them into your church coordinator. This form will be submitted to your church coordinator for record-keeping purposes only and will **NOT** be submitted to MWLTC.

Student Name: _____

Grade Level (circle one): 3-6 7-12

Instructions

Indicate in these boxes student's grade category and number of scriptures memorized. (Circle appropriate box of numbers.) (For example, if a 5th grade student is able to recite 50 verses (accumulative) during 4 sittings, you would circle the "3 to 5" box in the rightmost column. This student would receive a Silver medal.)

	# of Sittings to Recite Required Number of Verses	
Medal	7th – 12th Grade 100 verses	3rd – 6th Grade 50 verses
Gold	1 to 2 sittings	1 to 2 sittings
Silver	3 to 5 sittings	3 to 5 sittings
Bronze	6 to 10 sittings	6 to 10 sittings

_____ **Check here** if participant attempted Scripture Challenge but did not achieve a Bronze. They are eligible for a "Participant" medal.

Scriptures for MWLTC 2016

For MWLTC, the participant may choose to memorize **any 50 or 100 verses from this year's Bible Bowl Books**. Participants are encouraged to read through the books a few times and pray about which verses to memorize. You decide which portions mean the most to you and commit them to heart. Please include a list of the verses you memorized below:

AWARD (circle one): GOLD SILVER BRONZE PARTICIPANT

Certified by: _____ **Date:** _____