

M.A.D. Bible Quizzing (or, "Verses vs. Verses")
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Many of you know a little bit about the ministry in our district of Bible Quizzing, but let me update you on some of the details of this year. As you probably know, we start quizzing in September, and finish in April—the second Saturday of every month (usually), and this year we've studied the book of Acts. Bible Quizzing is open to teens (7th-12th grades) who attend Alliance churches.

This past October, we had our quiz meet, then held our first-ever "Polar Bear Plunge" into the Atlantic Ocean (we were at Grace Church in Milton, DE, so drove to the nearby beach). How cold was it?! Actually, it could have been a lot worse—I don't think hypothermia was an issue for anyone afterwards.

In January, we had our annual "Winternationals" which is a whole weekend event, involving a two-night stay in a hotel in beautiful Roanoke, VA, a lot of quizzing, and some fun thrown in. The quizzers (and their adult coaches) appreciated (among other items) the Worship team music, the unusually warm weather, the Saturday night bowling, AND the hotel pool.

On Saturday, April 14, we have our last regular quiz meet, this time at Derwood Alliance Church in Rockville, MD (near Washington, D.C.). The event starts at 9:30 am with Praise and Worship, followed by lots of competitive quizzing (each quiz has 20 questions, with teams in three different rooms quizzing consecutively).

If you have never seen Bible Quizzing, or have youth who never had, please consider dropping by and seeing "what it's all about". Directions (and a whole lot more) are at our website, www.madquizzing.org. Even if your church only has a handful of interested teens, and one or two adults willing to coach, you can do it—the typical team is four students, and some this year just have two! Next year's scripture portion is Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians—a treasure trove of doctrine and practical Christian living. It's true that our teens have multiple activities competing for their time and attention—but, if you think about it, what eternal value is there in most of their choices and priorities? Hiding God's Word in their hearts not only helps them today—but for the rest of their lives!