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it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

September 2013

2013-2014 **Schedule**

October 12: Local Quiz #1 Heritage Church of Christ Romans 1-3 (92v) LL: Romans 5-6 (44 vs.)

November 9: Local Quiz #2 Northridge Church Romans 4-7 (94v) LL: Romans 8, 12 (60 vs.)

November 23 Great Lakes Regional Tournament, Romans 1-8 (225v) LL: Romans 5-6, 8, 12-13 (118 vs.)

December 14: Local Quiz #3 Living Word Lutheran Romans 8-10 (93v) LL: Romans 13, James 1 (41 vs.)

January 11: Local Quiz #4 location tba Romans 11-13 (71v) LL: James 2-3 (44 vs.)

January 18, 2014 All-Timers Tournament Romans 10-14 (114v)

February 8: Local Quiz #5 location tba Romans 14-16 (83v) LL: James 4-5 (37 vs.)

March 8, 2014 location tba Romans 1-16 (433v) LL: Rom. 5-6, 8, 12-13, James 1-5 (226 vs.)

March 29, 2014 Chicago Tournament Romans 1-14 (373v) LL: Rom. 5-6, 8, 12-13, James 1-5 (226 vs.)

Highlights

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Farewell to the 2012-2013 Season. Before we start in with everything you need to know for the upcoming season, this issue contains a look back at the final tournament on Matthew, Chicago 2013. See page 4 for coverage of that great event; hopefully, it will whet your appetite for the competition to come in this next season.

Welcome to the 2013-2014 Season. Before you know it, the first quiz competition on October 12 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 Epistles of Romans and James.

Rules Update. The big change for this next season is that the translation used for quizzing has been changed from the 1984 NIV (which is no longer available) to the English Standard Version, or ESV.



Also of note, Rule 3.2.10 has been modified to assist quizzers when a word in the answer needs to be clarified. In the past, the quizmaster

would simply ask "Can you clarify?" or "Can you be more specific?". Now, however, the quizmaster will also direct you to the specific word to be clarified.

Registration. Use the "Registration" tab at www.detroitbiblequizzing.org. The information needed, how to pay, and the due date of September 28 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.

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 guizzers as a team.

First Quiz Date. The first quiz competition will be at Heritage Church of Christ in Clawson. A map and directions are on the last page.

The opening session will begin promptly at 12:00 noon.

There will not be food concessions or snacks, so pack and bring what you need, or you can run out to nearby establishments.

Please bring your quiz boxes and pads. O

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the chairs and pads await you

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Tidbits

The "See You At The Pole" global day of student prayer is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 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 taken from 2 Chronicles 7:14.



IF WE PRAY, SEEK, TURN; THEN GOD HEARS, FORGIVES, HEALS. 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

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 September 16, 2013 at the home of Paul and Dawn Paternoster. 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 **Promote Quizzing!!** One of the best ways to keep quizzing fun and exciting is to get new quizzers involved each year. With five weeks to go until the first quiz, there is still time to do some last-minute recruiting. Here are some ideas:

- 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 Romans and James 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).

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

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 23, 2013. 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 MEMORIZA-TION 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.

Solution 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, Romans and James 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 O

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."

Chicago 2013 Tournament

DBQ — Varsity Finalists

Bethel B-Crew – 90, Iowa City on a Hill – 130, DBQ Warned You to Flee – 80

There were no surprises in Varsity as the top three teams from the morning made it into the Finals and retained their respective positions from the preliminaries. Still, the three teams were closely matched and provided a thrilling Finals that was not decided till the last question.

Iowa got off to a bit of a slow start, taking an error on question 1. Bethel got the toss-up to go on the board first. **Rachel Dober** nabbed two in a row to give DBQ an early lead. Iowa then got on the board and Bethel got its second answer, so with a quarter of the quiz gone the score was 40-20-40.

That was when Iowa made its power move. Over the course of seven questions, Bethel and DBQ got one each while Iowa grabbed five! Question 15 started with the score 60-120-60.

Bethel scored 50 points on two questions with a third-person bonus to pull within 10 points of the lead before giving back 10 on an error. DBQ also took an error for a deduction but came back with two scores, including



Rachel's quiz out followed by a correct answer from Jessica Matthews, to put its score at 90 points.

With just the last question to go and the score 100-120-90, it was still anyone's quiz since DBQ could tie for first with a third-person bonus. Bethel got the jump on question 20, but came up short on the answer. On the toss-up, DBQ got the jump for a chance to tie but also missed the answer. Iowa closed out the quiz with a freebie to claim its victory.





DBQ — Junior Varsity Champions and Finalists

DBQ Cockadoodledoo – 60 DBQ Close the Door – 130 OBQA Unquenchable Fire – 70

With **Gloria Mayer** making Tournament Top Quizzer and her two teammates joining her as All-Stars, Close the Door was the class of the field. However, it wasn't until the last quiz of the morning before they took over first place from Cockadoodledoo.

In the Finals, **Julia Elmers** scored first for Cockadoodledoo and after an OBQA score added a freebie for a slim 30-0-20 lead. Unfortunately, the fast start fizzled while Close the Door came to life and sizzled. Gloria scored twice, **Mike Dempster** scored three times, and **Grant Mayer** added a freebie for 110 points. During that scoring binge the best the other teams could do was a score by OBQA. Question 17 started with the score 30-110-40.

At that point, either trailing team would need to take all four remaining questions in order to win. It was not to be. OBQA got one more with a third person bonus. Julia scored again but an error deducted 10 so **Rachel Elmer**'s score failed to catch OBQA. **Mike** scored his fourth to quiz out.



left: DBQ Cockadoodledoo

below left: JV All Stars including Gloria Mayer, Julia Elmers, Mike Dempster, Grant Mayer

right: Little League All Stars including Jared Elmers, Owen Parker, Lydia Hatfield

below right: DBQ Little League teams take fourth and fifth place











All-Timers Tournament

YFC-Style Bible Quizzing open to 3-person teams of all ages Saturday, January 18, 2014 Romans 10-14 CrossPointe Church 36125 Glenwood Rd Wayne, MI 48184 cost = FREE!

October 12, 2013 at 12:00 noon

directions to Heritage Church of Christ

from the I-696 corridor: take I-75 north four miles to the 14-Mile Road West exit; go west 1.1 miles to Rochester Road and turn left; go south 2 blocks to Grove and turn right (west)

from the north:

go south on Rochester Road; just south of I-75 (stay in the right lane if exiting from I-75), turn right to stay on Rochester Road; continue 2 blocks past 14 Mile Rd and turn right onto Grove

PARKING:

the church is on the north side, but please park in the large lot on the south side of Grove opposite the church, then cross the street and enter via the south-facing door of the church

