



*2010 State Auxiliaries in Ministry (AIM) Scholastic
Motivation Ministries (SMM) Competitions*
*2010 National Theme: "Great God, Great Vision, Great
Accomplishments" Isaiah 40:28-29; 54:2-3;*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YNDBhPtQ8es>

April 10, 2010

Dear local, District and state AIM Coordinators:

Please mark your calendars for our Annual State AIM Conference which will be June 14-18, 2010, Jacksonville, FL. We look forward to your participation in the Scholastic Motivation Ministries Competitions and all of the exciting activities that are being prepared for you.

The 2010 State A.I.M. Scholastic Motivation Ministries (S.M.M.) Competitions for Central Florida Jurisdiction #1 in Gainesville, Florida will include:

1. Spelling Bee
2. Essay Oratorical
3. Bible Bowl
4. Math Olympics.

Please review the attached guidelines. Coordinators, please work with your children and youth with Bible Bowl study guide, Spelling Bee words and preparation of their essays.

Students will compete in the age group or grade that they were in for the 2009-2010 School Year for all competitions. Some revisions and modifications were made to the National AIM competitions in order to insure that a larger population of our children and youth in Central Florida Jurisdiction One were included.

Although it is encouraged that you participate in all activities, it is not mandatory. Select the activities that your church can perform and participate in those. Please email me to confirm in which activities your church will participate. Please do not hesitate to contact me if additional information is desired. You may contact me at 352-514-8164, email: skwdst@msn.com. I would suggest that you communicate via email if possible for faster and more frequent communication. If you do not have email access, please call if I can be of assistance. I am looking forward to working with each of you. This is an exciting time and work that we are performing for the Cause of Christ.

Our National AIM Convention will be July 5-9, 2010, Charlotte, NC.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sally K. Williams

Sally K. Williams, Ph.D.

Central Florida Jurisdiction One Church of God in Christ, Inc.

2010 State Coordinator for AIM Scholastic Motivation Ministries

<http://www.williamstemplegainesville.com> (Church website), <http://www.centralfloridacogic1.com> (State website),

<http://cogic.net/cogiccms/auxiliaries-in-ministries> (National AIM website)

<http://cogic.net/cogiccms/smm> (National SMM website), **Click on "Competition Ministries"**

Guidelines and Criteria for AIM Scholastic Motivation Ministries Competitions

2010 Spelling Bee Competition

Sis. Lilli Willingham, National Coordinator, **Sis. Jean Gardner, Asst. Coordinator**

Dr. Sally K. Williams, Coordinator for Central Florida Jurisdiction One

RULES

Who is eligible?

Any youth age 6 to 18 who is in grades 1 thru 12.

Guideline and Rules

Level I ~~~~~ Grades 1- 2

Level II ~~~~~ Grades 3- 4

Level III ~~~~~ Grades 5 – 6

Level IV ~~~~~ Grades 7 - 8

Level V ~~~~~ Grades 9 - 12

Study words requirement:

1. Study your grade level list, put the spelling in a sentence, and look up definitions
2. Word List is available at <http://www.aimconvention.bee.htm>

National Spelling Bee Participation:

Any youth from Church Of God In Christ can compete on the National Level. The competition starts the 2nd day of the AIM Convention in the Scholastic Motivation Ministries area. You must be a registered delegate to participate. Every person competing in any National SMM event must be registered: Teen Registration (\$25.00), Child Registration (\$15.00).

Competition

1. The Spell Master shall pronounce each word clearly to each contestant. The contestant will have to repeat the word then spell the word then repeat the word a second time (i.e., “say, spell, say”). The contestant can ask the Spellmaster to put the word in a simple sentence or give a definition. (Note some words have more than one spelling or definition. If the word is spelled right it will be accepted).
2. Having started to spell a word, a contestant shall be given **no opportunity** to change the letters once pronounced. A speller, having started to spell a word may retrace, providing the letters and their sequence are not changed in the retracing. **The speller has 20 seconds to spell the word correctly.** However, if the speller changes the order of the letters, the word will be declared incorrect.
3. Upon missing the spelling of a word, the contestant drops out of the contest.
4. When the contestants are reduced to two, the elimination procedure changes. When one person misspells a word the next person must spell that word plus the next word to win. If one of the last two persons misspell, and the other person after correcting the error of the first person misses the next word given, the first can have the chance to spell that word, if spelled correctly, then if the same person spells the next word right then that person wins. (You must spell two words right in a row to win).
5. Any question during the contest must be referred to the judges immediately. No protest can be considered after a round has started.

Judges

1. The three **judges** are in complete control of the Bee.
2. The Head judge has the final say during the Bee. (Timekeeper)
2nd Judge shall follow the Spellmaster word List. (Recording judge)
3rd Judge shall check the Dictionary for correct spelling and assist the Spellmaster with the words.

2010 Essay-Oratorical Competition

Essay Topic: “What Natural and Spiritual Safeguards Can Be Put Into Place to Help The Saints Avoid A Financial As Well As A Spiritual Recession?”

Dr. Caryn McGee, National Coordinator, Sis. Kimerly Horne, Assistant Coordinator

Dr. Sally K. Williams, Coordinator for Central Florida Jurisdiction One

Please note that we will use the same information and criteria at the State level that is printed for National A.I.M. The essay will be prepared using the National topic, **Essay Topic: “What Natural and Spiritual Safeguards Can Be Put Into Place to Help The Saints Avoid A Financial As Well As A Spiritual Recession?”**

It is recommended that you assist your youth in preparing essays at the local and district level. This will be very beneficial for ensuring that they are prepared to compete at the State level. All State winners ages 12-22 will be eligible to compete in the National **Oratorical Competition**. Please note that **there is no Essay Competition at the National level**. There is Oratorical competitions only. **National orations must be presented from memory. The time limit is 5-10 minutes.**

The Local, District and State Competition levels will include the following:

- Level I – Ages 8-10 years old
- Level II - Ages 11-13 years old
- Level III – Ages 14-17 years old, and
- Level IV – Ages 18-22 years old

The State essay will be read or recited orally for 5 to 10 minutes. We encourage recitation from memory. This will assist in preparing the students for National AIM.

The Levels for National competition are:

Junior Level Ages 12-15

Senior Level Ages 16-22

The National Oratorical presentation will be a 5 to 10 minute **memorized** speech. If the participant reads the presentation points will be deducted.

The State Junior winner (age 12-15), and Senior winner (Age 16-22) will compete in SMM National Oratorical Competition. Each contestant must submit an application to the National Coordinator and include a brief autobiographical sketch. Applicants must be members of the **Church of God in Christ**, and must be prepared to show proof of age, if requested.

Essay Due Dates for District Competition should be one week prior to your District Convention. After the District competition is completed, the local church Contest Coordinator and the District Coordinator should work with the contest winner to enhance/improve their essay/speech for presentation in the State competition, which will be held during the State AIM meeting. A copy of the essay/speech should be presented to the State SMM Coordinator, Dr. Sally K. Williams, **no later than one week prior to the State AIM Conference**. This will allow time for judges to review the written essay. **Length of Essay** should be 1.5 (one and a half) to two typed double spaced pages, **Maximum**, for Levels II, III and IV, and one page for Level I. Levels II, III and IV (ages 12-22) consist of individuals eligible for National AIM competition.

2010 Essay-Oratorical Competition Continued

Tips for Developing Essay:

1. Suggested Written Format

- a. Introduction (Paragraph 1) – Begin with an attention-getting statement that pulls the reader or audience into your discussion. State the goals/objectives of your presentation.
- b. Body (paragraphs 2, 3 and 4) - Main points; Supporting details. Use scriptures to support your statements. Be factual. Convince the audience that you believe what you have written or stated.
- c. Conclusion (Paragraph 5) – Restate your objectives and summarize your position as earlier discussed in Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4. End with a final attention-getting statement.

2. Suggested Guidelines for Grading Written Essay (40 Points Maximum)

- a. Focus – The paper maintains a clear main idea, sticks to the main idea established in Paragraph 1, and does not include unrelated information. **10 Points**
- b. Organization – All ideas are organized logically. The writer avoided repetition within each paragraph, and from paragraph to paragraph. **10 Points**
- c. Supporting Material – The writer presented factual material and utilized biblical references to support statements. **10 Points**
- d. Correct punctuation, capitalization, spelling and sentence structure were used in preparation of the essay. **10 Points**

3. Suggested Guidelines for Grading Oral Presentation (60 Points Maximum)

- a. Eye Contact with audience (avoided excessive reading). **10 Points**
- b. Proper diction (enunciation of words). **10 Points**
- c. Articulation (clarity when speaking, creative use of language). **10 Points**
- c. Response to questions revealed presenter's knowledge of subject area. **10 Points**
- d. Speaker stayed within time limit. **10 Points** (One point will be deducted for each minute over time limit.)
- c. Delivery and stage presence during oral presentation. **10 Points**

Visit: <http://www.sehs.org/researchguide.htm>, [Writing Essays Or Papers, the Basics](#)

Helpful Information about Oratory from the National Coordinator to share and review with your contestants:

1. **The characteristic of oratory which distinguishes it from public speaking, in general, is its appeal to the emotions. No matter how clear, logical, or effective speaking may be, as long as it appeals primarily to the intellect, it remains public speaking.**
2. **When, however, emotions are touched — love, joy, hate, ambition — then speaking becomes oratory. And although oratory appeals powerfully to the emotions of the hearer, yet it is not necessarily preaching.**
3. **Oratory is composed of two elements: matter and manner. When one gives an oration, one should be certain of the content and substance of his/her oration.**
4. **Oratorical topics are received yearly from the National Coordinator. Orations must be original, and are to be done from memory. The time limit is 5-10 minutes.**

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2010 BIBLE BOWL COMPETITION

Mrs. Helen Givens, National Coordinator, Deacon Arthur Bridges, Asst. Coordinator
Dr. Sally K. Williams, Coordinator for Central Florida Jurisdiction One

The Books for the 2010 Bible Bowl are Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians,
I Thessalonians and II Thessalonians

The purpose of the Bible Bowl Competition is to provide a platform for the young people of the Church Of God In Christ to demonstrate their abilities. Specifically, this competition will give winning teams an opportunity to express their skills in communication, ability to think reflectively and demonstrate their willingness to cooperate as a team member. Participation in the Bible Bowl Competition should serve as a motivating factor for genuine and systematic **Bible Study** and for concentrated study of the **History** and **Doctrine** of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc.

The Bible Bowl will focus on the Books of Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I Thessalonians and II Thessalonians, Church History and Doctrine. One or Two questions will be asked from each book per round. A set of study questions have been developed to serve as a study guide for the competition. All Youth leaders/workers, Contest coordinators, and etc. are encouraged to send in additional questions to be placed in the study guide.

Disclaimer: Please note that all questions given in this study guide for the Books of Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I Thessalonians and II Thessalonians, Church History and Doctrine were compiled by Dr. Sally K. Williams using the references listed in the Study Guide. None of the questions were given by the National C.O.G.I.C. and there is no guarantee that any of these questions will be included in the National competition. The study guide was developed for the sole purpose of increasing and encouraging participation of the children, youth and adults in Central Florida Jurisdiction One C.O.G.I.C. Scholastic Motivation Ministries activities.

The Categories for Central Florida Jurisdiction One will include the following:

Category I – Ages 5-10; Category II – Ages 11-15; Category III – Ages 16-19 and Category IV – Ages 20-23

A team (for both State and National) may consist of people from a single church, from a district, or from a mixture of churches in the jurisdiction.

The Categories for the National Competition will include:

Junior Team - Ages: 5-15, and Senior Team - Ages: 16-23

Bible Bowl Rules

Only eight (8) can be on a District or National Team, male or female. Only four will be able to compete together in each round. A team may consist of people from a single church, from a district, or from a mixture of churches in the jurisdiction. At the end of each round, the coach may make substitutions

The point value for each round will be announced in the opening session of the AIM Convention Bible Bowl. All will be told the number of questions that will be asked in each round (the Bible, Church History and Doctrine) and its point value. All correctly answered question/s will receive its assigned point(s). For each incorrect answer, point(s) will be subtracted. The score from each round will be carried into the next round and totaled at the end of the third (3rd) round.

Rounds:

The competition shall consist of three rounds.

COGIC History, COGIC Doctrine and selected questions from the assigned Books of the Bible.

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Questions

Before each round, the Moderator will announce the topic and the teams will have the opportunity to make team substitutions.

The coach should choose their best team members to compete. Team members may not confer with each other during the questioning. Each person should listen to the entire question before buzzing in. If a team member buzzes in before the moderator completes the question/statement, then the moderator will stop asking the question and the team member must answer the question. **Each team will have 15 seconds to buzz in after the moderator has finished reading the question.**

Should a team member stop the moderator by buzzing in before he or she has completely read the question, the moderator will stop immediately. The person will then have 15 seconds to answer the question correctly, for which he or she will be given a point. Should the question not be answered or answered incorrectly a point shall be taken away. Then the moderator shall read the question completely and the opposing team shall have 15 seconds to answer the question, if they would like. If they buzz in they must answer the question correctly. They may also pass on the question if they would like. If after the moderator reads a question completely and one team buzzes in and answers the question incorrectly, the opposing team may have an opportunity to answer the question. **The question, however, will not be repeated.** The question must be answered correctly or a point or points will be deducted.

Scoring: (Scoring points may vary in National Competition)

The Bible Book questions are three points each.

The History questions are two points each.

The Doctrine questions are one point each.

It is important to note that if you give an incorrect answer your team will be deducted that number of points. For example, if you give an incorrect answer in the Bible Bowl round, it will cost your team three points. If you give a correct answer in the Bible round your team will earn three points.

*** If you do not know the answers, please do not buzz in, it will cost your team points if you are wrong!

Officials: There will be a Moderator, the person who will read all questions. There will be three (3) Judges, one of which will act as the timekeeper and one as the scorekeeper. The Judges will have the final say on all disputes. If there is a dispute, it must be handled in the round that it occurred in. Only the coach may dispute a question or an answer. **The Bible Bowl Chair or her/his designee has the final say.**

STUDY RESOURCES

Church History and Doctrine information is available on the Internet at <http://www.cogic.org/history.htm> and <http://www.cogic.org/dctrn.htm>. A good place to find information to study for the Bible Bowl is the Church Of God In Christ History- 1) The YPWW Topic from Spring Quarter March-April-May 2001 and Winter Topic Quarter Dec. 2006, Jan & Feb 2006, 2) Official Handbook for the Department of Women, 3) The Church of God in Christ Manual. If you can find a copy of the YPWW topic for Winter Quarter Dec – Feb. '87 or June – August '91. It has the study of the Church History. Also a new source for church history is the new book "Charles H. Mason: Roots of the Church Of God In Christ" by Bishop Ithiel C. Clemmons. You will find a study of Church Doctrine in the Spring Quarter March – May 87. Another source on the Church Doctrine is in "Understanding Bible Doctrine As Taught in the Church of God in Christ" by Bishop P.A. Brooks and Charles Hawthorn. (Church bookstore in Memphis has these books). Old Sunday School books are also an excellent source for the books of the Bible. You may also go to the Bible Bookstore and pick up a study of a particular book.

You may also purchase a collection of **YPWW topics for June 1991-August 1991, Dec. 1996-Feb 1997, Mar 2001- May 2001, Dec 2005-Feb 2006 and Sep 2008-Nov 2008 to use as a study guide from Mrs. Helen Givens.** You may e-mail, fax, call or write Mrs. Helen M. Givens, 28112 Rosewood Drive, Inkster, MI 48141, Home: (313) 277-0402, Fax: (313) 277-0008, E-mail: hgivens464@ameritech.net. If you or someone from your District would like to volunteer as a judge for the National Bible Bowl Competition, please contact Mrs. Givens. You will be contacted by the end of June if you have been selected.

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2010 MATHEMATICS OLYMPICS

Elder Samson Dyson, National Coordinator, Bro. Casey Washington, Assistant Coordinator
Dr. Sally K. Williams, Coordinator for Central Florida Jurisdiction One

The Mathematics Competition (or Math Olympics) is conducted on three levels Nationally and on four levels on Central Florida Jurisdiction One:

- Level I Grades 1-2
- Level I Grades 3 - 4
- Level II Grades 5- 6
- Level III Grades 7 – 8
- Level IV Grades 9-10
- Level V Grades 11-12

Math problems on the participant’s grade level will be provided at the competition. **The participants can not use calculators.** A predetermined time will be set for all participants. At the end of the time period the test will be collected and graded by the judges.

On National level, the Mathematics Competition (or Math Olympics) is conducted on three levels:

- Level I Grades 3 - 5
- Level II Grades 6 - 8
- Level III Grades 9 - 12

On National level, Calculators may be awarded at each level during the training sessions to participants who demonstrate the highest mastery of the daily math materials taught. Contestants at each level will compete in the final Math Olympics for trophies and scientific calculators.

Study Resource: Study Math Online: <http://www.math.com/>