

Bible Quiz Newsletter

November 2022

QUIZZER TESTIMONIES

"BQ has been a really fun experience for me. Being in a community of fellow Christians makes me feel not alone.

BQ community has been so encouraging and positive, and that's something I really appreciate. My one tip for quizzes of all levels is to study hard and believe in yourself"

Evan Thomas, 7th grader Mount Hope Church, Burlington, MA

"Freely you have received, freely give' says Matthew 10:8. I was very blessed to have a JBQ coach encourage me when I was 8 to do JBQ. Since then until now in my Junior year I enjoy doing Bible Quiz every single year. The Lord has helped me to be a JBQ Coach at my church for the last 2 years where I have 7 JBQ'ers (4 in the second year of quizzing and 3 new quizzers this year). All glory and honor be to the Lord Jesus Christ"

Tania Anand, 11th grade, Trinity Fellowship Church, Sharpsburg GA



RENTON, Washington — Troy H. Jones began attending **New Life Church** in Renton at the age of 12 after his divorced mother found a job at the church-affiliated school. He has been attending the church 44 years since then, the past 18 as lead pastor.

Radically saved at **Cedar Springs Bible Camp**, Jones sensed a call to preach. During his childhood years, Jones struggled with stuttering, a condition healed as a result of him memorizing half the New Testament through **Teen Bible Quiz**. As a teenager, various men in the church, including then-pastor John Tappero, mentored Jones.

During his time at **Northwest University**, the Assemblies of God school in nearby Kirkland, Jones served as an intern back at his home church. Rick Ross, now superintendent of the AG **North Carolina District** but then New Life pastor, hired Jones as youth pastor after he graduated from Northwest University and became a spiritual father to him.

Jones met his wife of 33 years, Jana, while they competed against each other in Bible Quiz. They married one week after he graduated from Northwest.

The 96-year-old church has had only four pastors in the past 55 years. Each brought a fresh vision to refresh the direction. Sisters Edith and Ellen Brandt founded the church in 1926.

“A church won’t naturally grow to be healthy,” Jones says. “A new pastor must rally the church behind the mission of God so it won’t stagnate.”

Jones credits Tappero, then 64, with instigating the purchase of the current 55-acre church property in 1980, with the knowledge that he wouldn’t be around to see it developed. The church, on a beautiful site on a sloping hillside surrounded by fir trees and clean air, opened here in 1995. It now has additional sites in **Maple Valley** and **Normandy Park**. Jones says 5,800 individuals are involved in some form of discipleship across four venues.

KNOWING THE CULTURE

Church growth has happened in part because Jones understands the laid-back secularized Seattle culture. Multitudes are willing to pay \$8 on a cup of coffee at Starbuck’s, the ubiquitous chain that shows up on many corners, including the one at the intersection nearest the church entrance.

Lately, hundreds of adherents who belonged to the flock for decades have moved out of the region, frequently to Arizona and Texas, often because of a perception that Seattle has become too liberal, evil, or woke. COVID-19 and increased housing prices also have played a role in the exodus. Jones tries to stay apolitical.

“A church should be a place where Republicans and Democrats both come,” Jones says. “We have to approach ministry with a first century attitude. We need to preach the gospel with authority, but with approachable humanity. People should feel the love of Christ, even if they disagree with our dogma.”

Jones believes the church won’t grow unless leadership willingly allows and even encourages staff to plant elsewhere. That includes onetime associate pastor Jeffery Portmann, who left after 15 years to plant **New Hope Church** in 2014 in Puyallup. In 2020, Portmann became **director** of the AG’s **Church Multiplication Network**. In recent years,

New Life Church has hosted repeated **Launch Training** events, including one in September.

That is indicative of Jones's philosophy of not being stuck inside the four walls of the church.

"We should be a river, not a swamp, so we don't start stinking," Jones says. "Established churches will stagnate if they don't have a multiplication mindset. The fish will die."

CHURCH SCHOOL GROWTH

Another area of continued growth is the adjacent **Renton Christian School**, which started in 1979 with 37 students.

The infant care through 8th grade facility covers 132,000 square feet, employs 65 teachers, and has an enrollment of 821 — up from 520 only five years ago. Head of school **Randy McMillan**, 45, has been part of the church his entire life.

"The need for Christ-centered education is greater than it's ever been before," says McMillan, an ordained AG minister who has been involved in New Life Church leadership for two decades, the past five years as head of school. "We're in a culture where the distinction between Christian education and public schools has become more evident."

Jones initially hired McMillan — whose mother in 1995 started Sonshine Learning Center at the church school — as business pastor. McMillan, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Northwest University, appreciates the leadership of Jones.

"He honors and believes in people, almost to a fault," McMillan says. "He empowers people and takes risks."

INVESTING IN PASTORS

Jones, who has written three books on leadership, in 2015 started a ministry called **Recalibrate** to help pastors. Jones cites statistics that 1,700 pastors a month have been leaving the profession since the onset of COVID-19 in March 2020.

"The past 30 months have been chaotic at every level," Jones says. "Collectively, pastors have been working through turmoil with the daunting weight they face."

In February, Jones will launch a nonprofit called **PastorStays**, as a resource for pastors for short-term getaways at an air bed and breakfast for a nominal cost.

Jones, who is a former ministry network youth director, also will be investing in young adults. He is the recently named chancellor of the **College of Ministry** at Northwest University, a new position.

"Troy will make sure we are operating the College of Ministry in a way that is church-centric," says Northwest University President **Joseph L. Castleberry**, 62. "This is a role with real duties of spiritual influence to ensure that the College of Ministry has a pastoral emphasis."

"Pastor Troy Jones is a legend in our ministry network and beyond," says **Joshua R. Ziefle**, the 42-year-old college of ministry dean. "Moving forward, he will provide wisdom, insight, and direction bringing key voices to the table to benefit the campus. He has keys to open doors that I don't for the benefit of students."

PHOTO: Troy and Jana Jones speak at a CMN event in September at New Life Church.

Editors Note: Dr. Kari Brodin was Troy's BQ coach. Thank you Kari for investing in Troy!!!!

RESULTS FROM BQ TOURNAMENTS

GOLD CUP, Oct 22, 2022 14 teams

Trinity Church, Cedar Hill, TX

TOP 3 TEAMS: GOLD DIVISION 11 teams W L AVG

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| 1. New Life Church, Colorado Springs, CO * | 8 | 0 | 197 |
| 2. Trinity Church, Cedar Hill, TX "Team John" | 7 | 1 | 223 |
| 3. Braeswood Church, Houston, TX | 7 | 1 | 198 |

TOP 5 QUIZZERS: AVG QO

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| 1. Camden Haney, Cedar Hill, TX "Team John" | 123 | 7 |
| 2. Andrew Pickrell, Cedar Hill, TX "Team Janny" | 114 | 8 |
| 3. Christian Alapati, Mustang, OK | 104 | 6 |
| 4. Josiah Brookbank, Colorado Springs, CO | 104 | 5 |
| 5. Naomi Shtyrako, Porter, TX | 88 | 5 |

TOP 2 TEAMS: SILVER DIVISION 3 teams W L AVG

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| 1. Trinity Church, Cedar Hill, TX "IOC" | 5 | 1 | 148 |
| 2. Oaks Church, Red Oak, TX | 4 | 2 | 183 |

TOP 5 QUIZZERS: AVG QO

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| 1. Josiah Lapusan, Red Oak, TX | 133 | 6 |
| 2. Joseph Lee, Cedar Hill, TX | 73 | 4 |
| 3. Nicholas Nailor, Cedar Hill, TX | 62 | 3 |
| 4. John Pettis, Red Oak, TX | 22 | 1 |
| 5. Daniel Bartholomew, Red Oak, TX | 16 | 0 |

* 3 more rounds **New Life Church, CO Tournament Champions**

BLUEGRASS TOURNAMENT, OCT 22, 2022 13 teams

First A/G, Lexington, KY

TOP 3 TEAMS-CHAMPIONSHIP W L AVG

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| 1. New Life A/G, Sparta, WI ** | 9 | 1 | 215 |
| 2. Radiant Life Church, Dublin, OH | 9 | 1 | 191 |
| 3. First A/G, Lexington, KY | 6 | 4 | 131 |

TOP 5 QUIZZERS: AVG QO

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| 1. Cole Abbott, Sparta, WI | 117 | 9 |
| 2. Jayden Nimako, Dublin, OH | 82 | 5 |
| 3. Ember Yoder, Ypsilanti, MI | 81 | 7 |
| 4. Madison Day, Oconto, WI | 75 | 6 |
| 5. Caleb Karthik, Dublin, OH | 56 | 6 |

TOP 3 TEAMS-XP5 W L AVG

1. Oasis Community Church, Ithaca, MI 7 0 205
2. Lighthouse AG, Harbor Beach, MI "ED" 6 1 199
3. Lighthouse AG, Harbor Beach, MI "MH" 5 2 195

TOP 5 QUIZZERS:

AVG QO

1. Elizabeth Powell, Harbor Beach, MI 131 6
2. Nathan Nimako, Dublin, OH 127 7
3. Will Wood, Ithaca, MI 108 7
4. Jeremy Zadina, Harbor Beach, MI 106 6
5. Colton Markwell, Ithaca, MI 97 6

****New Life AG, Sparta, WI Tournament Champions**

FOR COMPLETE RESULTS OF BOTH TOURNAMENTS GO TO: WWW.JBQ.ORG

2022-2023 QUIZ SEASON:

THESSALONIANS, TIMOTHY, TITUS & 1, 2, 3 JOHN BREAKDOWN:

"Championship" (6 th -12 th grade)		"Contender" (6 th -12 th grade)		"XP5" (6 th -12 th grade)	
1 & 2 Thess.	136	1 & 2 Thess.	136	1 Thess. 1-2	30
1 & 2 Tim Chap 1	131	1 Timothy	113	1 Thess. 3-4	31
2 Tim 2-4 & Titus	111	2 Timothy	83	1 Thess. 5	28
1, 2, 3 John	133	Titus	46	2 Tim 2	26
Total Verses	511	Total Verses	378	Total Verses	115

NATIONAL BIBLE QUIZ FINALS: 2023

- National BQ Finals will be held at the Renaissance Hotel, St. Louis, MO July 1-7, 2023. \$99.00 a night hotel, free parking.
- Master Memorization Award. All of 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, and 1, 2, 3 John within 45 minutes, 5 mistakes or less and must be quoted consecutively, in one sitting
- Adult quizzing at National BQ Finals 2023: *******PLEASE NOTE CHANGE*******
- Veteran Division: 1 Timothy chapters 1-6
- Fun Division: 1 Timothy chapters 1-4. Question writer TBA.
- Requirements for the Discipleship Award are posted at <http://www.biblequiz.com> for the 2022-2023 BQ Season.
- Application Questions are posted at <http://www.biblequiz.com> for the 2022-2023 BQ Season.
- Need a quiz set?

Steve Kirkman, www.quizequipment.com

- Quote Cards are available through Biblequizshop.com
- Need to find other BQ information?

<http://www.biblequiz.com>

Scripture Portion:

1. Error in 1 Timothy 3:12. There should not be the word “his” before household.” Please delete it.
 2. Please note Crete in Titus 1:5 is not in “Italics” - It should be. It is listed as such in the CA, and the new Entire CA. It also italicized in vs 12.
- **Question number 5 for 20 points. Scripture-text application question.**
 - What does Paul mean by the statement, **Quote** “Night and day we toiled to earn a living so that we would not be a burden to any of you”?
 - 1 Th 2:9 Other traveling ministers sometimes demanded free food and lodging, but Paul didn’t want to give any hindrance to his ministry. Bruce, 35
 - The word “**Quote**” is missing in the Application Question.

WRITERS TIPS: CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION:

General

- Generally, questions will be easy to interrupt except Scripture-text Questions, but these will be interruptible before the quote in many cases. All questions will be predictable to finish.
- Knowing unique words, chapter analysis by section, chapter, and book, and “if” conditional statements will be valuable for teams.
- Application Questions will be used for Leagues 1 – 4 only
- Utilizing practice sets of all levels of difficulty will give teams a great advantage as patterns will originate there, especially in the DRN practice sets
- Locators will broaden towards regionals/nationals

10-point Questions

- The difficulty will be very similar for all levels
- Generally, answers will come from a single verse and be no longer than 7 words

20-point Questions

- Leagues: These questions will typically be 8 words or more and will come from a single verse. It will be important to know verse references and chapter analysis. Questions will come from sections more so than chapters.
- League finals: The difficulty will increase slightly from leagues. Statement and Essence/Quotation questions will be introduced.
- Districts: Question difficulty will increase significantly, with questions coming from 2 verses on average. Chapter analysis will be used in greater capacity and basic concordance will be introduced.
- Regionals: Mastery of the material will be highly advantageous. Questions will cover 1 – 3 verses, with the introduction of chapter analysis by book and concordance increasing in difficulty.

- Nationals: Mastery of the material will be required. Questions will cover 1 – 5 verses, along with knowing chapter analysis over all the material. Concordance questions will all need to be studied beforehand.

30-point Questions

- Leagues: These questions will come from a single verse but answers will be longer than 20-point questions. It will be important to know verse references and chapter analysis. Questions will come from chapters more so than sections.
- League finals: The difficulty will increase slightly, with locators becoming less used. Knowing section analysis will give quizzers an advantage. Statement and Essence/Quotation questions will be introduced.
- Districts: Question difficulty will increase significantly, with questions coming from 3 verses on average. Chapter analysis will be used in greater capacity and basic concordance will be introduced.
- Regionals: Mastery of the material will be highly advantageous. Questions will cover 3 – 5 verses, with the introduction of chapter analysis by book and concordance increasing in difficulty.
- Nationals: Mastery of the material will be required. Questions will cover 4 – 7 verses, along with knowing chapter analysis over all the material. Concordance questions will all need to be studied beforehand.

Josh Gallo/Josh Forsman

WRITERS TIPS: CONTENDER & XP5 DIVISIONS:

General style:

I like to make quizzers think about the meaning of the text. Pay close attention to the “whys” of Paul’s arguments. While all questions will be solely based on the text itself, taking the time to study and truly understand each chapter will prove beneficial for many questions, especially ones that require quizzers to think “backwards.” Also expect “standard” questions that do not require as much analytical thinking. The best tool for understanding what to expect will be the Contender Study Questions. Scripture Text Questions and blind questions should be interrupted cautiously.

League Competition:

10-point questions will remain consistent in difficulty from the league level through Regional Finals. Most will be in the neighborhood of seven words or fewer. It’s not a hard and fast rule, however, so some may exceed that limit. Some reference knowledge will be required for all point values. Most 30-point questions will require close to an entire verse in length. All Quotation Questions throughout the year will come from the marked primary verses in the Scripture portion. Essence Questions may come from any verse.

District Finals:

Expect the difficulty of 20- and 30-point questions to increase. 30-point questions may span up to two verses. Understanding connections between portions of the text will become increasingly important, as will the ability to quote the material and recall verses by reference. Some single-verse concordance may be asked.

Regional Finals:

Expect Regional 20-point questions to be similar to 30-point questions at District Finals. 30-point questions will span up to 3 consecutive verses (or longer if verse length is small) and may require larger chapter analysis lists, giving sections, and “of”-type concordance answers.

Heather Cox

BIBLE QUIZ RETREATS/CAMPS UPDATES:

BQ TOURNAMENTS

29th Gobblefest Bible Quiz Tournament

November 18-19, 2022

Championship; Contender; XP5

University of Valley Forge, PA

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Mid-Winter Classic BQ Tournament

January 13-14, 2023

Sioux Falls, SD

Championship, Contender, and XP5 Levels

Contact Don Batty, debatty00@gmail.com

608-566-6255

38th Friendship Classic

January 27, 28, 2023

Oxford AG, Oxford, FL

Championship only

Bernie Elliot: ElliotBQ@gmail.com

412-999-9330 Cell

Presidents Cup

February 4th, 2023

Championship: 1&2 Thess., 1&2 Tim, Titus

Contender: 1&2 Thess., 1&2 Tim.

Contact: Jesse Czubkowski jesseczubkowski@gmail.com

Windy City Classic

March 3 & 4, 2023

Calvary Church, Naperville, IL

David & Jolene Powell

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Jersey Shore Pre-Nats

June 2-3, 2023
Tinton Falls, NJ
All material covered
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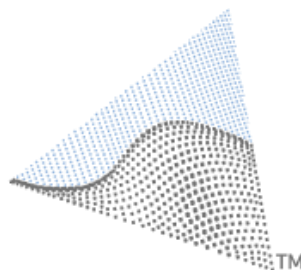
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