Lannie Louise Turns 100, Bible Bowl Held at Elim

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Louis is in perfect and doesn’t take prescription drugs. She walks a lot, rides the bus to the grocery stores or shopping centers, pays her bills, cooks her food (the way she likes it). She lives alone in a senior complex.

She has a sense of humor and a sweet and lovable personality, many friends. She supports the church school and other charitable programs on her fixed income. She purchases book cases of Steps to Christ, Bible Readings for the Home, Marked Bibles and gives them away.

She feels her longevity comes from being obedient to her parents. She has one daughter (that preceded her in death), eight grandchildren, and twenty great grand-children. She prays constantly for them that will be ready, with her to meet Jesus when He returns.
Elim Hosts National Bible Bowl Competition

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The teams competed in five age divisions - pre-junior youth (ages 6-9), junior youth (ages 10-15), youth (ages 16-22), young adult (ages 23-35) and adult (ages 36+). Bible Bowl Champions in this years competition came from the Southwestern Conference - pre-junior and young adult divisions and the Northeastern Conference - junior youth, senior south, and adult divisions.

Teams from the Southeastern Conference placed in three of the five divisions: Patmos Chapel Church from Orlando, Fla. finished in second place in the junior youth division; Town & Country Church from Tampa, Fla. finished third in the young adult division; and the New Hope Church from the Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. finished in second place in the adult division.

It is extremely exciting to see our young people get excited about get excited about participating in a competition that encourages the study of the Bible, said Ceasar Robinson, SEC youth director. We are proud of them.

In an effort to encourage young people to study the Bible, Trevor H. C. Baker, while serving as youth ministries director of the Northeastern Conference, conceived and launched the Bible Bowl competition in 1979.

During the closing ceremonies of the Bible Bowl, Shearna Tolbert, SEC Bible Bowl coordinator, announced the she was moving and that Sherrie Barton-Smith would replace her as coordinator.
The Bible Bowl is sponsored by the youth department of the North American Division. Next year the Bible Bowl competition will be held in New York. For more information about the Bible Bowl visit www.bible-bowl.org.