



TBQ Monthly Newsletter

**TEEN
BIBLE QUIZ**

SEPTEMBER 2025

**General Superintendent Medal of Honor
Recipients Recognized**

The final day of general business in Orlando, FL honored two exemplary individuals in the AG fellowship with the General Superintendent Medal of Honor.

During Friday's business session, General Superintendent Doug Clay recognized Bonnie Papendick and Timothy Strathdee, awarding each the highest honor in the Assemblies of God for laypersons.

This biennial award is presented at the national gathering of the Assemblies of God General Council to persons who have distinguished themselves through meritorious services to God, the Church, the community, and fellow citizens.

For more than four decades, Bonnie Papendick and her family have been coaching, discipling, and instilling the Word of God in the youth of Calvary Church through local, regional, and state *Bible Quiz* programs.

Bonnie Papendick and her husband Dave began attending Calvary Temple of Naperville (now *Calvary Church*) in 1972. Several years later, their son Todd, then in 6th grade, was introduced to the Junior Bible Quiz (*JBQ*) Fact Pak, a bible-trivia game that had recently been released. Bonnie became curious and approached the pastor of her church about JBQ and how her son could get involved. This became the starting point of a lifelong journey.

The church's JBQ effort, led by the Papendicks, began in 1982 and added Teen Bible Quiz (*TBQ*) in 1990. The ministry has been running at Calvary Church ever since and has seen three generations of Papendicks as quizzers, coaches, officials, and regional coordinators.

Calvary's Bible Quiz ministry runs for nine months each year, meeting during the church's first service, and requires countless hours of study, coaching, and preparation.

In 2021, Calvary became the first church in AG Quiz history to have teams from the same home church win both the National JBQ title and the National TBQ title in the same year.

Other impressive records of Calvary's Quiz teams, under the direction of the Papendick family, include 60 Bible Master awards, 46 district championships, 20 regional championships, and 7 national championships, although the church has advanced to the national level consecutively for the past 37 years.

Bonnie’s son, Todd, said of Bible Quiz, “Quizzing is not about matches and points scored, it is a family ministry – the young quizzer usually takes on a daily Word-study relationship with one or both parents and lasting results are born through that.”

Clay honored Bonnie, noting her “tireless dedication in bringing glory to God and this Fellowship.”

DBQC UPDATE:

Nancy Lambert, who has been serving as the District Bible Quiz Coordinator of Northern New England region has recently retired from this position. Nancy and her husband Jon, who recently passed away this year, have served faithfully since 1992 encouraging many teams and young people. We thank God for your 33 years of faithful service. Your labor has not been in vain, and the impact of your dedication will continue to bless others for years to come.

2025-2026 QUIZ SEASON OVER G,E, P, C, P

	Championship		Contender		XP5	
Meet 1	Gal 1-6	149 verses	Gal 1-5	131 verses	Gal 3 & 5	55 verses
Meet 2	Eph 1-6	155 verses	Gal 6 & Eph 1-4	116 verses	Eph 4	32 verses
Meet 3	Phil 1-4	104 verses	Eph 5 & 6	57 verses	Eph 5-6:9	42 verses
Meet 4	Col 1-4, Philemon	120 verses	Phil 1-2	60 verses	Eph 6:10-24 & Phil 2	45 verses
TOTAL		528 verses		364 verses		174 verses

WRITERS TIPS:

Solomon Stevens, Official Championship Writer, GEPCP 2025-2026

As a former quizzier, I've had experiences where you've studied something to the point where you know it by heart, but when it comes up in a meet, you get burned by how the question is worded. So this year, I plan on trying to avoid that by being as predictable and transparent as possible.

The questions this upcoming season are designed to be hit quickly. The exceptions are Scripture Text Questions (as with most writers) and questions that start with "According to". The more word-perfect quizzers know the material, the better chance they have at getting questions right. This not only applies to Quotation / Essence Questions, but it also increases the chances of finding the key word(s) used in the question itself. To get ahead in studying, quizzers should also note the following:

- "of" phrases
- Adjectives
- Unique words

Throughout this entire season, 10-point questions will be pretty much the same. The answer length should hover around seven words or fewer.

League Meets 1-4

League Meets help lay a firm foundation in studying the material. Knowing the chapters when they are due will allow quizzers to better understand what questions are being asked and practice accordingly. For every League Meet (1-5), all the answers to questions will come from one verse. For league meets 1-4, two Application Questions are included: one 10-point question and one 20/30-point question.

League Meet 5

I am aware that some districts don't quiz over League Meet 5. They just use it as practice questions. With this in mind, these sets have more of an emphasis on quoting as well as the questions listed above that quizzers should take note. These questions can be beneficial to help quizzers solidify the material they have learned up to this point.

Districts, Regionals, Nationals

For Districts, Regionals, and Nationals (DRN), the question difficulty gradually increases as there are more multiple-part questions and more scripture text questions scattered throughout. They are still designed to be direct, but quizzers may have to use a bit more critical thinking. These sets also introduce consecutive and separate verses. As the

season moves on, more questions will expand beyond one verse and more verses will be required as answers.

Districts

We begin to see the use of separate and consecutive verses at Districts as answers to questions can now come from two (or even three) verses. Throughout these sets, some concordance-based questions will be asked. Some of these may not require studying beforehand, but doing so will benefit quizzers.

Regionals

The difficulty takes a step up from District-level questions. Quizzers can expect a large portion of questions to come from multiple verses (two to three for 20-pointers, three to four for 30-pointers) and concordance questions to be less obvious than those at Districts. So quoting the material and studying the concordance will be very helpful in preparation for Regionals and beyond.

Nationals

To have success at Nationals, one must know the material and know it well. Questions will constantly come from multiple verses and can require quizzers to say up to five verses (or more if they're short). Concordance questions will be at their most difficult and thus will require studying ahead of time.

Updated tips about District Finals, Regional Finals, and National Finals questions will be provided in early 2026.

Cole Abbott, Official Contender and XP5 Writer, GEPCP 2025-2026

General style

I like writing thought provoking questions as often as I can. The majority of questions will follow simple progression through the verse, like “this person did what”, or “this person went where.” There will also be some set up questions such as, “when this person went there, what happened?” Scripture text questions are often longer and will take some patience from quizzers. I will often use locaters (Section title or chapter) to make the

difference between difficulties, so a section title could be a 10 while a chapter locator could be a 20 on the same question.

Difficulty

At league level, 10's will normally be between 1–5-word answers and normally no more than 7. 20's could range anywhere from a word, depending on difficulty, up to half of a long verse. 30's will often be the majority of a verse and often times will include quotes, essence questions, and some chapter analysis lists. The difficulty of questions will remain the same for league matches through league finals.

Please be aware of the following requirements for the league level questions for the Contender and XP5 divisions:

- All Quotation Questions throughout the year will come from the marked primary verses in the Scripture portion.
- 2 Application questions will appear in each set for League 1 through League 4
 - For XP5 rounds, these will appear between questions 13-18
 - For Contender rounds, these will appear after question 10
- Contender Study Questions will appear:
 - As 10 of the first 12 questions for all XP5 matches
 - As 10 questions per set for Contender League 1
 - As 5 questions per set for Contender Leagues 2 through 4
 - Not at all in League 5 and beyond

Updated tips about District Finals and Regional Finals questions will be provided in early 2026.

RULES UPDATE:

Practically, there aren't many significant changes to the rules for the 2025-2026 season. Notable changes are below:

We've removed the "General Information" from the main text of the *Bible Quiz Rules* and created a new document called *Competition Structure and Eligibility Rules* to house the majority of those rules. Since these rules primarily apply only to DBQCs and new churches, it made sense to remove them from the rules that teams carry from round to round.

We've adjusted our eligibility rules to more closely mirror those of Fine Arts. This change serves a few purposes:

- (1) It brings more cohesion across A/G-sponsored youth ministries,
- (2) It closes long-open loopholes to prevent “super senior” issues, and
- (3) It permits increased eligibility for particularly high-achieving students who graduate traditional high school early.

We've removed the individual foul for incorrect hand placement when seated at the quiz table. Instruction for proper hand placement still remains, and fouls are still applicable for help and improper communication (gesturing, hand signals, etc.).

We've made minor wording changes throughout the document to enhance flow and clarify potentially confusing items.

The Rules, as almost all information pertaining to the 2025-2026 BQ season, can be found at Biblequiz.com

If you have suggestions for future rules changes, the Rules Committee is always happy to hear your ideas!

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GALATIANS, EPHESIANS, PHILIPPIANS, COLOSSIANS, PHILEMON

- G, E, P, C, P Discipleship Award, along with the Discussion Questions, can be found at www.Biblequiz.com
- Application Questions are also posted at <http://www.biblequiz.com> for the 2025-2026 BQ Season.
- The G, E, P, C, P Scripture Portions are available at <https://myhealthychurch.com/store/startcat.cfm?cat=YMBIBQUIZ&mastercat=&path=YMBIBQUIZ>
- The G, E, P, C, P practice questions are available at [*MHC Digital I Teen Bible Quiz*](#)
- Quote Cards are available through Biblequizshop.com
- Need a quiz set?
Lucas Cox at www.quiz.supplies

- Need to find other BQ information?
<http://www.biblequiz.com>

BQ TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Georgia BQ Training

September 6, 2025

Johns Creek, GA

Training for coaches & all levels of quizzers

Contact Doug Black dggeorgia@gmail.com

678-767-2249

September 6, 2025

BQ TOURNAMENTS

Liberty Classic

September 20, 2025* NOTE DATE CHANGE

NJ (Location TBD)

Divisions: Championship, Contender, XP5

Contact: Jesse Czubkowski jesseczubkowski@gmail.com

41st Annual Gold Cup

October 25, 2025

Trinity Church, Cedar Hill, Texas

Divisions: Gold and Silver

Email Lori Sullivan safkids@gmail.com

8th Annual Bluegrass Classic

October 25, 2025

Lexington First Assembly, Lexington, KY

Divisions: Championship, Contender, XP-5

Email tbq.kentucky@gmail.com for more information!

41st Friendship Classic

January 23-24, 2026

Oxford AG, Oxford, FL

Championship only

Contact: Bernie Elliot ElliotBQ@gmail.com

Presidents Cup

February 7, 2026

Swedesboro, NJ

Divisions: Championship, Contender, XP-5

Contact: Jesse Czubkowski jesseczubkowski@gmail.com

Windy City Classic

Mar 6-7, 2026

Calvary Church, Naperville, IL

Contact: David Powell wheatonpowells@yahoo.com

32nd Gobblefest Bible Quiz Tournament

November 21-22, 2025

Championship; Contender; XP5

University of Valley Forge, PA

Contact: Bernie Elliot ElliotBQ@gmail.com

412-999-9330

Mid-Winter Classic BQ Tournament ?

January 9-10, 2026

Life Change Church, Sioux Falls, SD

Divisions: Championship, Contender, XP5, Adult

Contact: Don Batty debatty00@gmail.com

608-566-6255

~~Emerald City Tournament~~

April 10–11, 2026

Seattle, WA (Area)

Championship only

Richie Nelson: richiedn@gmail.com

253-232-9995

Jersey Shore Pre-Nats

June 5-6, 2026

Tinton Falls, NJ

All material covered

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64th NATIONAL BIBLE QUIZ FINALS

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Lowes Ventana Canyon Resort

June 27, - July 3, 2026

40 teams and a “1 on 1 Tournament” for those Championship quizzers whose team does not make it. (Minimum of 4 quizzers).

Winner of that “1 on 1” competition receives a \$1,000.00 scholarship for post high school education.

Resort Fee is waived for our group, free parking and free wi-fi.

Ice Cream fellowship for everyone on Saturday night.

Thursday night fellowship.

District Bible Quiz Coordinators Meeting on Friday night, June 27 and Sat AM, June 28, 2026

Adult quizzing: National BQ Finals 2026

Veteran Division: Philippians Chapters 1-4

Fun/Novice Division: Philippians Chapters 2-3

Will also have the Adult Quoting Bee.

THE LIVING WORD:

One day while my husband and I were working in Asia, we visited a small village—just a few hundred people, mostly farmers and cattle herders. We shared the gospel and prayed for many people who were sick, including Devi, a woman who had been stuck in bed for three or four years. Devi hadn't walked, cooked, or done anything on her own in all that time. About a week later, Devi's family called us and asked if we could come back to their village. Devi was well, and her son asked my husband, "Can you come back and show us how to heal people? They wanted to know more about the God who had just changed everything. Ever since we had prayed for her, his mother had been better—she had gotten out of bed and prepared meals for her family. So, we came back the next week, and their house was full of friends, neighbors, and family—all asking questions:

"Who is this Jesus?" "Can He help us too?" "What does He want from us?" We started a weekly Bible study with them. But there was one big challenge: almost no one could read. They'd never had the chance to go to school, so only a couple of the men could even open a Bible and understand it.

Here's what we did:

Each week, one of the readers would read a story from the Bible out loud. Then we'd go around the circle and take turns retelling the story in our own words. We kept going around until everyone could share the story accurately. Every person would then promise to share the story with someone else during the week. That's how they grew in their faith and spread the gospel. They couldn't rely on written words—they had to rely on memory, on storytelling, and on each other. After about a year, something amazing happened: we were able to get a solar-powered audio Bible for every believer in the village. When they turned them on and heard the Bible in their own language, their faces lit up. They now had access to God's Word every single day. They could listen anytime. They could grow on their own. For them, it was like receiving the most valuable gift in the world.

Even though the Bible is the most translated book in the world, 1 in 5 people are still waiting to have the Bible in their own language. Only 756 languages have a full Bible. Another 1,726 languages have the New Testament. And 985 languages?

They have nothing. No Scripture at all. No work in progress. That's millions of people without access to the Word of God. As a quizzier or coach, you're probably someone who knows the Bible pretty well. You've had access to the Scripture. You've studied it, memorized large portions, maybe even entire books. You've put in hours preparing for quizzes and digging deep into God's Word. But imagine this: what if you didn't have access to the Bible at all? No verses to memorize. No chapters to study. Not even a single story in your language. That's the reality for millions of people around the world today. This story isn't meant to make you feel guilty. Instead, it's a reminder of how amazing it is to have access to God's Word—and how many people are still waiting for that gift.

Let's not take it for granted. Let's live like people who treasure the Word of God—and want the whole world to hear it!!!

Nick & Marcae Robertson, Global University, Springfield, MO

FUNDRAISING TIPS:

I have been the head coach for Sioux Falls for over 11 years. In the second year, we qualified to go to Nationals in Pheonix, AZ. We have tried several different fundraisers to earn money to go. The best fundraiser that brought in enough money was selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. After it is announced where the next Nationals will be, I spend time figuring out approximately how much it will cost for the team to go. We usually sell doughnuts twice in the fall and 4-6 times in the spring. I usually call Krispy Kreme and talk to the manager to ask if they are having any promotions. I try to purchase doughnuts with promotions or special offers. I drive to Omaha, NE, pick up normally picked up 125 boxes, and drive back to Sioux Falls to sell them the next day!!

We make anywhere from \$6 to \$8 per box.

Depending on how many quizzers we have, it will determine if we do one location or divide it into two locations. Selling the doughnuts goes so much faster if you have two groups selling at different locations instead of one. We will pick a location with easy access for cars to drive in and out. Doughnuts sell better on cooler days than hot days. Since I have paid for the doughnuts up front, we usually stay until all the doughnuts are sold, otherwise we would lose money.

We arrive around 7 AM. and set up for selling doughnuts. We use an awning and weigh it down with weights to protect against the wind gusts that may come. I make sure that we

have enough change to give customers, and a tip jar as well. We have a table that we place some of the doughnuts on, and refill as needed. I bring my cooler and snacks to have as we sell. The quizzers and adults hold signs, and I pray that people will come and purchase. Another key to selling doughnuts is advertising. I recommend putting it on social media and promoting it at your church. Try to presale, if possible. We sell our doughnuts for \$14 for 1 dozen or 2 dozen for \$26. When we are all done selling Krispy Kreme's, we have raised enough money to pay for registration, hotel expenses, travel expenses, and money for food. Sometimes, I have enough money to purchase new material for next year. I will say that the doughnut days can be very long, and you can get sunburned or feel like you could freeze to death, but it is worth it all.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at mckinleys7@aol.com

Rhoda McKinley, Sioux Falls, SD

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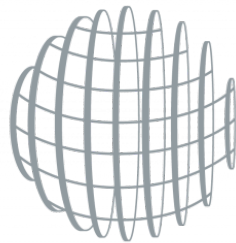
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