

Evangel Chess Challenge

The Evangel Chess Challenge was held on November 12, 2011, at Evangel Temple in Montgomery. Doug Strout directed the tournament.

The USCF-rated section was won by William Blackman. Mark Liatti and Doug Strout tied for second place.

Evangel Chess Club names William Blackman as the 2011 Evangel Player of the Year. William played in all five Evangel tournaments this year (13.5/17), winning the last four, including the November Challenge. He had a 13-game unbeaten streak at Evangel that came to an end during the November Challenge. He was 4.0/5 against fellow A-players at Evangel during the year.

Two sections of unrated scholastic also competed at the November Challenge.

Results:

Open scholastic (age 18 & under)

1st – Eliza Strout

2nd – Teja Ginjupalli

3rd – Joseph Smith

Closed scholastic (age 10 & under)

1st – Jonathan Lee

2nd – Jenny Baek

3rd – Graham Meldrum

James Richardson gave a six-board simul at the November Challenge, and the trophy for the simul went to Rafi Israil, who outlasted all of the other competitors.

Thanks to all the players and their families for supporting the Evangel Chess Challenge. Special thanks to David and Liz Reneau, the new children's pastors at Evangel, for their support of Evangel Chess Club.

Future dates: March 3 Evangel Open and April 28 Evangel Chess Challenge