

BATTLE OF THE BANDS 2026

"VOICES OF LIGHT"

Saturday, November 7, 2026

12:00pm-4:00pm

CONTEST RULES

All bands wishing to audition for the Battle of the Bands contest must read and accept the following rules and regulations before completing the registration form.

1. All bands must contain a minimum of three members and a maximum of 6 members.
2. All band members must be at least 18 years of age.
3. Each band may bring up to 2 roadies to assist them with set-up and break-down.
4. Only band members and roadies will be admitted on stage.
5. All bands agree to have their name, voice, and/or likeness used in any advertising or broadcasting material relating to this contest without compensation or rights to royalties for such use.
6. All band members/roadies must be dressed in clothing free from obscenities or inconsistent with Christian values.
7. All band members/roadies must NOT be dressed revealing apparel.
Examples: short shorts, crop tops, open shirts or low-cut shirts
8. All band names and lyrics must be free from obscenities.
9. The use of any illegal substance or alcohol will not be permitted on the premises.
10. All bands are required to be present at the venue for the entire show.
11. All participants are required to be courteous and respectful toward other participating musicians.
12. Registration forms must be complete and accurate.
13. **Registration forms must be received electronically no later than 6:00pm, September 30, 2026.**
14. Each band will be given the opportunity to submit two ORIGINAL songs of Christian Genre.
15. All finalist bands must perform the songs submitted with the same band members.
16. The finalists (max. 5 bands) will be notified no later than October 15, 2026.
17. The finalists will be notified of the final event rules.
18. The finalists will be required to complete and submit the finalist's registration form no later than 6:00pm, October 31, 2026.
19. Band members are responsible for the security of their own band equipment.
20. Each band will be given 10 minutes to set up, 10 minutes to perform, 10 minutes to tear down.
21. Pre-recorded material or tracks will not be allowed. Live music only.
22. Bands will be judged in 8 categories. Each category will be worth 100 points. The winner will receive the highest total score out of 800 possible points.
23. In the event of a tie, there will be a tiebreaker in which each band will have the opportunity to play one song of their choice providing it meets all the original song requirements. The tiebreaking song must be less than four minutes in length.
24. The judge's decision will be final.
25. The winner will receive a total cash prize of \$1000.00 and the "Battle of The Bands" Trophy.

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JUDGING CATEGORIES:

MUSICIANSHIP:

- A. Expertise of each Musician
- B. Instrumental Skill
- C. Timing

VOCAL PERFORMANCE:

- A. Pitch
- B. Tone
- C. Expression of the Vocals

STAGE PRESENCE:

- A. Wardrobe
- B. Confidence
- C. Commanding the Stage
- D. Ownership

OVERALL SOUND:

- A. Was the band in sync?
- B. Did the band blend well?
- C. Did the band play as a band?
- D. Did the band fill the song?

SONG ARRANGEMENT:

- A. Song structure
- B. Melody
- C. Solos
- D. Lyrics

AUDIENCE ENGAGEMENT:

- A. Did they make eye contact with audience?
- B. Did they interact with the audience?
- C. Did the audience engage with the band?
- D. Applause level

PROFESSIONALISM/ PERFORMANCE:

- A. Were they well groomed?
- B. Did they start on time?
- C. Did they finish on time?
- D. Did they appear rehearsed?

MEMORABILITY:

- A. Did you remember anything the band sang/played?
- B. Did they do something that really stuck with you?
- C. Would you add this song to your playlist?
- D. Would you see this band live again?