



BELTON

Church of Christ

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Hello!

December is here and that means that we are getting ready for **Leadership Training for Christ (LTC)**!

What is LTC? LTC is an event purposed to assist kids and teens develop their knowledge of the Bible and Biblical principles, grow their communication and leadership skills, and participate in Christian service. By making LTC a part of our Children's & Youth Ministries, we believe it helps them discover talents, develop skills, and grow in their confidence all to God's glory.

The weekend of Friday, March 29 – Saturday, March 30 is reserved for the convention "events" to take place in Dallas, TX at the Hilton Anatole. During the convention weekend, approximately 2500 participants perform in various events, display their artwork, and/or participate in Bible Bowl or Quiz. It's quite an experience!

There are many events (Drama, Puppets, Speech, Sign Language, Teaching Challenge, etc.) available and ANY can be done at home or at the convention. That means, if money or time might keep you and your teen from attending the convention itself, it is no longer a barrier! ANY event can be filmed and submitted online. For a complete list of all the events, visit the Events & Rules pages at www.BYGMinistries.com/LTC

The cost to participate is \$35 each. However, if your student completes any level of the Daily Devotional Challenge, their fee is waived and they will receive a plaque, event medals, and a t-shirt for **FREE!**

During the month of December, students in grades 3rd-12th can register online to participate at www.BYGMinistries.com/LTC. This personalized website serves as our hub of information where you can find event rules, various forms, maps, hotel stay information, practice schedules, and more. We also have a bulletin board (found in Communication Alley) with forms, updates, etc.

Our goal is to get as many of our children and teens to participate in some level of LTC as possible.

Again, we believe it's important for our students to develop skills, discover their talents, and build confidence in order to impact the world in the name of Jesus. For these reasons, we ask that you prayerfully consider your child/teen taking part in Leadership Training for Christ in March 2024.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bruce or Vince.

Thank you and have a blessed day!

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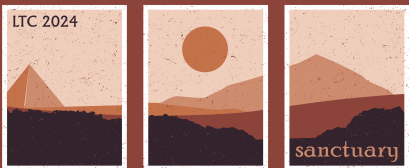
Bruce Beaver
Youth & Family Minister

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Vince Nieves
Children's & Family Minister

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Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples.



2024 Reference Manual

March 29 - 31, 2024

Bible Bowl/Bible Quiz: Life of Moses

Theme: Sanctuary

Exodus 15:17

Convention Site:

Dallas Hilton Anatole

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

North Texas Leadership Training for Christ is a duly recognized association of youth groups of the Churches of Christ and parachurch youth groups affiliated with the Churches of Christ. The purpose of NTLTC is to plan, organize, promote, and execute programs that assist young Christians to develop their knowledge of the Bible and biblical principles, enhance their communication and leadership skills, and orient their energies and abilities to areas of Christian service.

CODE OF ETHICS FOR CHURCH COORDINATORS

1. LTC is for the growth and spiritual development of our youth. The LTC preparation must be the student's own work. Guidance, resources, and encouragement must be provided so students can develop their own ideas.
2. Church Coordinators must place their emphasis on *participation* and *effort* rather than on competition and winning. Lesser value comes from winning; maximum value comes from hard work and best efforts.
3. Church Coordinators must emphasize servant leadership. It is not enough to teach public communication skills, but additionally, we must model and teach leadership through servanthood.
4. Church Coordinators must find important and needed areas for our youth leaders to be integrated into the overall leadership of the church. Our youth need responsibilities now that give them important roles and contribute to the church.
5. Church Coordinators must *communicate* these ideas to all parents and church leaders.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF LTC

The first LTC Convention was held in Dallas, Texas in 1989. This convention has now expanded to three sites in the Dallas area. It became known as North Texas LTC in 1997 as other conventions were beginning. Other LTC conventions have begun in various parts of the country. Each LTC convention is a separate organization. The organizations cooperate in many areas for the benefit of all the students, but have local control to tailor the program to regional differences. Other LTC conventions are:

LTC Southwest in Tucson, AZ (1993 to present)
Midwest LTC in Indianapolis, IN (1996 to present)
LTC West in San Jose, CA (1996 to present)
Central Texas LTC in Houston, TX (1997 to 2019)
Great Plains LTC in Tulsa, OK (1997 to present)
Southeast LTC in Mobile, AL (2000 to present)
Black Hills LTC in Spearfish, SD (2000 to 2002)
Heart of America LTC in Kansas City, MO (2002 to present)
Eastern Region LTC in Charlotte, NC (2004 to 2019)
LTC Northwest Region in Prineville, OR (2006 to present)



2024 Church Behavior Agreement

The church coordinator is the responsible party in the distribution of the church code for the mobile app. The church coordinator also agrees to communicate the following behavioral guidelines to all attendees with their group:

All Participants and Attendees:

- Be courteous to the hotel staff and the convention workers.
- Be aware of your noise level in the hallways, foyers, and rooms.
- Always walk in the corridors and other public places.
- Allow access to public facilities by properly using elevators and corridors.
- Do not throw or drop ANYTHING off of the interior or exterior balconies of the facilities used for NTLTC.
- Curfew for all convention **participants and attendees** is 11:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

All Participants:

- Stay on the hotel property unless accompanied by an adult sponsor.
- Wear NTLTC name tags even when not involved in an event.

Other Items:

- No food or drinks may be brought into Bible Bowl or Bible Quiz. Only water from the hotel's water stations will be permitted into Bible Bowl and Bible Quiz.
- Do not bring coolers to distribute food or drinks to your participants in **public areas** of the hotel, i.e., hallways, lobby, parking lot, public meeting space, etc.
- Common Church Meeting Room – your group may bring in and distribute your own food and drinks. Catered meals are not permissible in this area.
- *A church group may bring in food from a restaurant, but they must bring it in themselves; food from a restaurant cannot be delivered or catered to the hotel and served in any room.*
- You may not eat food in the public areas of the hotel, i.e., hallways, lobby, parking lot, public meeting space, etc.
- Do not bring **cooking appliances** to use in a hotel room, suite or Church Meeting Room. This includes but is **not limited to**: Roaster, microwave, large coffee pot, electric skillet, crock-pot, hot plate, steam table, or chafing dish. If you can plug it in, you cannot use it in the hotel.
- Sale of food is prohibited.
- Only approved vendors may sell items or distribute information during the convention.

NTLTC Convention Schedule

Friday

3:00 - 5:40 PM

3rd - 12th Turn in for Display Entries:
Children's Book, Christian Art and Scrapbook

4:00 - 5:40

3rd - 4th Drama
3rd - 6th Small Chorus
3rd - 12th Signing for the Deaf (make- up)
7th - 8th Song Leading
9th - 10th Small Chorus
11th - 12th Puppets

7:00 - 10:00

3rd - 12th Bible Bowl/Bible Quiz/Bible
Reading

11:30

Curfew

Saturday

8:00 - 9:40 AM

3rd - 6th Large Chorus
7th - 8th Puppets
9th - 10th Signing for the Deaf
9th - 10th Speech
11th - 12th Large Drama

9:50 - 11:30

3rd - 4th Puppets
5th - 6th Song Leading
7th - 8th Signing for the Deaf
7th - 8th Speech
9th - 10th Drama
11th - 12th Large Chorus

11:50 - 1:30

3rd - 4th Signing for the Deaf
3rd - 4th Speech
5th - 6th Large Puppets
7th - 8th Large Chorus
9th - 10th Large Chorus
11th - 12th Song Leading

Saturday (continued)

1:40 - 3:20 PM

5th - 6th Drama
7th - 8th Small Chorus
9th - 10th Song Leading
11th - 12th Signing for the Deaf
11th - 12th Speech

3:00

Deadline for Display Entry Pickup:
Children's Book, Christian Art and Scrapbook

3:30 - 5:10

3rd - 4th Song Leading
5th - 6th Signing for the Deaf
5th - 6th Speech
7th - 8th Drama
9th - 10th Puppets
11th - 12th Small Chorus

5:20 - 7:00

5th - 6th Small Puppets
11th - 12th Medium Chorus
11th - 12th Small Drama

11:30

Curfew

Sunday

8:30 AM

Chorus/Drama Presentations

9:30 AM

Worship Assembly

Modifications for Virtual Convention Events Submitted on the Registration Portal

- Electronic submission for all events will be through the NTLTC Registration Portal
- All submission events are due by March 11, 2024
- Room entry and exit times are not applicable
- Art:
 - Must be a single photo or video shot as one continuous take
 - Size restrictions are not applicable
- Bible Reading, Signing for the Deaf, Song Leading and Speech:
 - Video must be one continuous take
 - Participants should treat the camera as the audience
- Chorus, Drama and Puppets may have multiple shots, takes, and angles
- Drama stage restrictions are not applicable
- Signing for the Deaf:
 - Levels 2-3 – Church Coordinator will pick selection
 - Levels 4-5 – Coordinated with Church Coordinator and Event Coordinator
- Song Leading Level 2, Church Coordinator will pick selection