



2014-2015 Schedule

October 11: Local Quiz #1
Meadowbrook Christian Church
Acts 1-4 (136 vs.)
LL: Acts 1-2 (73 vs.)

November 8: Local Quiz #2
Faith Church
Acts 5-7 (117 vs.)
LL: Acts 3-4 (63 vs.)

November 22: Great Lakes Regional
CrossPointe Community Church, Wayne
Acts 1-8 (293 vs.; 40 new)
LL: Acts 1-4 (136 vs.)

December 13: Local Quiz #3
Living Word Lutheran Church
Acts 8-10 (131 vs.)
LL: Acts 5-6 (57 vs.)

January 10: Local Quiz #4
location TBD
Acts 11-13 (107 vs.)
LL: Acts 1-6 (193 vs.)

January 17: All Timers
CrossPointe Community Church, Wayne
Acts 10-14 (183 vs.)

February 14: Local Quiz #5
location TBD
Acts 14-17 (143 vs.)
LL: Acts 8-9 (83 vs.)

March 14: Day of Champions
Bethany Baptist Church
Acts 1-18 (662 vs.; 28 new)
LL: full review (276 vs.)

March 21
WBQA Chicago Tournament
Acts 1-18 (662 vs.)
LL: full review (276 vs.)

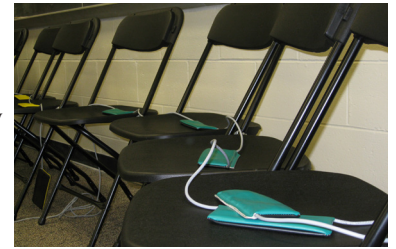
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Welcome to the 2014-2015 Season. Before you know it, the first quiz competition on October 11 will be here. The following pages have lots of reminders and tips that should help get the season under way smoothly.

Among the new faces we'll be seeing this season are Meadowbrook Christian Church, which will be hosting the first quiz, and International Hope Center (formerly Acts 29 Fellowship).

We look forward to seeing everyone shortly for some great quizzing on the book of the Acts of the Apostles.



the chairs and pads await you

Registration. Use the "Registration" tab at www.detroitbiblequizzing.org. The information needed, how to pay, and the requested due date of this Saturday, September 27 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.

Division Structure. Varsity and Junior Varsity will again be quizzing together in a combined division for the regular season. There needs to be enough quizzers to have a minimum of six teams in each division in order to split them. We expect 10-12 teams this season in the combined division.

Little League appears to be coming up short of six teams, but there will still be Little League quizzing. The playoff structure in March will be adjusted accordingly.

Team Names. Please identify the sponsoring church or organization (initials are OK) while limiting the overall 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 quizzers as a team.



DBQ's Facebook Page. If you are on Facebook—whether a quizzer, parent, coach, official or fan—please join the Detroit Bible Quizzing Group. The newsletter and other information gets posted there; set your preferences to receive notifications from the group and you can stay on top of any developments.

First Quiz Date. The first quiz competition will be at **Meadowbrook Christian Church**, 2741 Walton Blvd, Rochester Hills. A map and directions are on the last page.

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

There will likely be food concessions and/or snacks available.

Please bring your quiz boxes and pads. ★

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Tidbits

Yet more quizzing ideas. While these pages contain a host of ideas for learning, studying, memorizing and practicing, other quiz programs have even more ideas that you may find interesting. A little use of Google or another favorite search engine can easily turn up a bunch of things.

For example, do you like crossword puzzles? Here are a group of crosswords for the first seven chapters of Acts: <http://charlesdailey.net/acts%20puzzles%201-7%20niv.pdf>.

Do you want fresh ideas for your practices? Here is a document "101 Things To Do In A Bible Quiz Practice": <http://seniorbiblequizzing.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/101-BQ-v4.pdf>

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, 2014 by telephone conference. 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. Even with two 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 Acts 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 Cindy Hatfield at the October quiz. Quizmasters-in-training will be assigned to a veteran quizmaster to learn the ropes. Experience may begin at either the Little League or 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, 2014. 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 a tournament involving quizzers from other programs to meet, get to know and become friends with;
- 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 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, Acts 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. 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, 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? 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." ★

All-Timers Tournament

YFC-Style Bible Quizzing
open to 3-person teams of all ages

Saturday, January 17, 2015

Acts 10-14

CrossPointe Church
36125 Glenwood Rd
Wayne, MI 48184

cost = FREE!

October 11, 2014 Quiz
12:00 noon

Meadowbrook Christian Church is on the south side of Walton Boulevard about a quarter-mile east of Adams Road.

For most people, whether east, west or south, find your way to M-59. Adams Road is Exit 42. Take Adams north for 2.7 miles and turn right onto Walton. The church will be on your right.



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