

BQ NEWSLETTER

Assemblies of God Teen Bible Quiz • December 2017

While we often hear quizzers mention in their pre-match prayer that it's not about winning (and ultimately that's very true!), the fact remains that *winning is fun*. Winning teams and students having fun also tends to attract more students to our Bible Quiz ministry. Of course, the biggest key to excellent quizzing is accurate and timely memorization. So the question is, "*How can we encourage and motivate complete and on time memorization?*"

After some pre-season brainstorming, we created a challenge called "Step it Up". We are only three and half months into the quiz year, but so far it's a great success! The basic idea was to design a big wall display with steps going from the floor to the ceiling and each step represents one week's worth of memorization. Each league meet is on its own step as you work your way up. Every quizzer from all three divisions has a cool looking laminated Converse shoe with their picture on it. When they show up for practice, if they can quote their assigned verses for that week (with no more than one mistake for every three verses), their shoe "steps up." Everyone who moves up every step before the league meet is rewarded with whatever has been announced in advance. Our first reward was a trip to an awesome trampoline park and ninja training course. Our next reward will be an escape room (thanks Groupon!). Other ideas are a swimming party, a bonfire and cookout, whirly ball, ice skating, or a restaurant. Obviously, some things are much pricier than others, so you have to do what works for your ministry. We've been blessed with some generous donors who sponsor our outings, but there are plenty of rewards that are budget friendly that can motivate your quizzers to step it up!

I love the beginning of our practices when everyone is coming in, grabbing their quote sheet, and finding an adult to quote to. (And do you know that not allowing access to the donut table until they've quoted is very motivating? Ha!) The Step it Up Challenge has proven to be a great way to stay on track, record and display progress, promote consistent studying, allow for positive peer pressure, reward those quizzers who are putting forth their best, and most of all to get God's Word in our young people's hearts. In my coaching book, that's a BIG win!

John & Lori Sullivan, Trinity Church, Cedar Hill, TX

NUTS & BOLTS

- Master Memorization Award. All of the Gospel of Mark must be quoted consecutively, in one sitting, within a 60-minute time limit, beginning with Mark Chapter one, verse one, and continuing through Mark 16 verse 20. The quizzer is permitted 7 mistakes for the entirety of the material.
- Both National Memorization names, Master Memorization names and Discipleship names must be submitted by the **District Bible Quiz Coordinators (DBQC)** to NYM by **MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2018 2:00PM CST. Must be E-Mailed to BQ@Ag.org** (Forms do not need to be submitted-just the names, church names, city, state.) Check with your DBQC when your District Deadline is, as most have an earlier date to hand out trophies and plaques.

- National BQ Finals will be held at Calvary Church, Naperville, IL. July 1-6, 2018. Everyone will be at the same hotel and the cost will be \$89.00 a night and includes a free hot breakfast, free parking and an indoor swimming pool. We also will have meeting rooms for the quizzers to fellowship in the evenings. Registration cost for National BQ Finals will remain the same again for 2018.
- Adult quizzing at National Finals. Veteran: Mark Chapters 1-5 for 192 verses. Novice: Mark Chapters 1-3 for 108 verses.
- We are updating the NYM BQ Website at <https://youth.ag.org/participate/bible-quiz> and will be an ongoing process over the next few months. One nice feature is now quizzers who would like to access their BQ Scholarship money can simply go to the “[Invest Tab](#)” and click on “[Scholarships](#)” and then “[Click here to fill out the scholarship funds request form](#)” Then simply submit online!
- Need a quiz set?
 1. Grass Lakes BQ Ministry <http://grasslakeassembly.org/589994.ihtml>
 2. Steve Kirkman www.quizequipment.com
- Need to find other BQ information?
 1. <http://www.biblequiz.ag.org>
 2. <http://www.biblequiz.com>
- Need some BQ promo videos for church or Youth group?
 1. <http://biblequiz.com/blog/>

BQ TOURNAMENTS

Mid-Winter Classic

January 12 & 13, 2018
 Oshkosh, WI
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River Classic

March 2, 3, 2018
 James River Church, Ozark Missouri
 Mark Griffith
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 For more information, visit RiverClassic.org

33rd Friendship Classic

January 26, 27, 2018
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QUESTIONS FOR SALE

Gobblefest Questions: 12 sets of “A” Chapters 1-8; 12 sets of “MS” 1-4; 15 sets of “Experience” Chapters 1 & 5. Only \$15.00 for all. Contact Bernie Elliot at ElliotBQ@Aol.com.

GOBBLEFEST NOV 17 & 18, 2017

“BLUE-A” BRACKET: 12 Teams

1. Mechanicsville Christian Center, Mechanicsville, VA	10-1	252 Avg
2. Redeemer Church, Utica, NY “Without Honor”	8-3	164 Avg
3. Evangel Heights A/G, Sarver, PA	7-4	180 Avg

TOP QUIZZERS

1. Seth Robertson, Houston, PA	116.4 Avg	9 Quiz Outs
2. Anna Kelly, Mechanicsville, VA	115.5 Avg	10 Quiz Outs
3. Madison Holcomb, Sarver, PA	95 Avg	9 Quiz Outs
4. Christian Stevens, Utica, NY	91 Avg	9 Quiz Outs
5. Grace Fabian, Bethel Park, PA	88 Avg	8 Quiz Outs

“GOLD-A ” BRACKET: 12 Teams

1. Redeemer Church, Utica, NY “Sons of Thunder”	10-1	252 Avg
2. Living Hope Worship Center, Swedesboro, NJ	9-2*	175 Avg
3. Calvary Church, Greensboro, NC	9-2	200 Avg

**Won Head to Head*

TOP QUIZZERS

1. Katrina Dowdy, Swedesboro, NJ	114 Avg	9 Quiz Outs
2. Judah Stevens, Utica, NY	109 Avg	9 Quiz Outs
3. Julia Martello, Greensboro, NC	107 Avg	10 Quiz Outs
4. Chiamaka Ubani, Queens, NY	101 Avg	10 Quiz Outs
5. Joel Thompson, Bowie, MD	100 Avg	10 Quiz Outs

“RED-MS/B” BRACKET: 10 Teams

1. First A/G, Waynesburg, PA	11-0	185 Avg
2. Calvary Temple International, Wayne, NJ	9-2	191 Avg
3. Maple Lane A/G, Deposit, NY	7-4	151 Avg

TOP QUIZZERS

1. Toby Hill, Swedesboro, NJ	115 Avg	10 Quiz Outs
2. Chinemi Oriaku, Wayne, NJ	112 Avg	9 Quiz Outs
3. Gabrielle Padilla, Philadelphia, PA	88 Avg	8 Quiz Outs
4. Stella Smith, Mechanicsville, VA	83 Avg	7 Quiz Outs
5. Joel Botros, Wayne, NJ	76 Avg	9 Quiz Outs

“PURPLE-MS/PENN-DEL” BRACKET: 10 Teams

1. Central A/G, Houston, PA	10-1*	189 Avg
2. Redeemer Church, Utica, NY	10-1	201 Avg
Mechanicsville Christian Center, Mechanicsville, VA	8-3	166 Avg

**Won Head to Head*

(Purple MS/PENN-DEL Bracket Continued)

TOP QUIZZERS

1. Trace Reisinger, Newport, PA	133 Avg	11 Quiz Outs
2. Amaya Kocher, Houston, PA	110 Avg	11 Quiz Outs
3. Glory Stevens, Utica, NY	108 Avg	10 Quiz Outs
4. Aaron Hoffman, Utica, NY	84 Avg	9 Quiz Outs
5. Caleb Cook, Wayne, NJ	81 Avg	8 Quiz Outs

“ORANGE-EXP.” BRACKET: 9 Teams

1. First A/G, Louisville, OH	13-0	187 Avg
2. Mechanicsville Christian Center, Mechanicsville, VA	12-2	166 Avg
3. South Hills A/G, Bethel Park, PA	9-4	166 Avg

TOP QUIZZERS

1. Victoria Cullins, Louisville, OH	97 Avg	11 Quiz Outs
2. Christopher Costlow, Louisville, OH	90 Avg	11 Quiz Outs
3. Jeon Varghese, Bethel Park, PA	90 Avg	9 Quiz Outs
4. Sophia Hoffman, Mechanicsville, VA	76 Avg	8 Quiz Outs
5. Gavin Gray, Mechanicsville, VA	66 Avg	7 Quiz Outs

QUOTABLES

“Folks, the grass is not greener on that side of the fence. And the grass is not greener on this side of the fence. The grass is greener where you water it.” - Frank Fried

“Failure is success if we learn from it.” - Malcolm Forbes

“The most effective way to cope with change is to help create it.”

JUST FOR LAUGHS

You do know what would have happened if it had been three wise WOMEN instead of men, don't you?

They would have asked for directions,
arrived on time,
helped deliver the baby,
cleaned the stable,
made a casserole,
and brought disposable diapers as gifts!

Did you hear that one of Santa's reindeer now works for Proctor and Gamble?
It's true....Comet cleans sinks!

LAST WORD

Giving to the Scholarship is extremely easy as of now. Go to: <https://giving.ag.org/Give/Search?SearchFields.Ministry=Bible+Quiz>

In the box type: Bible Quiz Scholarship. The account is 042001. You can give a onetime gift or set it up as a recurring gift. We are looking for as many people as possible, especially BQ Alumni, to give at least \$52.00 a year (a dollar a week) by May 1, 2018. Yes, you may give any amount.

Sponsoring rooms at National Finals: We are looking to sponsor all 20 Quiz rooms at National Finals next years for \$300.00. We are also looking at sponsoring the 4 One on One rooms, and getting additional activities sponsored as well. Please contact me for more information.

We have a very generous Christian businessman, who is going to make a nice donation to the BQ Scholarship fund on every sale of kitchen cabinets and bathroom vanities. Myself, and others have already received their cabinets with this company and the prices will not be beat for quality cabinets anywhere in America. Check out <http://www.creativekitchensdirect.com/> and please make sure you mention the "Bible Quiz Ministry". This opportunity could bring us several thousand dollars each year for Scholarships!

UPDATE: We now have almost 1 full Scholarship paid by this company!!!!

Blessings,

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