



2007-2008 Schedule

September 29: Training 10am-noon
Fellowship Chapel
Galatians 1-2 (45 vs.)
LL: Ephesians 4 (32 vs.)

October 13: Local Quiz #1
Highland Park Baptist Church
Galatians 1-3 (74 vs.)
LL: Ephesians 4-5:21 (53 vs.)

November 10: Local Quiz #2
Highland Park Baptist Church
Galatians 4-6 (75 vs.)
LL: Ephesians 5:22-6 (36 vs.)

November 17: Great Lakes Regional
Cornerstone Presbyterian Church
Galatians 1-6 (149 vs.)
LL: Ephesians 4-6 (89 vs.)

December 8: Local Quiz #3
Highland Park Baptist Church
Ephesians 1-4 (98 vs.)
LL: Philippians 1 (30 vs.)

January 12: Local Quiz #4
Highland Park Baptist Church
Ephesians 5-6; Philippians 1(87 vs.)
LL: Philippians 2 (30 vs.)

February 9: Local Quiz #5
Highland Park Baptist Church
Philippians 2-4(74 vs.)
LL: Philippians 3-4 (44 vs.)

March 8: Local Quiz #6
Day of Champions Tournament
Fellowship Chapel
full review (408 vs.)
LL: full review (193 vs.)

March 16
All Chicago Team Practice
Highland Park Baptist, 2-4pm

March 29
WBQA Chicago Tournament
full review (408 vs.)
LL: full review (276 vs.)

June 25-28
WBQA Finals Tournament
location TBD
Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians,
Colossians & Philemon
(528 vs.; 120 vs. new)

Welcome to the start of the 2007-2008 Bible quiz season.

Before you know it, the first quiz competition on Saturday, October 13, will be here.

A map to Highland Park Baptist is on the back of the newsletter.

The opening session will begin promptly at noon, with quizzing starting at 12:30.

Please bring your quiz boxes and pads.

Following are some tips and information to get you started on the right foot.

Training Day. Whether or not you, your team, your coach or your church are new to Bible quizzing, you may find the Training Day helpful. Even if you have quizzed before, you may learn new tips, strategies and tactics that will help you in this season and the future. So to get some training, practice and interaction with other quizzers and coaches, sign up as soon as possible with Mike Miller (phone: 586.264.4692; email: mikemill@fellowshipchapel.net).

The training will be from 10 a.m. until noon at Fellowship Chapel, 12875 Fourteen Mile Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48312. Follow the "Quiz Locations" link from the website at www.detroitbiblequizzing.org for a map to Fellowship Chapel.

Register Promptly. Please use the online registration if possible, following the "Registration" link from the website at www.detroitbiblequizzing.org. Instructions on the website will walk you through the process. A paper registration form is included with the newsletter and can also be downloaded from the website, so you can still register the "old" way.

Team and individual fees have remained the same as last year. Payment may be made online using a credit card via PayPal (you do not need a PayPal account) or by check delivered to Cindy Hatfield, 6148 Higgins, Sterling Heights, MI 48314. Note that September 29 is the deadline for the early-bird individual fee of \$35 per quizzer; after that, the individual fee is \$40.

Any changes to teams after you have completed registration should be called in to Cindy Hatfield at 586.731.4332; there is no provision for making changes online. 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. Team names need to include identification of the sponsoring church and be limited to no more than 18 characters (that includes 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 quizzers as a team. ✪



The DBQ team at the 2007 WBQA Finals model one of their uniforms for the tournament.

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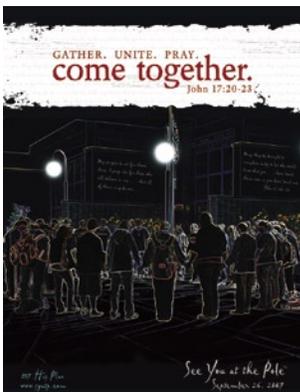
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Tidbits

The “See You At The Pole” prayer event is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26, 2007, 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 verses this year are John 17: 20-23.

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 couple in Pennsylvania in particular have been perennial favorites—the Kickoff Tournament over Halloween and the Snowflake Tournament in the winter. Since this is not part of DBQ’s schedule, it is up to quizzers, coaches and parents to organize teams, register and make travel arrangements. A list of tournaments is maintained by the WBQA on its web site at www.wbqa.org.

STEERING COMMITTEE

The DBQ Steering Committee will be meeting at 7:00 P.M. on September 10, 2007 at Highland Park Baptist. Participating churches are welcome to send a representative.

CONTRIBUTIONS

If you have news to share about a quizzer or quiz-related subject, please E-mail the editor at pdpaternoster@sbcglobal.net

Obtaining Quiz Materials.

Scripture portions and question books for Galatians, Ephesians & Philippians should be ordered from the World Bible Quiz Association. Other resources are also available. Put in an online order at www.wbqa.org or call John Isett, WBQA Executive Director, at (412) 673-8084.

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).

* Yes, there is still time to do promotion and recruitment. ☘

Volunteer “hosts” needed.

At the October quiz, Highland Park Baptist will not only provide the venue but (with the help of another church) will provide some free snacks and have additional food for sale. In subsequent months, Highland Park Baptist will continue to provide the venue but other churches need to substitute as hosts—bringing the snacks and concession foods and also doing setup and tear down of the classrooms. Highland Park Baptist will still provide guidance and assistance.

No later than the October quiz, hosts for the subsequent months will need to be identified. Please be prepared to do your part when asked.

One other thing, the host has traditionally also had the privilege of providing a short devotional during the opening meeting. ☘

Quizmaster and scorekeeper development.

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 or Shannon Lightbody 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. Registration details will be mailed out and will also be available at the October quiz. The important thing now is to reserve the date on your calendar—Saturday, November 17, 2007.

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. Nonetheless, 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, Galatians *etc.* 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.

⇒ 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 ☆

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

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. Cassette tape, CD or MP3. Secure a copy of the scripture (or make your own, legally) and listen to it at various times—in the car, in your room, on a jam-box or on headphones.

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 PlayStation 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? Everyone behaves 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.” ☆

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From the west, take I-696 to Exit 8, the Telegraph/Lodge turn-off toward Detroit, then get off on the Lahser Road exit, turn left on Northwestern Highway, left again on Lahser Road and go north to HPBC.

From the east, exit I-696 at Lahser Road, turn right on east-bound 11 Mile, turn left on Lahser Road and go north to HPBC.

From the south, exit the Lodge at Lahser Road and go north to HPBC.

From the North, take Telegraph Road south to 12 Mile Road, do a U-turn and turn right on 12 Mile Road, go east for one mile to Lahser Road, turn right and HPBC is on your left.

Quizzing is in the activities building behind the church.

