

COACH'S NEWSLETTER

Assemblies of God Teen Bible Quiz • July/August 2016

National Bible Quiz Finals | 2016 RESULTS

Evangel University - Springfield, MO

CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

	W/L	Points	Avg.
1. New Day AG - Finish the Race, Upper St Clair, PA	16/3	3300	173.68
2. Maple Lane AG - The Northeaster, Deposit, NY	16/3	3575	188.16
3. JRC - Driving You Insane Ozark, MO	16/3	3150	165.79
4. Cedar Park - Savage Northwest SIRS, Bothell, WA	16/3	2595	136.58
5. Community Church (PA) Mt Pocono, PA	14/5	2725	143.42
6. Newport AG - Eunuch-Corns, Newport, PA	12/7	2125	111.84
7. Calvary Church (IL), Naperville, IL	11/8	2560	134.74
8. First AG (OK), Muskogee, OK	10/9	2135	112.37
9. Living Hope - Acts 24/7, Swedesboro, NJ	10/9	1905	100.26
10. JRC - One in Heart and Mind, Ozark, MO	10/9	1825	96.05
11. Bethel AG - The Rest of Mankind, Rapid City, SD	9/10	2025	106.58
12. North Valley AG - Syracuse to Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ	8/11	2005	105.53
13. Grant AG - Too Much Whine, Grant, MI	7/12	1785	93.95
14. Tacoma Life - Without Hindrance, Tacoma, WA	6/13	1820	95.79
15. Victorious Life - We Are His Offspring, Wesley Chapel, FL	6/13	1640	86.32
16. First AG - God-Fearing Geeks, Lexington, KY	6/13	1625	85.53
17. Trinity Church (TX), Cedar Hill, TX	6/13	1170	61.58
18. MCC - The Overlooked, Mechanicsville, VA	5/14	990	52.11
19. Evangel Heights AG - You Be The Judges, Sarver, PA	3/16	1020	53.68
20. Evangel Temple - May Another Take His Place, Springfield, MO	3/16	955	50.26

TOP 10 SCORERS

	Points	Avg.	QO
1. Halle Reisinger, Newport AG - Eunuch-Corns, Newport, PA	1900	100.00	16
2. Jonathan Brown, New Day AG - Finish the Race, Upper St Clair, PA	1860	97.89	16
3. Julia Rodriguez, Community Church (PA), Mt Pocono, PA	1790	94.21	12
4. Spenser Wilhelm, Bethel AG - The Rest of Mankind, Rapid City, SD	1705	89.74	16
5. Abigail Peterson, Tacoma Life - Without Hindrance, Tacoma, WA	1665	87.63	14
6. Jacob Schumacher, Cedar Park - Savage Northwest SIRS, Bothell, WA	1615	85.00	12
7. Katrina Dowdy, Living Hope - Acts 24/7, Swedesboro, NJ	1535	80.79	13
8. Solomon Stevens, Maple Lane AG - The Northeaster, Deposit, NY	1445	76.05	15
9. Joe Lemley, New Day AG - Finish the Race, Upper St Clair, PA	1375	72.37	15
10. Shannon Wolf, Victorious Life - Wesley Chapel, FL	1350	71.05	11

CHALLENGER BRACKET

	W/L	Points	Avg.
1. Bethany Church - Epic and Stoic, Wyckoff, NJ Challenger Champions	17/2	2405	126.58
2. Cedar Park - That's Debatable, Bothell, WA	18/1	2505	131.84
3. First AG (MO), Lee's Summit, MO	16/3	2730	143.68
4. First AG - It's Whom! East Lansing, MI	15/4	2270	119.47
5. Trinity AG - The Other Team, Georgetown, KY	14/5	2325	122.37
6. The Oaks (TX), Red Oak, TX	13/6	1880	98.95
7. Stone Church - Unusual Kindness, Orland Park, IL	13/6	2290	120.53
8. Calvary Church - Why Do You Stare At Us, Greensboro, NC	11/8	1700	89.47
9. Neighborhood Church - Grief to Joy, Bellevue, WA	10/9	1365	71.84
10. Memorial AG (OK), Purcell, OK	10/9	1665	87.63
11. First AG - Rhoda's Joy, Sioux Falls, SD	9/10	1615	85.00
12. Atlanta Tamil Church - ATC ARMY, Norcross, GA	8/11	1370	72.11
13. Calvary Church - Ninjas of The Word, Sugar Grove, IL	8/11	1330	70.00
14. Christian Temple - Shifting Shadows, Houston, TX	8/11	1070	56.32
15. Fountain of Life - Shipwreck Survivors, Burlington, NJ	5/14	770	40.53
16. Metuchen AG - Damascus Road, Metuchen, NJ	5/14	935	49.21
17. Crossroads AG (NE), Valentine, NE	4/15	480	25.26
18. Victory International - Acts Pack, Brookfield, WI	3/16	485	25.53
19. Calvary AG - Not Drunk As You Suppose, Elkhart, IN	2/17	515	27.11
20. Covenant Life - Timothy & Tabitha, Cary, NC	1/18	290	15.26

TOP 10 SCORERS

	Points	Avg.	QO
1. Gabriel Flores Bethany Church - Epic and Stoic, Wyckoff, NJ	1730	91.05	16
2. Caleb Czaja Stone Church - Unusual Kindness, Orland Park, IL	1710	90.00	16
3. Jonathan Zhu Cedar Park - That's Debatable, Bothell, WA	1695	89.21	16
4. Noah Barnes Trinity AG - The Other Team, Georgetown, KY	1640	86.32	14
5. Tirzah Brookbank First AG (MO), Lee's Summit, MO	1520	80.00	14
6. Cameron Berta The Oaks (TX,) Red Oak, TX	1400	73.68	13
7. Cammi Kjeffland First AG - Rhoda's Joy, Sioux Falls, SD	1365	71.84	11
8. Faith King Memorial AG (OK), Purcell, OK	1310	68.95	12
9. Darcie Harr First AG - It's Whom! East Lansing, MI	1255	66.05	11
10. Ronald George Atlanta Tamil Church - ATC ARMY, Norcross, GA	1235	65.00	10

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

New Day A/G, Upper St. Clair, PA	National Champions	\$2,500.00 Team Scholarship
Maple Lane A/G, Deposit, NY	2nd Place Team	\$1,500.00 Team Scholarship
James River Church, "DYI", Ozark, MO	3rd Place Team	\$500.00 Team Scholarship
Halle Reisinger, Newport A/G, Newport, PA	High Scorer Champ. 1st place	\$1,000.00
Jonathan Brown, New Day A/G, Upper St. Clair, PA	High Scorer Champ. 2nd place	\$750.00
Julia Rodriguez, Community Church, Mt. Pocono, PA	High Scorer Champ. 3rd place	\$500.00
Gabriel Flores, Bethany Church, Wyckoff, NJ	High Scorer Challenger 1st place	\$250.00
Caleb Czaja, Stone Church, Orland Park, IL	High Scorer Challenger 2nd place	\$100.00
Halle Reisinger, Newport A/G, Newport, PA	Female-Quizzer of year	\$1,000.00 *
Jonathan Brown, New Day A/G, Upper St. Clair, PA	Male-Quizzer of year	\$1,000.00 *
Zak Kellock, North Valley A/G, Phoenix, AZ	Quoting Bee Champion	\$500.00
Sheldon Powell, Calvary Church, Naperville, IL	Quoting Bee 2nd place	\$250.00

Leisl Jansen, James River Church, Ozark, MO	Quoting Bee 3rd place	\$100.00
Solomon Stevens, Maple Lane A/G, Deposit, NY	Ind. Tourn. Champion	\$500.00
Julia Rodriguez, Community Church, Mt. Pocono, PA	Ind. Tourn. 2nd place	\$250.00
Halle Reisinger, Newport A/G, Newport, PA	Ind. Tourn. 3rd place	\$100.00
Abigail Peterson, Tacoma Life Center, Tacoma, WA	NYM-A/G Scholarships	\$1,000.00 **
Spenser Wilhelm, Bethel A/G, Rapid City, SD	NYM-A/G Scholarships	\$1,000.00 **
Shannon Wolf, Victorious Life Church, Wesley Chapel, FL	NYM-A/G Scholarships	\$1,000.00 **
Abigail Peterson, Tacoma Life Center, Tacoma, WA	Mark Gilmer Scholarship	\$1,000.00 ***
Shannon Wolf, Victorious Life Church, Wesley Chapel, FL	Hollis Kelly Scholarship	\$2,000.00 ****

* The above National Finals Female & Male quizzers of the year is based on 11 different categories.

** The scholarship is awarded based on achievement in the areas of Academics, Community Service, Extra-Curricular Activities, and Ministry. The quizzers was awarded \$1,00.00 each for any A/G school of higher education. (All other scholarships listed above are for any post high school education - AG or not)

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**** The scholarship is awarded based on achievement in the areas of Academics, Community Service, Extra-Curricular Activities, and Ministry. The quizzers was awarded \$2,000.00 for any post high school education. The scholarship is in honor of Hollis Kelly who coached a TBQ team from Dayton, OH in the late 70's that competed at National Finals (back when it was only 8 teams) multiple years. He moved to AL in the 80's and was a big proponent of the Bible Quiz ministry. He helped develop Bible Quiz on the district level. Hollis served in the Navy during WW II and passed away in 1999 after pastoring most of his life in Alabama and Ohio.

NUTS & BOLTS FROM NATIONAL FINALS

- A tribute was presented in honor of George Edgerly on Sunday evening at Evangel University.
- 56 individuals attended the Alumni Fellowship on Tuesday night-thanks to Katie Randolph for heading this up.
- A huge thanks to Evangel University for hosting the Thursday night fellowship, which included a free meal, games, and free T-Shirts.
- Again, a shout out to EU for the lunches and the banquet. They decorated the cafeteria beautifully for all to enjoy!
- At the banquet, the following announcements were made:
 - 68 quizzers received the Discipleship Award. Eight different requirements were required.
 - 105 quizzers received the National Memorization Award. Each chapter had to be quoted with 4 mistakes or less.
 - 14 quizzers received the Master Memorization Award. All of Acts had to be quoted consecutively, in one sitting, within a 90 minute time limit, beginning with Acts Chapter one, verse one, and continuing through Acts Chapter 28 verse 31. The quizzers was permitted 10 mistakes for the entirety of the material when quoting the book of Acts.
 - Starting with National Finals 2017, at the banquet, 1 name from each region will be drawn for the quizzers receiving the Discipleship Award. The 8 quizzers will each receive a \$500.00 Scholarship for any post high school education.

- Starting with National Finals 2017, at the banquet, 1 name from each region will be drawn for the "A" Division quizzers receiving the National Memorization Award. The 8 quizzers will each receive a \$500.00 Scholarship for any post high school education.
- Starting with National Finals 2017, at the banquet, the National Finals Champions will each receive \$1,000.00 per person (instead of the current model of a total of \$2,500 per team) for any post high school education.
- Starting with National Finals 2017, at the banquet, the National Finals 2nd place team will each receive \$500.00 per person (instead of the current model of a total of \$1,500 per team) for any post high school education.
- Starting with National Finals 2017, at the banquet, the National Finals 3rd place team will each receive \$250.00 per person (instead of the current model of a total of \$500 per team) for any post high school education.
- Non AG churches will be permitted to compete at National Finals. Specific criteria will be announced in the next few months.
- We will continue the BQ Missionary Coach ministry throughout this next BQ season.
- National BQ Finals will be held at Sandy Cove Ministries, North East, MD, July 1-7, 2017.
Video <https://vimeo.com/169765935>

We will start the National Finals competition on Saturday AM, July 1 with a Volleyball Competition.

The winning team will receive \$500 cash. A generous sponsor (who will be announced later) is blessing the winners. Specific rules will be announced in the future.

- 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 one time 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, 2017. Yes, you may give any amount (one person has pledged \$500.00).

- Sponsoring rooms at National Finals. We are looking to sponsor all 20 Quiz rooms at National Finals next years for \$300.00. As of today 15 have been sponsored. 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.
- Registration cost for National BQ Finals will remain the same for 2017.

QUOTABLES

"The tragedy of life is not that it ends so soon, but that we wait so long to begin it." - W. M. Lewis

"Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forward." - Soren Kierkegaard

"If you haven't got the time to do it RIGHT, when will you have time to DO IT OVER?" - Jeannie Mayo

BQ MISSIONARY COACHES

MISSION STATEMENT: Learn, Live, Lead

(Learn God's Word, Live out God's Word, Lead with God's Word)

In the Assemblies of God Bible Quiz ministry, every year we graduate many outstanding quizzers who have not only been quite successful as a quizzer, but also as an outstanding student, and true follower of Jesus Christ. The above mission statement is tri-fold. We have done a reasonably good job of Learning and Living the Word, but have lacked in the Leading area. Almost 100% of our graduating seniors go on to post high education. *What might it look like if we could get a large percentage of our college freshman to coach a Bible Quiz team?*

We started in the fall of 2015 with 2 former quizzers that fulfilled the following requirements:

1. Be a Bible quiz coach or assistant coach.
2. Go to an A/G church that does not have the Bible Ministry or has had it for no more than 1 year.
3. Be involved weekly for a minimum of 1 hour during the quiz season or college year.
4. Be held accountable to a seasoned coach on a regular basis.
5. Recruit adults from within that church to be involved in the Bible Quiz ministry.

In return each student coach will receive \$500.00 toward their education. The finances will come from the BQ Scholarship Fund. This does not negate any student from working a part time job. The Bible Quiz leadership, in consultation with a District BQ Coordinator, will help you in identifying what churches need and want coaches.

To be considered for the missionary coach position each student will submit a 100-200 word paper sharing why you should be considered. Two members of the Steering Committee and I will select the Missionary Coaches over the Books of Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon.

Applications should be sent to Bernie Elliot, via E-Mail, and should include your full name, name and location of school, major if known, and why you would like to be selected as a missionary coach. Applications can be sent in anytime as we would like to be able to identify the students by August 30.

Looking forward to advancing the Kingdom of God through this wonderful ministry opportunity!

MISSED OPPORTUNITIES

The story is told of a young man who wished to marry the farmer's beautiful daughter. He went to the farmer to ask his permission. The farmer looked him over and responded, "Son, go stand out in that field and I'm going to release three bulls, one at a time. If you can catch the tail of any one of the three bulls, you can marry my daughter."

The young man stood in the pasture awaiting the first bull. The barn door opened and out ran the biggest, meanest-looking bull he had ever seen. He decided that one of the next bulls had to be a better choice than this one, so he ran over to the side and let the bull pass through the pasture out the back gate.

The barn door opened again. Unbelievable. He had never seen anything so big and fierce in his life. It stood pawing the ground, grunting, slinging slobber - as it eyed him. Whatever the next bull was like, it had to be a better choice than this one. He ran to the fence and let the bull pass through the pasture, out the back gate.

The door opened a third time. A smile came across his face. This was the weakest, scrawniest little bull he had ever seen. This one was his bull. As the bull came running by, he positioned himself just right and jumped at just the exact moment. He grabbed... but the bull had no tail!

Life is full of opportunities. Some will be easy to take advantage of, some will be difficult. But once we let them pass (often in hopes of something better), those opportunities may never again be available.

The same thing is also true of opportunities to serve Christ. God often opens doors -- opportunities to speak up for Him, opportunities to minister to someone who is hurting or in need, opportunities to make an influence on the world around us. If we allow them to pass by (perhaps because we are waiting for something easier to come along), we may miss out on them altogether.

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Gal. 6:10.

May you take advantage of the doors God opens for you this day! - *Alan Smith*

NUTS & BOLTS

- Corrections needed for G, E, P, C, P:
 - Gal 4:23 Add the word “to” “according **to** the flesh”
 - Phil 4:10 Add the letter “d” to the word “rejoice” should be “rejoiced”
- We will have a Bible Quiz Booth at Fine Arts in Louisville, KY the first week in August!!! Stop by and say, “Hi.”
- Master Memorization Award. All of G, E, P, C, P must be quoted consecutively, in one sitting, within a 45 minute time limit, beginning with Galatians Chapter one, verse one, and continuing through Philemon verse 25. The quizzier is permitted 5 mistakes for the entirety of the material.
- No new Rules again this year!!!!
- NATIONAL BQ FINALS
July 1-7, 2017, Sandy Cove Ministries, North East, Maryland!
 - Video at <https://vimeo.com/169765935>
 - Adult quizzing at National Finals. Veteran: Book of Ephesians-155 verses. Novice: Ephesians Chapters 4, 5, 6 for 89 verses. There will be some changes to Adult Quizzing for 2017!!! Will announce more details in the future.
- Discipleship Books for the 2016-2017 BQ Season: *The Word and The Spirit*, by David Hertweck and the Human Right Devotional.
- Need a quiz set?
 - Grass Lakes BQ Ministry <http://grasslakeassembly.org/589994.ihtml>
 - Steve Kirkman www.quizequipment.com
- Need to find other BQ information?
 - <http://www.biblequiz.ag.org>
 - <http://www.biblequiz.com>
- Need some BQ promo videos for church or Youth group?
 - <http://biblequiz.com/blog/>

BIBLE QUIZ TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

NORTHEAST BQ CAMP

Aug 12-14, 2016

Bongiorno Conference Center, Carlisle, PA
Training for first year up to national quizzers.
Also training for officials and coaches.

Limited to 300 people

Contact Bernie Elliot at ElliotBQ@AOL.com

“STAND” TBQ TRAINING CAMP

August 18-20, 2016

Bethel A/G, Rapid City, SD
(Coaches and officials encouraged to attend)

Contact Denise and David Sullivan at
sullivan@rap.midco.net

GREAT LAKES REGION TBQ CAMP

Aug 19-21, 2016

Pokagon State Park, Angola, IN
Something for quizzers at every level-even
adults!

Limited to 100 quizzers and 20 adults

Contact Julie Steel at juliesteel@gmail.com

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND BQ RETREAT

September 9-10, 2016

Milton A/G, Milton, New Hampshire
Something for everyone, but especially geared
towards new quizzers and coaches.

Contact Nancy Lambert at jlnl@myfairpoint.net

GEORGIA BIBLE QUIZ RETREAT

September 16-17, 2016

Camp Timberlake-Forsyth, GA
Training for new, intermediate and advanced
quizzers. Classes for coaches.

Contact Doug Black at dougbq@comcast.net

BIBLE QUIZ TOURNAMENTS

12th EMPIRE CLASSIC

Bethlehem Church, Richmond Hill, NY

Sept 2016, exact date TBA

Contact Dave Pizzolo at dave@pizzolo.com

TRINITY GOLD CUP

Trinity Church, Cedar Hill, TX

October 21-22, 2016

Contact John and Lori Sullivan at
safkids@gmail.com

WINDY CITY CLASSIC (Formerly Michiana)

Calvary Church, Naperville, IL

Oct 29, 2016

“A” writer ?

“MS” writer Rosina Albanese

Contact Katie Randolph at
kaitlyn.randolph@gmail.com

23rd GOBBLEFEST BQ TOURNAMENT

University of Valley Forge, PA

Nov 18-19, 2016

“A” Galatians & Eph 1-5

“MS” Galatians & Eph 1-3

“Experience” Gal 3 & Gal 5:1-12

Writer is Josh Gallo for “A” and “MS”

Bernie Elliot for “Experience”

Contact Bernie Elliot at ElliotBQ@Aol.com

MISSOURI CLASSIC

Central Assembly, Springfield, MO

Dec 2-3, 2016

Contact Marci Woodward at somobjbq@gmail.com

SOUTH TEXAS INVITATIONAL

Dallas, TX

Date TBA

BIBLE QUIZ TOURNAMENTS

2017 MID-WINTER CLASSIC

UW-Oshkosh Campus in Oshkosh, WI
January 13-14, 2017
Contact Don Batty at debatty00@gmail.com

32nd FRIENDSHIP CLASSIC

Limited to 24 National/Regional "A" teams
Allison Park Church, Pittsburgh, PA
Jan 27-28, 2017
"A" Gal, Eph, Phil, Col 1 & 2
Writer is Seth Sundell
Contact Bernie Elliot at ElliotBQ@Aol.com

2016 RIVER CLASSIC

James River A/G, Ozark, MO
March 3-4, 2017
Contact Mark Griffith at onegriff@gmail.com

(More info on tournaments in future newsletters)

Finally, a huge thank you to Tom Groot, the new Student Discipleship Director. What a blessing he was to the entire BQ Community all week at National BQ Finals. Thanks also, to Abby, Karrington and Ryan from NYM for serving in many areas. Also, thanks to an amazing Steering Committee-all servants of the Lord and all have a desire to bless the quizzers. Can't even imagine National Finals without Larry & Cindy Mullins, Patti and Becky with all the wonderful pictures and the Photo Booth after the banquet. Robert & Ginny Carter-faithful workers in stats (and cookies!) Thanks to all the officials, coaches, quizzers and parents who attended. Special thanks to Kent Kloefkorn, our official writer, who did an outstanding job. We were also blessed to have Steve & Ellen Fowler come up on Wednesday night and stay through the banquet. Please continue to pray for Kent & Steve who need our prayers for a touch in their bodies. Thanks to Evangel University for going far above what anyone expected in the way of hosting this ministry. Most of all we are thankful for the Lord Jesus Christ who loves us and has blessed each one of us far beyond what any of us deserve.

Blessings,

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