



2008-2009 Schedule

September 20: Training 10am-noon

Fellowship Chapel

Luke 1 (80 vs.)

LL: Luke 2 (52 vs.)

October 11: Local Quiz #1

Fellowship Chapel

Luke 1-2 (132 vs.)

LL: Luke 2; 4:1-13 (65 vs.)

November 8: Local Quiz #2

Living Word Lutheran

Luke 3-5 (106 vs.)*

LL: Luke 4:14-44; 6:1-26 (57vs.)

November 22: Great Lakes Regional

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Luke 1-6 (287 vs.; 49 vs. new)*

LL: Luke 2, 4, 6 (145 vs.; 23 vs. new)

December 13: Local Quiz #3

location tba

Luke 6-7 (99 vs.)

LL: Luke 6:27-49; 15 (55vs.)

January 10: Local Quiz #4

Huron Hills Baptist

Luke 8-10:24 (142 vs.)

LL: Luke 23 (56 vs.)

February 14: Local Quiz #5

Bethany Baptist

Luke 10:25-12 (131 vs.)

LL: Luke 24 (53 vs.)

March 14: Local Quiz #6

Day of Champions Tournament

Fellowship Chapel

Luke 1-13 (645 vs.; 35 vs. new)*

LL: full review (286 vs.)

March 21

All Chicago Team Practice

Highland Park Baptist, 2-4pm

March 28

WBQA Chicago Tournament

full review (645 vs.)*

LL: full review (286 vs.)

June 2009

WBQA Finals Tournament

Luke 1-24*

(1136 vs.; 491 vs. new)

*the genealogy in ch. 3:23b-38 is excluded

Welcome to the start of the 2008-2009 Bible quiz season.

Before you know it, the first quiz competition on Saturday, October 11, will be here.

A map to **Fellowship Chapel** is on the back of the newsletter. Do not, from force of habit, go to Highland Park Baptist.

The opening session will begin promptly at noon.

Please bring your quiz boxes and pads.

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

Register Promptly. Please use the online registration if at all possible, following the "Registration" link from the website at www.detroitbiblequizzing.org. A paper registration form is included with the newsletter to use as a "cheat sheet" before inputting the data on line. If you really cannot use the online registration, then as a last resort go ahead and turn in the paper registration.

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 27** is the deadline for the early-bird individual fee of \$35 per quizzier; 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.

Celebrate With DBQ At the upcoming October 11 quiz, we will be celebrating the victories and accomplishments of DBQs teams at the World Bible Quiz Association Finals from this past summer with free food for everybody, and we will be recognizing the efforts of the coaches and quizzers by retelling their championship story. You won't want to miss a single moment. And the great thing is that it will be integrated into the schedule of opening day. No need to arrive extra early ... no need to stay late. Just plan on being there from 12-4 p.m. like always. ✪



Three DBQ teams in uniform taking the championship and two runner-up spots at the 2008 WBQA Finals .

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Tidbits

The “See You At The Pole” prayer event is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 2008, 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 verse this year is I Samuel 3:10.

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

CONNECT
see you at the pole™ 9.24.08

*“Speak,
for your
servant is
listening!”*
1 Samuel 3:10

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 at 7:00 P.M. on October 20, 2008 at Highland Park Baptist. Participating churches are welcome to send a representative.

CONTRIBUTIONS

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

Obtaining Quiz Materials.

Scripture portions and question books for The Gospel 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. ☛

On the road again.

After several years of Highland Park Baptist Church being the primary location for quizzing, DBQ is going back on the road again, with the quiz competitions occurring at a different location each month. Compared to the “old days,” Mapquest directions, GPS units and cell phones will all help people arrive at the correct location and on time.

Hopefully, one benefit of having the quiz competitions at different churches will be that more people will be exposed to quizzing and see the benefits of being involved. Please take the opportunity to invite others to come when the quiz is at your church or a church near you. ☛

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. The important thing now is to reserve the date on your calendar—Saturday, November 22, 2008. Registration details are enclosed—online registration will be available and is encouraged. Click on the “Tournaments” tab on the DBQ web site.



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 quizzing, 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, Luke 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.

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

credit for these ideas goes to www.willamette.edu/cia/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 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 I-696 corridor

from the west—exit at Hoover/
Schoenherr (exit 24), turn left (north)
on Hoover, proceed three miles to 14
Mile Road, turn right (east) and the
church will be somewhat less than
half a mile on the left

from the east—exit at Groesbeck/
Schoenherr (exit 26), turn right
(north) on Schoenherr, proceed
three miles to 14 Mile Road, turn left
(west) and the church will be very
shortly on your right

