



2021 Outstanding Student Preaching Competition

Sponsored by the Michigan Christian Convention

In order to highlight the good work being done at Great Lakes Christian College, the Michigan Christian Convention Team is sponsoring the first-ever Outstanding Student Preaching Competition. The honor of Outstanding Student Preacher 2021 will be awarded to the student who demonstrates excellence in preaching with skill, creativity, and Biblically accurate use of the theme/text provided.

2021 Sermon Theme:

In Pursuit of Unity – this topic can extend to many scriptures and directions. Our team would love to hear your thoughts on answering one or more of the following questions:

- **What is unity in the church? What could it look like?**
- **What has the church forgotten about unity?**
- **With the world as divided as it is, is unity even possible?**
- **How is our unity tied to our diversity?**
- **How can we contribute to church unity – individually? Corporately?**
- **Can we be fully united in Christ and still be fully free?**

Sermons are to be 20-25 minutes.

Awards and Benefits

First Award: \$1000—2021 Outstanding Student Preaching Award and the opportunity to be a featured preacher at the Michigan Christian Convention to be held at Rock Lake Christian Assembly on Saturday, August 14, 2021.

Second Award: \$500 and recognition in the MCC program, website, and social media.

All other participants: Recognition in the MCC program, website, and social media.

Benefits to All Participants

Constructive feedback on submitted sermons.

Recorded video of sermon presentation and potential exposure to a number of church leaders.



Eligibility

All Great Lakes Christian College students (online or face-to-face) currently enrolled and in good academic standing are eligible to enter.

Students graduating in the spring of 2021 MAY enter. Winners must be available to attend the Michigan Christian Convention on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at Rock Lake Christian Assembly.

Additional Information

- Sermons are to be 20-25 minutes in length when presented.
- Sermons are to focus on the theme and/or Bible text announced for the MCC Outstanding Student Preaching Competition (see above).
- The target listeners are members of a local Restoration Movement church.
- Sermons should be submitted via email no later than May 14, 2021. Submissions should be emailed to bekihodgman@gmail.com. Please include the following in your email submission:
 - Video of you delivering your sermon. Post to your YouTube page and email the link.
 - Written text (and/or outline) of your sermon that includes scripture references. MS Word or PDF is acceptable. This document must also include your name, phone number, valid email address, and major.
 - Both pieces (video + document) must be submitted for entry to be considered.
- A sub-committee of the Michigan Christian Convention Team will view the submissions, evaluate them on the basis of skill/presentation, creativity, and Biblical accuracy and determine first and second prize awardees. Their decision will be final. The MCC Team may consult GLCC professors in making this decision.
- The Convention President will notify the students of the decisions via email at least 30 days prior to the Michigan Christian Convention (no later than July 14).
- Recipients will be recognized at the Michigan Christian Convention; the first-place recipient will present their message live during the convention and will be featured on the Convention's website and Facebook page.

The submission deadline is May 14.

Questions? Email Beki Hodgman at bekihodgman1@gmail.com