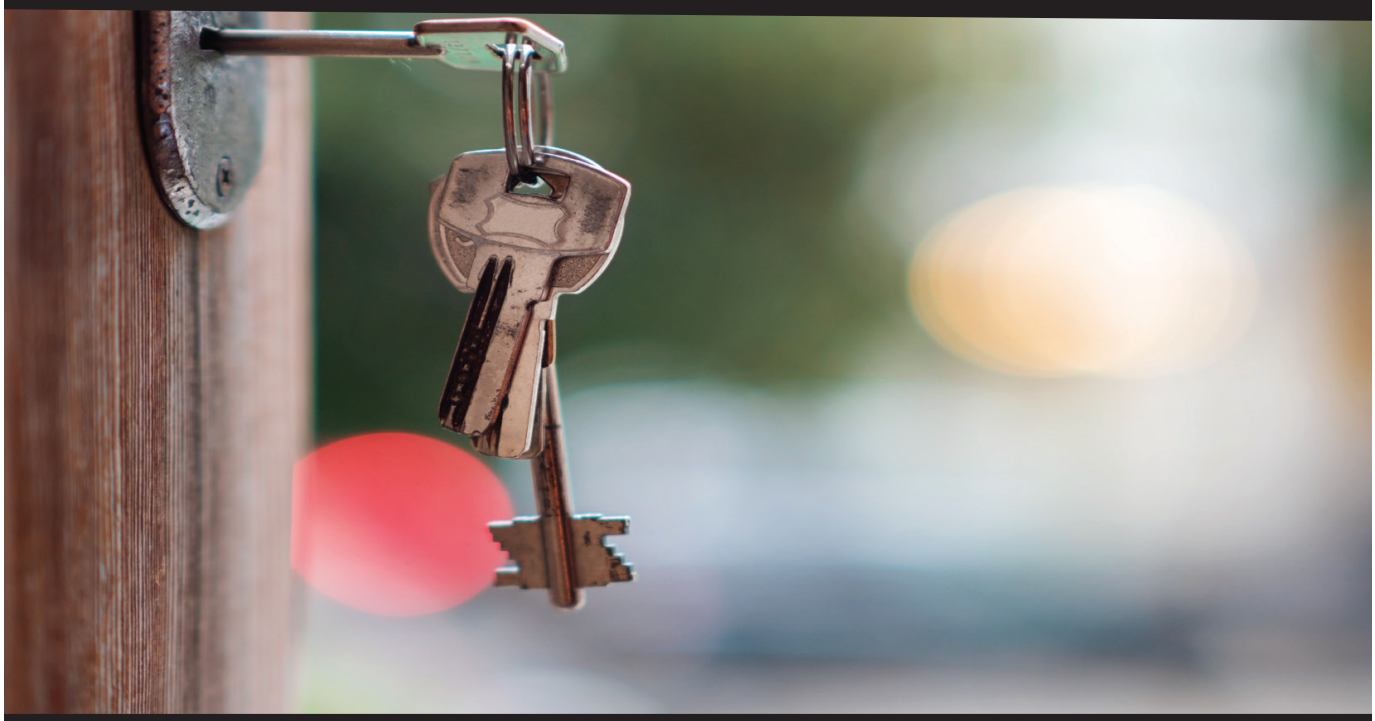
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Program Overview

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Building Godly Leaders

and

Godly Families

for over 50 years!

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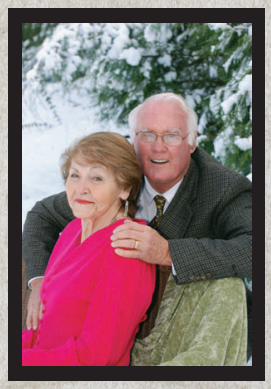
The mission of L2L has always been to develop youth into Christian leaders. From a group of eight boys in 1968 to more than 20,000 men and women, boys and girls, our mission has remained the same.

Beginning of L2L

In 1968, the Corder Road Church of Christ in Warner Robins, Georgia, asked their minister, Jack Zorn, to develop a program to train their young men to become capable public speakers. Dr. Zorn worked with eight young men, and soon they were speaking for their congregation, civic clubs, and schools. This was the beginning of Lads to Leaders.

Soon, other congregations heard of the confidence these young men had in speaking and asked Dr. Zorn to show them how they could teach their young men to speak. The concept spread by word of mouth and by requests for Dr. Zorn to visit congregaions and teach them this concept.

In 1974, a girls' component was added. The girls program includes teaching girls to speak, lead singing, and otherwise lead within the paarameters of a woman's role in the church, such as teaching young children at VBS and in Bible school, and other women at ladies' days and in ladies' classes.



Dr. Zorn retired in 1998, but he and Frances continued to mentor young men and women. Frances left this life in 2016, and her soul mate, "Jack," followed her in 2021. They taught leadership to thousands throughout their lifetime and were devoted to the Lord's church. Our hearts are shattered at the loss, but the legacy lives on in the lives that they affected, including Roy Johnson (brother of Frances), who has been leading L2L as Executive Director since 2003. L2L has grown from one convention site to many in the US, along with conventions now being held in Guyana, India, Phillippines and Romania.

With 50+ years of growth, over 20,000 people participate each year in congregations across the US from the coast to coast. Each congregation uses this tool in their own unique way to teach their youth and adults to be leaders in their congregations and in their communities.

Two Types of Events

L2L divides events into two categories: year-round events and convention/pre-convention events.

Year-round events are divided into three categories: Action, Bible, and Communication. Year-round events are carried out at the home congregation on an annual basis. There are year-round events for both students and adults. In fact, many year-round events are for all ages. This encourages participation between the youth, adults, and senior adults and helps the congregation to bond. Students and adults can work together on Centurion of Scripture, Read the Word, Good Samaritan and other events. Year-round events are recognized at the Friday evening award ceremony at the annual convention.

Convention & Pre-Convention events take place during the yearly convention held on East weekend in many locations. The convention is simply an avenue for students who have prepared all year to show their developing skills and talents.

What Happens at Convention?



On Friday and Saturday at convention each year, various exciting events will take place. The convention schedule will provide the information regarding the events of each day.

Friday night's awards ceremony is primarily for year-round and pre-convention events. Saturday night's awards ceremony is primarily for awarding participants in convention events. On Sunday morning, a traditional worship service is held, with baptized, Christian young men leading the worship service under the supervision of a local eldership.

Pre-convention events are completed at the home congregation before convention and are awarded during the Friday and/or Saturday evening ceremonies. The convention schedule lists the various events to be awarded at each ceremony. Pre-convention and convention events help students hone their skills in several areas such as Speech, Song Leading, Debate, Bible Bowl, Bulletin Board, and many more.

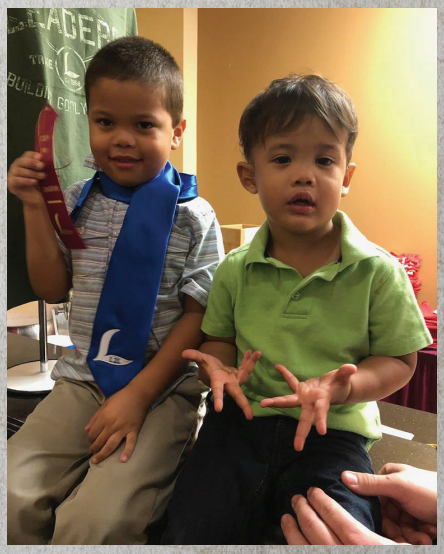
The training tools that are part of L2L may be adapted to your congregation's unique needs. No two congregations participate in the same way. Using the year-round events that are carried out through the year at the local congregational level, such as Sower, Teach to Teach, Second Language, or Keepers, will result in a well-rounded, confident, spiritually grounded individual that will have the right foundation to be a worker for the Lord from youth to adulthood.

Today, Speech is only one of almost 40 events of the L2L program. More than two-thirds of the events in L2L are non-competitive, but we offer several competitive events like Bible Bowl. Bible study is an extremely important aspect of participation, and L2L is committed to providing quality spiritual study materials with which to train youth and adults alike.

Three Categories of Year-Round Events

Action

Good Samaritan
Second Language
Year-Round Bulletin Board
Year-Round PowerPoint Presentation
Year-Round Puppet Theater



Bible

Bible Bowl Prep (not as an event)
Bible Bowl Team
Bible Bowl Test
Centurion of Scripture
Individual Pearls Test
Know the Books
Oral Bible Reading (grads PreK-6)
Read the Word

Communication
Keepers
Providers
Teach to Teach
Year-Round Song Leading/Songs of Praise
Year-Round Speech
Red Coat Award

Quality Curriculum

Field Book of Leadership (not an event)
Speech & Debate (not an event, a helpful guide)
Pearls (each year's study is based on the current Bible bowl books(s)
GIFTS (girls grades 6-12)
GUARD (boys grades 6-12)
Headed to the Office (boys grades 6-12)
Defender (grades 6-12)
Junior Leader (grades K-5)
Sower (grades 6-Adult)
Courage 2 Lead (Adult leadership study meant for mixed classes)
Congregational Leadership 101 (Adult men's study for those seeking to develop leadership skills in the church)

Convention/Pre-Convention Events

Pre-Convention Events
Bulletin Board
Individual Pearls Test
Individual Bible Bowl prep/test
Mass Communications

Convention Events
Art Says It
Banner
Bartimaeus (for special need adults and students)
Bible Bowl Team
Debate
Host/Hostess

Oral Bible Reading (PreK-6)
Parade of Leaders
Puppet Theater
Scrapbook
Winners' Circle Scrapbook
Song Leading
Winners' Circle Song Leading
Songs of Praise
Winners'Circle Songs of Praise
Speech
Winners' Circle Speech

Each Event Explained

From our website, you can download a free copy of our official rules book where you can find detailed explanations of all events.

Action Events

The action events are events that involve primarily year-round events. These teach leadership and cause participants to become more servant oriented.

Keepers/Providers
Keepers and providers are year-round events that can be earned each year by students in grades 3 through 12. Participants will learn practical skills in homemaking through the Keepers event and in typical areas of heading and maintaining a home and family throuh the Providers events. Girls and boys are allowed to choose one category from the other event, for instance, girls can choose basic car maintenance as one of their categories.

Teach to Teach (Year-Round Event)
Students in grades 7-12, as well as adults, are eligible for participation. Participants will follow a natural progression from assisting their mentor teacher in the classroom setting to creating lesson plans and finally being able to teach classes while being observed by their mentor teachers. Participants are recognized at convention.

Year-Round Speech

Year-Round Speech involves a participant preparing and delivering speeches a specific number of times during the year to different audiences. Participants are recognized at convention.

Year-Round Song Leading/Songs of Praise



Year-Round Song Leading/Songs of Praise (girls) are year-round, non-competitive events. Participants learn and lead songs before a specific number of audiences in various settings. Year-Round Songs of Praise is done before female audiences only. Participants are recognized at convention.

Good Samaritan (Year-Round Event)



Good Samaritan is a year-round, non-competitive event that takes place at the home congregation. Participants of all ages, including adults fulfill service to others in the followings ways (plus many more):mission trips, serving and/or preparing food for the needy, visiting nursing homes and shut-ins, making cards, cleaning homes of the elderly, cleaning the church building, or performing some other service for the congregation or community. Participants are recognized at convention.

Year-Round Bulletin Board

Year-Round Bulletin Board is a year-round, non-competitive individual event completed at the home congregation. All students, as well as adults are eligible for participation. The purpose of Year-Round Bulletin Board is to have participants train to become more adept decorating bulletin boards for the local congregation.

Year-Round Puppet Theater

Year-Round Puppet Theater differs from Puppet Theater (a convention event) in that an experienced puppet team prepares and delivers a certain number of performances during year to such audiences as those at VBS, Children's Hospitals, and nursing

homes. Participants are recognized at convention.

Year-Round PowerPoint Presentation

Year-Round PowerPoint Presentation is a year-round, individual, non-competitive event. All students are eligible for participation to create visual presentations designed to be used as visual aids that accompany biblical lessons. Students are not required to present lessons, only to create presentations that are used by teachers, preachers, or themselves. Particpants are recognized at convention.

Bible Events

The very purpose of L2L is to instill the word of God into youth and adults so that they will naturally stand firm in the faith. Events of participation that foster Bible knowledge are: Bible Bowl Team & Test, Debate, Pearls Study Series, Oral Bible Reading, Year-Round Bible Reading/Study, GIFTS, GUARD, Read the Word, Centurion of Scripture and Know the Books.

Bible Bowl/Bible Bowl Prep

Youth in kindergarten through grade 12 study the Bible Bowl book(s) each year and participate in oral competition at convention in teams of four. The Bible Bowl Test is a pre-convention event and is done at the local congregation during a two week period prior to convention. The high scorers for each grade level will be recognized at convention. The Bible Bowl Test is perfect for those students who are uncomfortable with participating on a Bible Bowl team.

Centurion of Scripture (Year-Round Event)

Just as a centurion in the Bible commanded an army of 100, Centurion of Scripture is memorization of 100 verses of the Bible in one year. This is done at the local congregation. Centurion of Scripture is open to all ages, including adults. A person who participates learns and recites the scriptures. Participants are recognized at convention.

Debate

Debate is a convention event for students in grades seven through twelve. A team of two boys or two girls participate. Boys' and girls' debates are held separately. Debate topics are on important Bible issues, such as instrumental music, and differ each year.

Know the Books (Year-Round Event)

Participants of Know the Books memorize the names of the books of the Old and/or New Testament. The highest level of Know the Books also includes knowing the themes of each book. Know the Books is open to all ages, including adults. Participants are recognized at convention.

Oral Bible Reading (A convention event)

Oral Bible Reading is an event for participants in grades Pre-K through six. All participants receive an A, AA, or AAA award. To help students prepare for Oral Bible Reading, in the free download of our Official Rulebook available on our website, go to the Evaluation form called "Bible Reading, Oral" to see what judges use to evaluate participants.

Read the Word (Year-Round Event)

By reading the Old or New Testament in one year, a participant is eligible for a Read the Word recognition. This event is open to all ages, including adults. Participants are recognized at convention.

Second Language (Year-Round Event)

Participants in Second Language learn to communicate basic information and teach the gospel of Jesus Christ in foreign language and/or sign language. There are three different levels of Second Language. Second Language is open to all ages, including adults. Participants are recognized at convention.

Year-Round Bible Reading/Study (Year-Round Event)



Year-Round Bible Reading/Study is for all students and takes place at the local congregation. A participant develops skills by reading the Bible aloud before groups a certain number of times during the year prior to convention. There are three levels of participation in Year-Round Bible Reading/Study. Participants are recognized at convention.

Red Coat Award

The *Red Coat Award* is the highest achievement available for youth in L2L. It represents many years of dedicated effort. It is strenuous but attainable. Few will earn the Red Coat, but those who do will have demonstrated service to God and others. The Red Coat is only awarded on the national level after requirements have been met and certified by Roy Johnson and the L2L Board of Directors. This award is to honor our founder and his wife, Dr. Jack Zorn and Frances. They have moved on to their heavenly home, but they spent their life mentoring young people to be leaders.

Qualifications

- Must be in 7th grade or above to begin achieving the requirements. Accomplishments prior to 7th grade do not qualify.
- A minimum of four years to complete the award. Must be registered participant of L2L each year.
- All requirements must be met, and the Board of Review completed, before graduation from High School.
- Must complete the Red Coat Award Application
- Students in grades 9-12 who already meet most of these criteria (verification required), and are willing to now complete the final requirements, including the Leadership Project, will have their past L2L accomplishments retroactively counted toward the Red Coat Award. Contact the L2L National Office to have your questions answered and to apply for the award.
- Download the Official Event Rulebook from our website to see the detailed qualifications.



Curriculum

What separates L2L from other leadership programs is the quality curriculum available for use by congregations/families/homeschool participants. We are always adding new things so make sure you like our Facebook/Instagram pages. We will always post about our new materials.

For a detail explanation of curriculum, download the FREE L2L Curriculum Guide from our online store.This is our current list of material:

Field Book of Leadership Revised (all ages)
GIFTS (grade 6-12)
GUARD (grade 6-12)
Headed to the Office (grade 6-12)
Defender (grade 6-12)
Junior Leader 1 & 2, Coming soon JL3 (grade K- 5)
Pearls study (grade 3-12, a deeper study of the current year's Bible Bowl book(s)
Speech & Debate (grade 6-12, helps learn all aspects of communication)
Sower: Evangelism Training for Everyone (grade 6-Adult)
Courage 2 Lead (Adult leadership training for mixed Bible classes and personal study)



Pre-Convention Events

Bulletin Board
Students in grades 3-12 train to become adept at decorating bulletin boards for the local congregation.

Individual Pearls Test
Participants in grades 3 through 12 are eligible to take a Pearls test that is given during a specific two-week period prior to convention at the home congregation. The coordinator will be given an ID/password for each participant. Students login to the portal and take the test. High scorers for each grade division will be recognized at convention.

Individual Bible Bowl Test
Participants in grades 3 through 12 are eligible to take the Bible Bowl test that is given during a specific two-week period prior to convention at the home congregation. The coordinator will be given an ID/password for each participant. Students login to the portal and take the test. High scorers for each grade division will be recognized at convention.

Mass Communications
Participants in grades 3 through 12 are eligible to participate in Mass Communications. The categories are: Blogging, Podcasting, PowerPoint Presentation, and Storyline. More detailed information about each event can be obtained in our Official Rulebook available for download on our website.

Convention Events



Art Says It
Banner
Bartimaeus
Bible Bowl
Host/Hostess
Oral Bible Reading
Parade of Leaders
Puppet Theater
Scrapbook
Song Leading/Songs of Praise
Speech
Winners' Circle Song Leading/Songs of Praise
Winners' Circle Speech

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Winners' Circle Explained

Winners' Circle is a term used for participants who have excelled at Speech, Song Leading and Scrapbook. If they win first place, the next year they are placed in Winners' Circle for that event. These are those participants who have excelled at that event. A participant may return to the regular event after they have been in Winners' Circle for at least three years without placing.

Conclusion

L2L is one of those things that helps participants excel at leadership/spiritual things. As with most things in life, it takes work to become the spiritual servant God wants us to be. Training youth and adults to be godly leaders also takes work, but the benefits will extend throughout your lifetime and bless your congregation long after you are gone!

How To Get Started

Ready to start training your youth to be leaders? Here's how you can begin a L2L program at your congregation:

•Call (334) 215-0251 or email us at roy@lads2leaders.com for your introductory material or if you are interested in a workshop.

•Set a date and time for an introductory meeting with an L2L representative and your church leadership. This can be done through zoom or in person.

•Schedule a workshop and planning session at your congregation with the L2L National Service Center staff. Free workshops are offered to any congregation that wants to begin L2L. A workshop can be held in person or through zoom. It involves two hours of training of adult leaders so that they are prepared to use these tools and events to effectively train their youth.

•Download the Official Rulesbook from our website and watch the L2L helpful training videos available on our website.

Visit our website at www.lads2leaders.com, call us at (334) 215-0251, call Roy Johnson directly at (205) 410-0298, or email roy@lads2leaders.com with any questions or for more information!



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