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## 2009-2010 Schedule

September 26: Kickoff 10am-12:30pm Fellowship Chapel 1 Corinthians 1 (31 vs.)

> October 10: Local Quiz #1 Fellowship Chapel 1 Corinthians 1-4 (91 vs.) LL: 1 Corinthians 1-2 (47 vs.)

November 14: Local Quiz #2 location tba 1 Corinthians 5-9:14 (100 vs.) LL: 1 Corinthians 3, 10 (56 vs.)

November 21: Great Lakes Regional Cornerstone Presbyterian Church 1 Corinthians 1-9 (204 vs.; 13 new) LL: 1 Cor. 1-3, 10, 13 (116 vs.; 13 new)

December 12: Local Quiz #3 location tba 1 Corinthians 9:15-11 (80 vs.) LL: 1 Cor. 1-3, 10, 13 (116 vs.; 13 new)

> January 9: Local Quiz #4 location tba 1 Corinthians 12-14 (84 vs.) LL: 2 Corinthians 5-6 (39 vs.)

> February 13: Local Quiz #5 location tba 1 Cor. 15-2 Cor. 1 (106 vs.) LL: 1 Corinthians 15 (58 vs.)

March 13: Local Quiz #6
Day of Champions Tournament
Fellowship Chapel
1 Cor. 1-2 Cor. 2 (478 vs.; 17 new)
LL: full review (213 vs.)

March 21 All Chicago Team Practice location tba, 2-4pm

March 27 WBQA Chicago Tournament full review (478 vs.) LL: full review (213 vs.)

June 2010 WBQA Finals Tournament 1 & 2 Corinthians (694 vs.; 216 new) **2009-2010 Season Kickoff Event.** Quizzers and coaches, come to Fellowship Chapel on Saturday, September 26 from 10am-12:30pm for a kickoff quiz event! Whether you are a brand new quizzer who doesn't know a thing about quizzing, a veteran quizzer who would like to refine your skills, or even a coach who would like some pointers, this is an excellent way to kick off the new quizzing season! The event will include opportunities to learn from our own World 2009 champion quizzers and coaches about rules, studying methods, concordance use, specialties, jumping, coaching and more. Of course, there will be an actual quiz so you can check your progress. Refreshments will also be served!

A map to **Fellowship Chapel** is on the back of the newsletter.

**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 a copy or contact Mike Miller to get one.
- Download the Promo.pdf file 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 and reread 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.

**First Quiz Date.** Before you know it, the first quiz competition on Saturday, October 10, will be here. Like the kickoff event, it will be at **Fellowship Chapel**. 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.





Three DBQ teams in uniform take the championship and two runner-up spots at the 2009 WBQA Finals.

tories and accomplishments of DBQ's teams at the World Bible Quiz Association Finals this past June 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 the 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

More about DBQ's exploits at the WBQA Finals are on the inside pages. •

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# **Tidbits**

The "See You At The Pole" prayer event is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, 2009, 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 2 Kings 22:13a.

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 at 7:00 P.M. on September 21, 2009 at Fellowship Chapel. 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 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).



Dayo Davis has her Corinthians book

**Registration.** For the new season, registration will be entirely on-line, following the "Registration" link from the website at www.detroitbiblequizzing.org.

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 26** 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.

**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.

**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 2, 2009. 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:

- 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.
- 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, Corinthians 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 PlayStation, 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? 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." •

# World Champions DBQ Repeats in Sweep of WBQA Finals

Ten DBQ quizzers quoted Luke's gospel in under three hours, qualifying for the teams going to the WBQA Finals Tournament at Cedarville University in Ohio.

For the second year in a row, DBQ placed all three teams into the finals. Also for the second year in a row, Clay Stanton ran away with the Top Quizzer Award. A DBQ quizzer yet again received the Bert Larimore Award for the quizzer best demonstrating excellence in leadership and Christian testimony—this year it was Nina Darcie.

Full standings and stats are on the web at www.wbqa.org.

A celebration will be held at the October 10 quiz competition at Fellowship Chapel. Come and honor the champions.





### by Nailah Davis

Boot Camp and World this year were awesome. Having tons of fun with tons of friends, what more could you want? Even though it was a lot of work, there were quite a few good times thrown in there as well. I don't think I could pick one specific time as my favorite. At Boot Camp, I loved playing all the crazy games the Schatzes made up and watching Joann and Vicki do the wild mouse dance. I had a blast hanging out and getting to know everyone better, and the Schatzes did a spectacular job putting everything together. In case you were wondering, we did get lots of practice time in there, too!

When the quizzing finally started at World, it was like all our hard work paid off. Everyone did a great job. Even with some pretty intense competition, we were determined to "keep things light." There were plenty of funny between-quiz moments, such as hearing about Tim Hoffman's alien buddy Enrique on Norax-6. Now there's a conversation you don't hear every day!

All in all, I had a great time. Going to World is truly a one-of-a-kind experience; I doubt you'll ever find anything like it! To all you quizzers considering going this next season, I highly encourage you to come. Trust me, going to World is a decision you won't regret! ②

### by Clay Stanton

World this year was very different for me than last. All the new people, places and material which were so strange to me last year were now very familiar. It was great to see many of our quizzers who went to World last year return.

The tournament was small, but to me its small size was not a disappointment. It was a great chance to get to know people from the other teams—teams that came from completely opposite ends of the country. By the end of the tournament, I actually knew everyone by name!

The speaker, Tom Harmon, was awesome. No one had a negative word to say about him all week, and he never shied away from talking about what's important—salvation and the gospel. His messages were not only uplifting, but challenging.

The quizzing was great. It was awesome seeing all three of our teams get into the finals again. I had some of my worst quizzes ever in the finals, but it was still very exciting and, ultimately, it was great to see whose team won.

To anyone considering going to World, I'll say that though it involves a lot of studying, in the end all the time is worth it. World is about so much more than just quizzing. You'll make a lot of new friends, meet and fellowship with people from all over the country, and of course, if you love competition, it's definitely there. And if you go with the right attitude and the right spirit, you'll definitely grow closer to God during your time there.

#### by Michele Weidner

World this year was unlike any other year that I've been to. Not only was Luke the biggest book and the one that required the most work, but also everyone was so eager to dive into it. From practices to boot camp and finally the tournament, each time was filled with encouragement, team unity and the whole group unit-



ing to the goal of bringing glory to God as our chief purpose. Our goal as a DBQ team this year was not just to quiz well and do our best, but to reach out to other people and do whatever possible to be an example of Christ in everything we did and said and the way we quizzed both on and off the pads, so that our attitudes reflected Christ Jesus in everything.

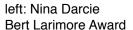
Tom Harmon spoke this year at World and was simply amazing. He encouraged and challenged everyone to actually put God's word into practice and do practical things with what we study and memorize. Nina Darcie did an awesome job leading the group in worship and giving praise to God.

The quizzing was a lot of fun and very intense. Aside from our normal quizzing, we had the opportunity to learn about Nazarene style quizzing. It's a tad different than World style but it was a lot of fun to learn. We enjoyed competing against other Nazarene quizzers and hopefully will be able to go to one of their tournaments one day and try it out.

One of the biggest things at World is the fellowship among quizzers, both within DBQ and the other teams, and this year was no different. We had a great time hanging out, playing cards, putt-putt golfing, playing ultimate frisbee, volleyball and in general just enjoying each other's company. World is such a great place to get to know other Christians and make friends with people who have the same goals and beliefs as you.

I would encourage every quizzer who can, to try and go to world. It changes you and changes your life—from expanding and stretching your quizzing and memorizing abilities to growing your character and faith. You do things you'd never imagine doing, like jumping on a two syllable jump and getting it right, playing volleyball at 3:30 a.m., or getting out of your comfort zone and talking to quizzers from other groups who are much different from you. And the amazing thing is that you enjoy it. World is such an awesome experience and I hope to see all of you there next year! •







above: 2009 Top Five

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### from the I-696 corridor

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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

