



2010-2011 Schedule

September 25: Kickoff 10am-12:30pm

Fellowship Chapel

John 1 (51 vs.)

October 9: Local Quiz #1

Fellowship Chapel

John 1-3 (112 vs.)

LL: John 1 (51 vs.)

November 6: Local Quiz #2

location tba

John 4-5 (101 vs.)

LL: John 3 (36 vs.)

November 20: Great Lakes Regional

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

John 1-6 (284 vs.; 71 new)

LL: John 1, 3, 10 (129 vs.; 42 new)

December 11: Local Quiz #3

location tba

John 6-7 (124 vs.)

LL: John 10, 15 (69 vs.)

January 8: Local Quiz #4

location tba

John 8-9 (100 vs.)

LL: John 19 (42 vs.)

February 12: Local Quiz #5

location tba

John 10-11 (99 vs.)

LL: John 20 (31 vs.)

March 12: Local Quiz #6

Day of Champions Tournament

Fellowship Chapel

John 1-12 (586 vs.; 50 new)

LL: full review (229 vs.)

March 20

All Chicago Team Practice

location tba, 2-4pm

March 25-27

WBQA Chicago Tournament

full review (586 vs.)

LL: full review (229 vs.)

July 20-23, 2011

WBQA Finals Tournament

Lancaster Bible College, PA

John 1-21

(874 vs.; 288 new)

2010-2011 Season Kickoff Event. Quizzers and coaches, come to Fellowship Chapel on Saturday, September 25 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 2010 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.

Register on-line by Wednesday, September 22. A map to **Fellowship Chapel** is on the back of the newsletter. Refreshments will also be served!

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 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. The first quiz competition on Saturday, October 9 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.

Second Quiz Date. Please take special note (mark it on your calendar now) that the November quiz date is the *first* Saturday, not the usual second Saturday. This is necessary to keep the material manageable. Four weeks is enough to do John 4-5 (101 vs.), but five weeks is needed for John 6-7 (124 vs.) with the Great Lakes Regional Tournament (71 new verses) and Thanksgiving included.

Celebrate With DBQ. At the upcoming October 9 quiz, we will be celebrating the victories and accomplishments of DBQ's teams at the World Bible Quiz Association Finals this past June with refreshments 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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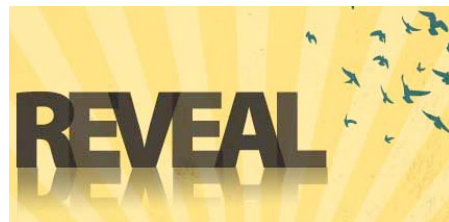
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Tidbits

The “See You At The Pole” prayer event is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22, 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 this year is “Our Father in heaven, REVEAL who you are” from Matthew 6:9-13 (the Lord’s prayer).



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 20, 2010 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 of John 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).

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 25** is the deadline for the early-bird individual fee of \$35 per quizzer; after that, the individual fee is \$40. Note, individuals without teams may also register and DBQ will match them with a team.

Any changes to teams after you have completed registration should be called in to Cindy Hatfield at 586.918.7506; 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.

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 20, 2010. 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. 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. ☪



DBQ teams in uniform at the 2010 WBQA Finals Tournament.



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, 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.
- ☞ 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/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 Threpeats in Sweep of WBQA Finals

DBQ took eleven quizzers on three teams to the WBQA Finals Tournament at Cedarville University in Ohio the last week of June.

For the third year in a row, DBQ placed all three teams into the finals. Also for the third year in a row, Clay Stanton came away with the Top Quizzer Award. Other All Stars included Michele Weidner (3rd), Leah Jarvie (5th) and Nailah Davis (8th). New this year was a provision for adults past the age limit to quiz in a limited role. That enabled Jon Graff and Jessica Schatz to quiz again (and they quizzed very well though their scores didn't count for the All Star awards).

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

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



by *Brittany Matthews*

This year in quizzing I have progressed so much more than all of my prior years in quizzing put together. It finally clicked, and I was able to study all the material as the months passed. I didn't plan on going to World this year, just Chicago, but when Jessica Schatz wanted me to go to World I gave in and started memorizing chapters of 2nd Corinthians a day. Through months of hard work I was in. I was picked to do reference, which I worked diligently at but got no jumps throughout all the practices. After the first day of World, I went with my coach Sarah Ogden to practice jumping on reference. It helped a lot, because I finally jumped on a reference in the Finals. I crouched down thinking about the two words I was given—"What is" I thought it through and God helped me remember the answer. I got it right, and everyone cheered. Everyone from all the other teams got up and gave me a high five. I was so happy, I smiled the rest of my quiz with my numb pink hand. World is so amazing.

You should definitely do it. ✪





by *Clay Stanton*

I had mixed feelings about this year's World. On the one hand, I couldn't wait for it to come, but on the other hand, I could have waited a lot longer because I knew that this would be my last. Quizzing has been such a big part of my life for the past three years that I still find it hard to imagine not having to spend half of next year taking a quizbook in my pocket everywhere I go. However, I am glad I can look back and know that quizzing was very much worth it.

As I expected, World was awesome. We were able to bring three teams from DBQ and see five others there, including one also from Detroit, which quizzes a completely different style. Another team was there from Virginia on scholarship for winning a tournament in January. It was cool to see those teams that were less acclimated to our style improve dramatically as the tournament went on, and we got to see how well they really knew their stuff! The people on the new teams were very nice and, though it was small again this year, it was nice to be able to say I met everyone there. I definitely hope to see those teams return.

Winning the tournament was great, too—a satisfying way to end my final year. It came as a bit of a surprise after we were a distant third from the other two DBQ teams after the prelims. The next day, however, we were the first into the finals and the other two DBQ teams soon followed. I really enjoyed quizzing with my team, and it was fitting that one of my teammates should be the one who got me into quizzing in the first place. The finals were all close quizzes—I believe two of them went to question #21—and though (aside from a string of something like 4 out of 5 questions during the second quiz) I didn't do very well, Ade was the one who got the winning question for our team. Congrats Ade!

God has done a lot for me through quizzing, and I hope I've managed to do a little something in return in the last three years. He's led me to many great friends, worked a lot of changes in my character through both wins and losses—my life would be immeasurably different without quizzing. I wouldn't even know some of my best friends, including my girlfriend.

One thing I would say to people who will continue to quiz is this: We know quizzing is a competition where there are winners and losers. And just as with anything that glorifies God, the enemy doesn't like to see it and will try to distort or twist it in any way possible so we will try and focus on our own glory instead of God's. We all face temptations when we quiz. It's different for everyone, whether it's discouragement ("I know I can't beat so-and-so, so why bother?"), apathy, a win-at-any-cost attitude, or hardest of all—at least for me—getting you to focus on the quizzing more than the meaning of the Scriptures. Or maybe for you it's something else. We all have some temptations, and we probably all know what ours are. But remember that winners and losers in quizzing don't necessarily correspond to winners and losers in point totals. The true winners are the ones who, in the end, can overcome their temptations, put their focus on God, and try their best to give him his due glory. ✪



The runner-ups make sure the champs understand humility.

by *Michele Weidner*

World this year was AMAZING and unlike any year I've gone before. Boot camp was so much fun. We spent hours quizzing and training ourselves for World. We also had many fun activities, games and team-building time. Everyone there got to know each other very well, and we all became good friends quickly. So that by the time World rolled around we were closely knit together as a group.

The atmosphere at world was very different than past years, both within DBQ and the quizzing group as a whole. The quizzing was very intense, and every team we faced was super good. Not only were the other teams good and knew their material, they also were extremely nice and encouraging. We all enjoyed hanging out together and participating in various activities together such as volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, cards, riddles, make-believe games, and much more.

Asides from all the great competition and fellowship at World, there is one thing that I will remember from this World forever, and that is that God was glorified. I know that I personally grew so much as a quizzer this year and in my abilities, and that was awesome to experience! However, what stands out even more are the many quizzes in which you could totally feel the presence of God. I think that part of our success this year at World is because we emphasized so strongly on focusing on God and honoring him through our quizzing and attitudes whether on or off the pads. Whether it was winning or losing, freezing or erring out, our goal was that Christ was reflected through us. And I truly believe that He was.

I would encourage any one considering going to World in the future to put in the time and work to do it. It is so rewarding and a blessing in every regard. ✪



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Schoenherr (exit 26), turn right
(north) on Schoenherr, proceed three
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