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the chairs and pads await you

## 2012-2013 Schedule

Note: Matthew 1 will not include the genealogies in verses 1-16 but will start at verse 17.

October 13: Local Quiz #1
Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran
Matthew 1-5 (120 vs.)

LL: Matthew 1-4:11 (60 vs.)

November 10: Local Quiz #2 Living Word Lutheran Matthew 6-9 (135 vs.) LL: Matthew 4:12-5:48(62 vs.)

November 17: Great Lakes Regional Cornerstone EPC Matthew 1-9 (255 vs.) LL: Matthew 1-5 (122 vs.)

> December 8: Local Quiz #3 Heritage Church of Christ Matthew 10-12 (122 vs.) LL: Matthew 26:1-56 (56 vs.)

January 12: Local Quiz #4 TBA

Matthew 13-15 (133 vs.) LL: Matthew 26:57-27:31 (50 vs.)

February 9: Local Quiz #5 TBA

Matthew 16-19 (99 vs.) LL: Matthew 27:32-28:20 (31 vs.)

March 9: Local Quiz #6
Day of Champions Tournament
Fellowship Chapel
Matthew 1-21 (712 vs.; 80 new)
LL: Matthew 1-5, 26-28 (283 vs.)

March 25-27
WBQA Chicago Tournament
full review (712 vs.)
LL: full review (283 vs.)

### Highlights

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Welcome to the 2012-2013 Season. Before you know it, the first quiz competition on October 13 will be here. The following pages have lots of reminders and tips that should help get the season under way smoothly.

We look forward to seeing everyone shortly for some great quizzing on the Gospel of Matthew.

**Rule Update.** Rule 2.1.4 has been modified to allow sixth-graders to quiz in either Little League or Junior

Varsity. The one limitation on this is that sixth-graders with three years of quizzing completed need to move up.

**Registration.** Use the "Registration" tab at www.detroitbiblequizzing.org. The information needed, how to pay, and the due date of September 29 for registering teams are all laid out there.

Fees are the same as last year—an individual fee of \$80. Any changes after you have completed registration should be called in to Cindy Hatfield at 586.918.7506. Should you still have individuals to register on the day of the quiz, please arrive well in advance of the noon start time to get that taken care of.

**Team Names.** Please identify the sponsoring church or organization (initials are OK) while limiting the overal length to 24 characters and spaces.



from the archives: a fun thematic approach to uniforms

**Uniforms.** Teams are to wear matching shirts at all quizzes. "Matching" does not mean identical—it is sufficient if shirts match based on color or theme, although most teams get identical shirts. The idea is that they identify the quizzers as a team.

### Study calendar and regular practices.

These are two fundamental aids for learning the amount of material that is required each month. The study calendar shows a daily amount of scriptures that will keep the quizzer

on pace to participate fully in each practice session and have the month's material completed before the quiz.

**First Quiz Date.** The first quiz competition will be at **Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church** in Howell. A map and directions are on the last page. See the next page for some tips on getting ready for the new season.

The opening session will begin promptly at noon.

Please bring your quiz boxes and pads. •



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## **Tidbits**

The "See You At The Pole" global day of student prayer is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26, 2012, with a suggested time of 7:00 A.M. at your school flagpole. If this time of prayer is not scheduled at your elementary, junior high or high school or college/university, why not initiate it yourself?

The theme this year is AWAKEN, and the key verses are the prayer in Ephesians 3:14-21.



Plan now to join a school group or start something new. Help and resources are available at www.syatp. com.

Tournament hungry? Each year, some quizzers find the time to go to quizzing tournaments in addition to those on the DBQ schedule. A list of tournaments is maintained by the WBQA on its web site at www.wbqa. org. For participation in such tournaments, it is totally up to quizzers, coaches and parents to organize teams, register and make travel arrangements. Since DBQ is not sponsoring teams in those tournaments, it is requested that teams not use "DBQ" in their name.

#### STEERING COMMITTEE

The DBQ Steering Committee will be meeting on October 1, 2012 via phone conference. Participating churches are welcome to have a representative join in.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS

If you have news to share about a quizzer or quiz-related subject, please E-mail the editor at pdpaternoster@sbcglobal.net **Future Bible Translation Change.** For next season, 2013-2014, the NIV 1984 translation will be out of print. WBQA will be switching to the NIV 2011 translation. Some quiz programs will be switching to the ESV. Plan on an informational/feedback session at the end of the October 13 quiz day to discuss the future direction for Detroit Bible Quizzing.

**Promote Quizzing!!** One of the best ways to keep quizzing fun and exciting is to get new quizzers involved each year. The time to do that is now—don't wait till September when you are already starting practices.

- Show the DBQ promotional video in church, Sunday School or a friend's home. If your church doesn't have a copy, download it from the Resources area of DBQ's web site.
- Download the Promotional Flyer from the Resources area of DBQ's web site. Also, direct friends and acquaintances to the DBQ and WBQA web sites, where they can see events, awards, history, testimonials, how-to articles and more.
- Make sure your coaches read the recruiting hints in section 1.1 of the DBQ Handbook.
- Get a quiz box and some fellow quizzers (and maybe some pizzas) and do a demo quiz for a friend's youth group.

**Obtaining Quiz Materials.** Scripture portions and question books for The Gospel of John should be ordered from the World Bible Quiz Association. Other resources are also available. You'll find the online Order Form in the right side panel of the home page, http://www.wbqa.org/.

Also, take advantage of the resources available on the DBQ web site, which include:

- the DBQ Handbook with strategy and other suggestions for quizzing,
- the DBQ Rules for quizzing,
- the DBQ scoresheet that you can copy for your practice quizzes,
- the newsletter (print it in color on your ink jet printer),
- the promotional video (about a three-minute download with a fast connection).

**Quizmasters/scorekeepers.** There is an ongoing need to have quizmasters and scorekeepers trained to be ready to fill in when and as needed. If you can help, please talk to Nathan Parker at the October quiz. Quizmasters-in-training will be assigned to a veteran quizmaster to learn the ropes. Experience will begin at the Little League or Junior Varsity levels.

## **Great Lakes Regional Tournament.** It

seems too early to already be discussing a tournament in November, but the October newsletter will go to print too close to the registration deadline for the Great Lakes Regional Tournament. The important thing now is to reserve the date on your calendar—Saturday, November 17, 2012. Online registration will be available closer in time to the event.

While the Tournament is optional, there are a number of reasons why it is well worth attending. These are in no particular order:

- it is one of the biggest and best tournaments available;
- there is no tournament closer to home;
- stats do not count for the local season, so there is no pressure for results; it's a great opportunity early in the season to learn to be a better quizzer, pushing the envelope on jumping skills and quizzing strategies;
- being a review of all material to date and done under WBQA rules, it is a great preview of the Chicago Tournament that follows the end of the quiz season.

The Great Lakes Regional Tournament is for church teams, not All Star teams. However, it uses a four-person team structure whereas DBQ uses a three-person team structure. Thus, it is permissible to combine quizzers from multiple teams as needed in order to have four or five quizzers on the tournament line-up.

If there are not enough quizzers available at your church, combining with some quizzers from another church is a great way to go—it can result in new friendships and will reinforce that we quiz with each other not against each other. •



# IF YOU KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO QUIZ BUT NEED SOME HELP WITH STUDY AND MEMORIZATION HABITS, READ THIS!

The DBQ Handbook, available on the DBQ web site, lays out quite a number of study and memorization methods. What works best for you is a matter of personal preference and probably some trial and error. The following tips are directed toward making the most of the time and effort you put into whatever method you have chosen. They are general tips about concentration and recall.

- Pay attention to get information right the first time. It's difficult to replace wrong information with the right information.
- Make certain you understand the material—it is difficult to recall what is fuzzy. Read and reread, ask questions and try to explain the passage to someone else.
- © Use "chunking." There are limits to how much you can recall, but these limits expand when the material is meaningfully organized, *e.g.*, identify the key concepts of a chapter and see how other ideas are grouped under those key ones. Cluster ideas around a heading or category. One item may serve as a cue to another.
- © Create a peg on which to hang the information you want to remember. It might be a rhyme, an unusual image or maybe a sequence of meaningful words or images (like "Every Good Boy Deserves Fudge" to represent the lines of the treble clef in sheet music).
- Eliminate distractions.
- Use a "cue"—*e.g.*, when you are wearing a certain baseball hat, you are not to be disturbed. Use your desk to read, write, review, but use your bed only for a relaxing break.
- Remove obstacles—an audio or visual background which is unobtrusive may help to screen out distractions.
- Have all of your equipment available before you begin—lamp, pencil, highlighter, Hebrews and Peter booklet, good comfortable chair, extra paper, 3x5 cards, questions, *etc.*
- Record stray thoughts on a note pad, but don't act on them
- until later. Call this your worry pad, *e.g.*, personal tasks that need to be completed. By writing them down, you free yourself to not think about them while you study.

"the best highlighter ... is the yellow one made by Major Accent" Angus T. K. Wong

- Check your concentration as you go—every page if you are reading, every paragraph if you are memorizing, or whatever amount works for you.
- Use all of your senses, *e.g.*, diagram on paper, look for unique visual patterns, talk it out to somebody, rehearse in front of the mirror.
- Erase to remember. Write out a chapter completely in pencil. Progressively erase words as you commit them to memory.

credit for these ideas goes to www.willamette.edu/cla/ler/memory.htm

## IF YOU THINK YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO BE ON YOUR BIBLE QUIZZING TEAM, READ THIS!

There's no doubt about it. Bible Quizzing takes time. But you can still find or make time to commit to memorizing God's Word.

- 1. Keep it portable. Use the pocket edition of the scripture so that you can carry it with you everywhere you go.
- 2. The file card method. Write the particular verses out on a 3x5 card. You can pull the card out numerous times during the day for review and study.
- 3. MP3, CD or even old cassette tape. Secure a copy of the scripture (or make your own, legally) and listen to it at various times—in the car, in your room, while on the go.
- 4. Early riser or late nighter? Learn some of your verses in one setting by getting up early or by staying up a little later. Make this a regular pattern.
- 5. Appointment. "Can you schedule me in for 10 verses on Thursday at 4:30 p.m.?" Lock in a quality time that is appointed each day for study. No cancellations, please! Try to not cancel this appointment.
- 6. The supreme sacrifice. Give up one TV show a day for preparation. Or worse yet, lay off the iPhone, Play-Station, Wii or XBox for a while.
- 7. Meal time preparation. Eat and study. Have your parents or friends check your knowledge. If most of us studied each time we ate, well—we'd be great!
- 8. On the school bus. You'll have to sit alone and try to block out the noise. But hey, no problem, right? They all behave perfectly on the bus, don't they?
- 9. Walking and biking. Using your 3x5 cards (see #2), study the material while walking to school, walking down the hall at school, walking in the mall (after you've run out of money), walking to a friend's house, *etc.*
- 10. School time. School is for study, isn't it? Use all of the "down time" school provides for you—dull assemblies, pep rallies, lunch time, study hall, empty classroom time, *etc.*
- 11. TV commercials. Keep your Bible near the TV (if you're not up for the "supreme sacrifice," see #6) and study during every commercial. This is not exactly ideal, but a possibility.
- 12. Your own creative idea. You know your schedule better than anyone. Plan your day using time that is available to you. Yes, you are busy, but you can always find or make time to do whatever you want to do!

There are two things in this world that are going to last forever—the Word of God and people. Invest your time wisely." •

## **All-Timers Tournament**

YFC-Style Bible Quizzing open to 3-person teams of all ages Saturday, January 19, 2013 Matthew 13-16 CrossPointe Church 36125 Glenwood Rd Wayne, MI 48184

cost = FREE!

## Local Quiz #1 October 13, 2013

Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church 228 N. Burkhart Road Howell, MI 48843 (517) 552-7218

Head west on M-59 or I-96. If on I-96, take Exit 133 and at the end of the ramp turn left onto M-59/ Highland Road. As the road looks like it is turning into the entrance ramps back onto I-96, you will see a little spur road that will get you onto N. Burkhart Road. Turn left on N. Burkhart Road and go south for .6 of a mile. The church will be on your left.

