

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Who runs the program?**

The head of the Bible Quizzing Program at Berrien Center Bible Church since 1987 is Dr. David L. Cooke, and Timothy Zebell assists him. Terri Theriault assists in logistic and administrative matters for the Teen Division, and Brook Wayne serves as assistant director for the Children's Division.

### **How old is the Bible Quiz program at BCBC?**

Berrien Center Bible Church has a rich history of Bible quizzing. The church has fielded quiz teams for more than 50 years, many of which have won championships.

### **With whom do we quiz?**

We are quizzing with the Missionary Quizzing Group in Northern Indiana.

### **What are the age requirements?**

Quizzers can participate in one of two divisions: Children's Division (Grades 1–6) and Teen Division (Grades 7 and up). The upper age limit in the Children's Division is 13. If participants are going to turn 13 before July 31 of the next year, they will be placed in the Teen Division. Experienced quizzers who are in 6th Grade are allowed to quiz in the Teen Division even if they are only 11 or 12 years of age.

### **Can parents be involved?**

Parents of the quizzers are encouraged to help during quizzing practices as quiz masters and score keepers. During quiz competitions, parents can serve as drivers, team coaches, score keepers, and chaperons.

### **Can those who are unfamiliar with Bible quizzing join the program?**

Absolutely! Every quizzer will receive a folder containing the rules and guidelines for Children's and Teen Quizzing. All the participants and their parents should read the rules and guidelines before we start our weekly quiz practices. Each quizzer will also receive a complete list of quiz events and a quiz practice schedule for the season indicating what materials will be covered for each practice session and each monthly quiz meet. Printed study and review materials—both the Bible passages and the quiz questions which are divided into categories—will also be made available to each quizzer before the practices begin. Additionally, there are adults who will help coach and train anyone interested in quizzing.

### **What is involved in studying for the competitions?**

Every quiz is comprised of 20 questions from a select portion of Scripture. The Children's Division quiz materials will include 100% of the questions to be used at the quiz meets. The Teen Division will include only 50% of the questions to be used at the quiz meets. The questions are divided into different categories: General, Situation, According to, Finish the Verse, and Quotes. Participants who wish to specialize will be asked to choose (or they may be assigned) categories so that they don't have to study and memorize all the different quiz questions and answers. Other quizzers prefer to memorize or familiarize themselves with the material such that they do not need to study questions. The coach will take into consideration the quizzer's preference and individual strengths when deciding on study methods and who gets what category. Training with kids who take studying and quizzing seriously will

hopefully be an encouragement to all the participants to do their best and not see quizzing merely as a way to socialize with their church friends.

### **What is involved in a quiz?**

A quiz is comprised of 20 questions from a select portion of Scripture. Two teams with no more than 4 quizzers on the benches at any given time compete for the opportunity to answer these questions. The first quizzers to jump on each question wins this opportunity. He or she is given 30 seconds to finish the question from the point of the jump and correctly answer it to receive 20 points for his or her team. An error results in a penalty of -10 points. Along the way there are unique opportunities to earn bonus points.

### **How long is the quiz season?**

The Children's season runs from September to March. The Teen's season is from September to May. The Teen Division has optional tournaments throughout the season.

### **How often do quizzers compete?**

There is a quiz practice every Wednesday evening in rooms 303, 304, and 305 at the church from 4:30 to 6:00. A simple dinner is provided afterward, for which there is no charge. The official quiz meets occur on the second Saturday of every month. Tournaments generally occur on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month.

### **Where are the quiz competitions located?**

Our monthly district competitions are located within an hour's drive from Berrien Center Bible Church. Our farthest tournament is located in Port Huron, Michigan.

### **How do quizzers get to the competitions?**

Depending upon the number of participants, we take the church van, the church bus, or both to quiz meets. Parents are welcome to participate, but they are not required to do so. Quizzers usually meet at the church parking lot and ride to the quiz meet location together. Departure time can be as early as 7:00 AM depending upon the destination, and the group typically returns to the church by 2:00 PM. Parents can choose to drive separately.

### **What are the meal arrangements?**

Our practices end at dinner time, and many of the children remain at the church for Awanas at 7:00 PM. Understanding this, a simple dinner is provided in the Family Life Center (gym) following practice at 6:00 PM. There is no charge for the meal.

Most people take a sack lunch to the Saturday quiz competitions. Some hosting churches offer meals for purchase.