

7th Annual Gingerbread Contest

Hosted by Main Street Church

Official Rules and Regulations

1. **Entry Forms:** There is no fee to enter. The deadline for fully completed entry forms is November 14th, 2018. These can be either filled out online, e-mailed to gingerbread@churchofmain.com or mailed to:

Gingerbread Contest Entry
116 N. Main Street
St. Charles, MO 63301

Entries cannot be accepted if an entry form was not submitted by the date above.

2. **Entry Drop Off:** Completed entries must be brought to the Main Street Church facility located at the address above on Sunday 11/18/18, between the hours of 3pm and 6pm. If an alternative drop off time is needed, it is the participant's responsibility to contact gingerbread@churchofmain.com by 11/16/18 to schedule a different time. All entries are to remain on display at the Main Street Church facility until 12/22/18. At drop off, all entries must be accompanied by a sheet of paper with the participants name, e-mail, phone number, and category as it was entered on the original entry form.
3. **Categories:** All entries must be entered into one of the following categories:
 - a. Adult (18 +)
 - b. Teen (11 – 17)
 - c. Youth (1 – 10)
 - d. Business/Professional

Entries must be constructed primarily by a person of the age in the category which they are entered. The Business and Professional category will include all businesses entered as such. If you don't wish to compete against bakeries, etc. please enter in the appropriate age category under your name and not the business name.

4. **Judging:** All entries not turned in by Sunday 11/18/18 may not be included in the judging for cash prizes. Entries will be judged on a 1-10 scale in each of the following categories.
 - a. Overall Appearance/Design/Difficulty
 - b. Originality/Imagination/Use of Materials
 - c. Use of Candy
 - d. Keeping with the theme
 - e. Use of Color
 - f. Holiday Spirit incorporated in design

5. **Theme:** The theme for the 2018 contest is: **Home "Sweet" Home**

6. **Winners:** Will be marked by the 11/22/18 display closing date. In addition, winners will be contacted by phone or e-mail and will be listed on the www.churchonmain.com/gingerbread website.
7. **Entry Display:** All entries will be on display Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for the duration of the Christmas Traditions season through Saturday Dec 22nd.
8. **Building Specifications:**
 - a. **Use of Gingerbread:** Structures must include gingerbread, but do not have to be made primarily of gingerbread. They may be decorated and accented with other materials.
 - b. **Non-Visible Supports:** Non-edible materials may be used as support structures in your construction, but must not be visible.
 - c. **Everything Visible:** Every visible piece of your entry must be made of edible material. The only exception to this is the sides of your base that the entry is built. The use of candy is highly suggested but not mandatory.
 - d. **NOTE: The use of inedible items that are visible such as pre-fabricated trees, accents, etc. will result in the immediate deduction of 15% of your total score. The use of candy wrappers is excluded from this rule.**
 - e. **Entry Size:** All entries are to be constructed on a base made of plywood or similar material to provide a sturdy, non-flexible platform. Bases can be no larger than 18" by 18", and cannot exceed 24" high. Any entry larger than this will not be eligible to win in any category. Orientation of the base should be such that a flat side faces front if the base is square or rectangular.
 - f. Please do not include internal lighting systems in the construction. Although this creates a great affect, we cannot guarantee enough electrical outlets for all entries and the heat generated could pose a problem with displaying your entry for the duration of the Christmas Traditions festival.
9. **Prizes:** First (\$100), Second (\$75), Third (\$50) and Honorable Mention (\$25) will be awarded for each category.
10. **Entry Pickup:** All entries must be picked up on Sunday 12/23 between the hours of 12pm and 3pm. If you are unable to pick up your entry at this time, please contact us prior to the 12/23 date at gingerbread@churchonmain.com. Any display not picked up will be donated or discarded.
11. ***Christmas Traditions, Missouri Baptist University, and Main Street Church reserve the right to photograph entries for promotional purposes without compensation to the entrant.***