

# BQ NEWSLETTER

*Assemblies of God Teen Bible Quiz • January 2018*

## **CHAPTER SAMPLER FOR JOHN**

Yes, it's hard to believe but we have already started the BQ materials for the Gospel of John. We again this year are looking for many individuals to help us write 1-2 set of questions over John for the Chapter Sampler. Grant & Whitney Warnock are coordinating this task this season. Please send an e-mail to Grant at warnock.grant@gmail.com if you like to write a few chapters.

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***NORTHEAST:*** May 4-5, 2018, Christian Life Assembly, Camp Hill, PA  
Coordinator: Jean Elliot, ElliotBQ@Aol.com

***SOUTHEAST:*** May 19, 2018, Garywood A/G, Hueytown, AL  
Coordinator: Matt Britt, matt.nlc280@gmail.com

***GREAT LAKES:*** May 11-12, 2018, Kalahari Resorts, Sandusky, OH  
Coordinator: Julie Steel, juliesteel@gmail.com

***GULF:*** April 27, 2018, Evangel Temple, Springfield, MO "A" Only  
Coordinator: Dilla Dawson, dilladawson@me.com

***NORTH CENTRAL:*** April 27 & 28, 2018, Eau Claire, WI  
Coordinator: Don Jones, donvjones@comcast.net

***SOUTH CENTRAL:*** May 4-5, 2018, The Oaks Fellowship, Red Oak, TX  
Coordinator: Steve Fowler, slf1106@Aol.com

***NORTHWEST:*** April 27-28, 2018, Bellevue Neighborhood Church, Bellevue, WA  
Coordinator: Kevin Gallo, kgallo@gallohome.com

***SOUTHWEST:*** May 4-5 2018, Location TBA  
Coordinator: Eric Lind, ericthelind@gmail.com

## **NATIONAL FINALS**

Now is the time to start the conversation for sponsoring rooms at National Finals: We are looking to sponsor all 20 Quiz rooms at National Finals this year 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.

**Update: as of Jan 29 we have 2 Diamond Sponsors and Sponsorship of the 2nd Annual Volleyball Tournament! Also, 3 quiz rooms have been spoken for!**

## BREAKDOWN OF 1 & 2 CORINTHIANS

	“A”		“Middle School”		“Experience”	
Meet # 1	1 C 1-9	204 vs	1 C 1-6	124 vs	1 C 1-2	47 vs
Meet # 2	1 C 10-14	151 vs	1 C 7,8,10	84 vs	1 C 7	40 vs
Meet # 3	1 C 15-2 C 3	141 vs	1 C 11-13	78 vs	1 C 11:17-34; 1 C 13	31 vs
Meet # 4	2 C 4-13	198 vs	1 C 14-15	98 vs	1 C 14	40 vs
	<b>Total</b>	<b>694 vs</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>386 vs</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>158 vs</b>

## THE FIRST CAKE MIX

By Roy Irwin [Minor editing]

I would like to share with you an interesting story about the first Cake Mix that was developed. After much market research in the 1940's, the company felt that there was a need for a mix that would make it easy to bake a cake - one that would make a cake that was both moist and delicious.

Now, a typical 'made-from-scratch' cake requires many ingredients and multiple steps of measuring and mixing these ingredients. Following years of trials with various formulas, the company produced what they believed was the perfect cake mix. Their pre-made cake mix, when combined with 1 cup of water produced a wonderfully delicious and moist cake! The responses from their taste tests were overwhelmingly positive! It was time to take their product to market!

Soon, the shelves of supermarkets all over the country were filled with this perfect cake mix. Yet, despite all of their advertising and market research, the cake mix did not sell very well. The company quickly formed new focus groups to find out why the product wasn't selling. To their surprise, the same reason was given again and again:

“It was too good to be true! NOTHING GOOD could be THAT easy!”

So, the company pulled the entire product inventory from the supermarket shelves. They went back and reworked their cake formula. Now the formula requires their cake mix, 1 cup of water AND 1 egg. Simply by adding 1 egg to the formula, people felt like there was more work to making the cake so it MUST taste better. And the changed formula caused the cake mix to be an instant success and is still to this day one of the best-selling cake mixes on the market!

Just for a moment I would like for you to think about how people reacted to this first cake mix and how people today often respond the Gospel Message of Jesus Christ. When people hear that they can have eternal life and forgiveness of their sins because of Jesus' death on the cross - they can't believe it. It is simply too good to be true! Isn't there more to it than that??? Don't I have to give money, or be nice, or do good deeds, or...

The attitude that “There has to be more to it than that” has been around for ages.

In the Bible there is a story about Moses leading the Israelites through the desert. The people became impatient and spoke out against God. As punishment, the Lord sent poisonous snakes among the people, which bit them, causing many to die. The people acknowledged that they had sinned against God and asked Moses to pray that God would take away the snakes. In Numbers 21:8 we read:

“The Lord said to Moses, ‘Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.’ So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived.” (NIV)

I can not think of many things that require less effort than just LOOKING at something - yet that was what they were told to do. Could it really have been that easy? Just having to LOOK at the snake on the pole to be healed? Yes! IT WAS THAT EASY! But I also believe that there were those people who would NOT look at the snake - simply because they believed that it was too easy - and died as a result.

What ties this together for me is the verses found in John 3:14-15:

“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” (NIV)

The snake represented the sin of the people and was lifted up on a pole - pointing the way to be healed and live. Likewise, Jesus Christ accepted all of our sins, and was lifted up on the cross to die - pointing the way for each of us to be forgiven and healed of our sins, and to have eternal life with Him!

The Bible describes eternal life in Romans 6:23: “...the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (NIV) Like any gift - it isn't earned or deserved. There is absolutely NOTHING that we can do on our own to earn or merit the gift of eternal life. Ephesians 2:9 explains further that “This does not depend on anything you have achieved, it is the free gift of God; and because it is not earned no man can boast about it.” (Phillips Translation)

So could it really be that easy? Asking Jesus Christ to forgive us of our sins and trusting in His death on the cross as the ONLY payment for the forgiveness of our sins?

It really is that easy.

## NUTS & BOLTS

- The District, Regional, National Practice Set CD over Mark is now available. Item number 73CB1844. Still only \$30.00.
- 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 quizzier 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](http://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

### *President’s Cup* (MS/B Tournament)

Feb 3, 2018

Living Hope Worship Center, Swedesboro, NJ

Jesse Czubkowski

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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](http://RiverClassic.org)

## QUESTIONS FOR SALE

Friendship Classic, 17 sets of Mark 1-13. Only \$15.00

Contact Bernie Elliot at [ElliotBQ@Aol.com](mailto:ElliotBQ@Aol.com)

## MID-WINTER CLASSIC, January 12, 13, 2018

### “A” BRACKET: Prelims (Top 5 teams in prelims)

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|-----------------------------------|-----|---------|
| 1. Rapid City, SD Bethel A        | 4-2 | 158 Avg |
| 2. Racine, WI Badly Mistaken      | 4-2 | 156 Avg |
| 3. Sparta, WI                     | 4-2 | 102 Avg |
| 4. Tacoma, WA Bank Robbers        | 3-3 | 154 Avg |
| 5. Rapid City, SD Greatly Puzzled | 3-3 | 119 Avg |

### “A” BRACKET: Top 3 out of 4 Teams (Final rounds after Prelims)

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|-----------------------------------|-----|---------|
| 1. Rapid City, SD Bethel A        | 3-0 | 152 Avg |
| 2. Racine, WI Badly Mistaken      | 2-1 | 160 Avg |
| 3. Rapid City, SD Greatly Puzzled | 1-2 | 63 Avg  |

### “A” BRACKET: Next 3 (Final rounds after Prelims)

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|----------------------------------|-----|---------|
| 1. Tacoma, WA Bank Robbers       | 2-0 | 168 Avg |
| 2. Sioux Falls, SD               | 1-1 | 55 Avg  |
| 3. New Richmond Truly I Tell You | 0-2 | 45 Avg  |

## TOP QUIZZERS

1. Noble Spire, Bethel A, SD	92 Avg	7 Quiz Outs
2. Matthew McKinley, Sioux Falls, SD	81 Avg	5 Quiz Outs
3. Zach Ponray, Tacoma, WA	78 Avg	5 Quiz Outs
4. Kyli Ladd, Rapid City, SD	75 Avg	7 Quiz Outs
5. Cole Abbott, Sparta, WI	59 Avg	5 Quiz Outs

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## “B/MS” BRACKET:

1. Cedar Rapids, IA	6-0	168 Avg
2. Milw. WI, CITC Locusts and Wild Honey	2-4	71 Avg
3. Rapid City, SD Bethel B	1-5	73 Avg

## TOP SCORERS:

1. Sujan Shadrack, Cedar Rapids, IA	114 Avg	6 Quiz Outs
2. Cate Wilhelm, Bethel, SD B	69 Avg	1 Quiz Outs
3. Nathaniel Duncan, Mil, WI	59 Avg	2 Quiz Outs
4. Nia Boentoro, Cedar Rapids, IA	55 Avg	3 Quiz Outs
5. Tabor VanDusseldorp Bethel B	21 Avg	0 Quiz Outs

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## “EXPERIENCE” BRACKET:

1. Racine, WI Sisters of God	5-1	186 Avg
2. Rapid City, SD Bethel E	3-3	116 Avg
3. New Richmond Christ Followers	1-5	65 Avg

## TOP SCORERS:

1. Zoe Lipor, Racine, WI	96 Avg	4 Quiz Outs
2. McKenna Walker, Racine, WI	89 Avg	5 Quiz Outs
3. Otto Sitzes, Rapid City, SD	88 Avg	6 Quiz Outs
4. Jason Rapp, New Richmond	52 Avg	3 Quiz Outs
5. Anna VanDusseldorp, Rapid City, SD	28 Avg	1 Quiz Outs

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## ADULT QUIZZING:

1. Racine, WI 2	5-0	187 Avg
2. Racine, WI 1	4-1	162 Avg
3. New Richmond Completely Astonished	4-1	89 Avg

## TOP SCORERS:

1. Nathan Dahlin, Racine, WI	111 Avg	5 Quiz Outs
2. Laura Rodriguez, Rapid City, SD	90 Avg	3 Quiz Outs
3. Billy Branham, Racine, WI	76 Avg	4 Quiz Outs
4. Ross Toeller, Racine, WI	74 Avg	3 Quiz Outs
5. Ryan Toeller, Racine, WI	73 Avg	2 Quiz Outs

## FRIENDSHIP CLASSIC, January 26, 27, 2018

### PRELIM ROUNDS: (Top 5 teams out of 24 by points scored/average)

1. Life 360, Springfield, MO	229 Avg
2. Mechanicsville Christian Center, VA	208 Avg
3. Lee's Summit, Crown Pointe, MO	201 Avg
4. Redeemer Church, Utica, NY	192 Avg
5. Victory/Dream City, Tucson, AZ	177 Avg

### Gold Division:

1. Redeemer Church, Utica, NY	7-0	173 Avg	<i>Tournament Champions</i>
2. Mechanicsville Christian Center, VA	5-2	164 Avg	
3. Life 360, Springfield, MO	4-3	175 Avg	

### TOP SCORERS:

1. Zak Kellock, Tucson, AZ	105 Avg	6 Quiz Outs
2. Judah Stevens, Utica, NY	99 Avg	6 Quiz Outs
3. Josiah Smith, Lexington, KY	97 Avg	6 Quiz Outs
4. Anna Kelly, Mechanicsville, VA	94 Avg	5 Quiz Outs
5. Austin Ramsey, Springfield, MO	86 Avg	6 Quiz Outs

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### Silver Division:

1. Central A/G, Houston, PA	5-2	153 Avg
2. Living Hope Worship Center, Swedesboro, NJ	5-2	134 Avg
3. Calvary Church, Greensboro, NC	4-3	134 Avg

### TOP SCORERS:

1. Seth Robertson, Houston, PA	114 Avg	7 Quiz Outs
2. Kelise Braithwaite, Springfield, MO	109 Avg	6 Quiz Outs
3. Katrina Dowdy, Swedesboro, NJ	96 Avg	4 Quiz Outs
4. Julia Martello, Greensboro, NC	79 Avg	5 Quiz Outs
5. Jackson DeMasi, Smithtown, NY	71 Avg	3 Quiz Outs

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### Bronze Division:

1. Ohio/Michigan, OHMI	6-1	139 Avg
2. Cornerstone A/G, Bowie, MD	6-1	160 Avg
3. Allison Park Church, Allison Park, PA	4-3	122 Avg

### TOP SCORERS:

1. Darcie Harr, OHMI	101 Avg	5 Quiz Outs
2. Joel Thompson, Bowie, MD	96 Avg	5 Quiz Outs
3. Joel Larson, Allison Park, PA	78 Avg	4 Quiz Outs
4. Grace Fabian, South Hills A/G, Bethel Park	77 Avg	5 Quiz Outs
5. Cayla Brodeur, Wyckoff, NJ	63 Avg	4 Quiz Outs

## QUOTABLES

*“To help your children turn out well, spend twice as much time with them and half as much money. “*

*“The life of the Christian is like breathing in and out: in for strength and training, and out for ministry and service.”*

## JUST FOR LAUGHS

*For the kid in all of us:*

Q. What did the boy elephant say to the girl elephant on Valentine’s Day?

A. I love you a ton!

Q. What did the boy pickle say to the girl pickle on Valentine’s Day?

A. You mean a great dill to me!

Q. What did the boy bird say to the girl bird on Valentine’s Day?

A. Let me call you tweet heart!

Q. What did the Valentine card say to the stamp?

A. Stick to me and we’ll go places!

*One closing word of advice on marriage by Lyndon B. Johnson:*

*“I have learned that only two things are necessary to keep one’s wife happy.*

*First, let her think she’s having her own way. And second, let her have it.”*

## 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.

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-Jan 29-another check from this company!!**

Blessings,

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