



## 2023-2024 Schedule

October 14: Local Quiz #1  
location TBD  
Galatians 1-3 (74 vs.)  
LL: Ephesians 4-5:20 (52 vs.)

November 11: Local Quiz #2  
CrossPoint Church, Clinton Twp  
Galatians 4-6 (75 vs.)  
LL: Ephesians 5:21-6 (37 vs.)

November 18: Great Lakes Regional  
CrossPointe Community Church, Wayne  
Galatians 1-6 (149 vs.)  
LL: Ephesians 4-6 (89 vs.)

December 9: Local Quiz #3  
St. Paul Lutheran, Northville  
Ephesians 1-4:16 (82 vs.)  
LL: Philippians 1 (30 vs.)

January 13: Local Quiz #4  
Stony Creek Church, Utica  
Eph 4:17-6, Phil 1 (103 vs.)  
LL: Philippians 2 (30 vs.)

January 20: All Timers  
CrossPoint Church, Clinton Twp  
Eph 4-6, Phil 1-2 (149 vs.)

February 10: Local Quiz #5  
Romeo UMC  
Phil 2-4, Philemon (99 vs.)  
LL: Philippians 3-4 (44 vs.)

March 9: Day of Champions  
Marimont Community Church  
full review (433 vs.)  
LL: full review (193 vs.)

March 16  
WBQA Chicago Tournament  
full review (433 vs.)  
LL: full review (193 vs.)

## Highlights

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**November 11 Quiz Reminders.** CrossPoint Church, 44000 North Ave, Clinton Twp, MI 48036, is on the east side of North Avenue just south of Groesbeck Highway.

The opening meeting will start at noon.

Please bring your quiz boxes and pads.

**Team Photos.** For those of you who were missing a teammate or coach or did not have your uniforms at the October competition, you can get your team picture taken (or retaken) in November.

**Great Lakes Registration.** Everyone is encouraged to register for this local WBQA tournament that DBQ is directing.

And with a good DBQ turnout, maybe this is the year that the Tournament will again be able to have separate Varsity, JV and Little League divisions. By signing up, you can help make that happen.

Use WBQA's web site to register and pay the team fee of just \$40 by Sunday, November 6.

If you can't come up with four quizzers for a team from your church, then contact quizzers from other DBQ churches and see if you can form a full team. Little League is for anyone who hasn't started 7th grade; JV is for anyone who hasn't started 10th.

**Promotion.** Detroit Bible Quizzing has again grown this season (for the fourth year in a row). Let's not stop. Promote quizzing throughout this season. Recruit family, friends, acquaintances. Get them to a practice or monthly quiz. Encourage, persuade or drag them (be nice) into quizzing. ✪



**Samuel Kochensparger**  
*MCC Sword of the Spirit*



**Tobiah Peterson**  
*MCC Fruit of the Light*

# Tidbits

**Honorable Mention.** Once frozen, there is no guarantee that a quizzer will have an opportunity to jump and score again. Three frozen chairs without error in a day of quizzing equals 210 points. When quizzers get that many points or more and yet don't make Quizzer of the Month, they deserve some recognition. In October, three Little League and three Varsity quizzers attained this distinction:

<b>Aiden Baugh</b>	310
<b>Curtis Parker</b>	270
<b>Alison Balavenderan</b>	230
<b>Leo Hile</b>	230
<b>Katie Baugh</b>	210
<b>Josh Fales</b>	210

**Rookie Watch.** A great part of quizzing is to see which rookies start off strong and which are able to catch on later and make a run for the top spot. This season there are lots of rookies to watch.

In Varsity, six rookies scored in their first day of quizzing, led by **Jadon Russell** with 150 points. **Sam Zurek** and **Jacob Zurek** both got multiple scores. **Elliot Mayer**, **Gabriel Taverner** and **Chris Smith** also scored.

In Little League, the top three rookies find themselves in All Star status: **Everett Smith** (200), **Kaleb Nunez** (170) and **Veda Smith** (150). Eight more started out with at least a 10.0 average: **Cady Phou**, **Caroline Komer**, **Laira Nunez**, **Micah Nelson**, **Margaret Smith**, **Jonah Kittleman**, **Ethan Balavenderan**, **Sophia Phou** and **June Friesen**. And five more got their first score: **Eloisa Poprawa**, **Ruby Bejnar**, **Clara Nelson**, **Asher Kittlemann** and **Edwyn Troike**.

Make a point to encourage the rookies.

## STEERING COMMITTEE

The DBQ Steering Committee will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 12, 2023 via Google Meet. Participating churches and organizations are welcome to have a representative join in.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

If you have news to share about a quizzer or quiz-related subject, please e-mail the editor at [pdpaternoster@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pdpaternoster@sbcglobal.net)

## Varsity Quiz Highlights

**SPN The Bible Bears—40, MCC Living By The Spirit—80, MCC Unto Death—70**  
**Katie Baugh** swept the first three questions to freeze without error and take a 70-point lead for Marimont Unto Death. **Aiden Baugh** took his time, picking up his third correct answer on question 9, to freeze without error and pull Marimont LivingByTheSpirit into a tie. In his very first quiz, St. Paul rookie **Sam Zurek** got his first jump and first correct answer on question 10. The score was 20-70-70 with five questions to go—anyone's quiz. St. Paul and Unto Death errors gave Aiden a freebie on 12A for the lead. That held up when 13 and 14 were passed and Sam got his second score on 15 to end the quiz.

**SCC James Cephas John—220, CP Tear Out Your Eyes—0, LP Surpassing Greatness—100**

Two superlatives for the day in this one quiz: [1] 320 points total on just one error followed by 14 correct answers, [2] 220 points by a single team. Questions 2 - 7 saw Stony Creek trading scores with Lake Pointe's **Megan Yonker** until she froze her chair. Then SCC picked up 130 points in five questions as **Clifton Leslie** froze without error, **Curtis Parker** froze without error and **Caleb Loyd** scored twice, adding a third person bonus. Caleb froze without error on 14, sandwiched between scores by LP's **Annabelle Fales**.



SCC James Cephas John

**MCC Sword of the Spirit—110, Epic Struggle—180, SPN The Bible Bears—0**

Marimont's **Sam Kochensparger** scored early and often, but Epic's depth carried the day. After Sam's 40-point start, Epic looked to be rushing to victory as **Vera Hile** scored twice and **Landon Komer** and **Zeke Whiteaker** each scored for a 50-point lead. Sam froze without error to pull within 20 and, after an Epic error, tied it up at 90. Vera froze without error for a 30-point lead, but another Epic error allowed Sam to pull within 10. Epic finished strong as Landon scored twice to freeze and Zeke got his second score.



Epic Struggle

**CP Who?—70, SCC Grace & Peace 2 U—60, CP Tear Out Your Eyes—20**

With jumps on questions 2, 4 and 6, the Who?'s **Brian Vaughan** froze without error for a bonus ("How do you think he does it?" I don't know. "What makes him so good?"), and those 70 early points ultimately held up for the win. Stony Creek's **Bella Spencer** was next to score, on 8, and then 12 and 15 but without the bonus needed for a tie. In between, on 11, Tear Out Your Eyes' **Kylie Phillips** scored. ☺

## Varsity October 2023 Quiz Scores

SCC Called To Freedom	70	CP Tear Out Your Eyes	20	MCC Living By The Spirit	110
MCC Sword of the Spirit	190	SPN Chains for Christ	60	CP Who?	30
SPN Chains for Christ	10	MCC Living By The Spirit	120	SCC Called To Freedom	130
SPN The Bible Bears	40	LP Surpassing Greatness	90	CP Who?	70
MCC Living By The Spirit	80	SCC Called To Freedom	70	SCC Grace & Peace 2 U	60
MCC Unto Death	70	MCC Unto Death	120	CP Tear Out Your Eyes	20
SCC James Cephas John	220	SCC Grace & Peace 2 U	0	SCC James Cephas John	150
CP Tear Out Your Eyes	0	SCC James Cephas John	160	MCC Unto Death	60
LP Surpassing Greatness	100	MCC Sword of the Spirit	130	Epic Struggle	40
Epic Struggle	160	MCC Sword of the Spirit	110		
SCC Better Than A Slave	80	Epic Struggle	180		
CP Who?	0	SPN The Bible Bears	0		
SCC Better Than A Slave	110	SPN Chains for Christ	0		
SPN The Bible Bears	80	LP Surpassing Greatness	110		
SCC Grace & Peace 2 U	0	SCC Better Than A Slave	160		



## Little League Quiz Highlights

RUMC Faith–100, LP Children of Light–20, MCC Fruit of the Light–150



MCC Fruit of the Light

**Toby Peterson** got the first four scores, freezing without error on 3 and getting his first toss-up on 5 for a 90-point Marimont lead. Romeo rookie **Everett Smith** started a come-back with two in a row. The 50-point difference then held as **Nadya Peterson's** score was answered by Romeo rookie **Veda Smith**, Toby's second toss-up was answered by Veda, and Nadya's second score was answered by Everett's third to freeze his chair. The quiz ended with **Clara Graff** putting Lake Pointe on the board.

SPN Team Tornado 2–70, LP Night Chickens–60, SPN The 4 Bible Girls–80

Starting question 14, the score was 40–60–60. The St Paul Girls reached 60 first as **Alison Balavenderan** scored on 1, 3 and 8 to freeze. Lake Pointe tied it on 12B when **Josh Fales** got his second freebie to go with two regular scores. The St Paul Tornado finally got in the mix as rookie **Sophia Phou** and **Silas Pennington** scored on 11 and 13. Alison won a 14A toss-up to put the Girls back in the lead. That held up for the win when, on his third jump of the quiz, Tornado **Caleb Norton** was successful, and the third person team bonus leap-frogged Tornado over Lake Pointe and into second place.



LP Night Chickens

Epic Grace & Peace–30, SCC AmbassadorsInChains–50, Faith Kids–50

This quiz wins the “worst question pack” distinction based on 12 passed questions and 4 errors in a 15-question quiz format. It wins the “endurance” distinction for regulation ending on question 18 and a 3-way tie-breaker on 22A. Stony Creek's **Max Blum** and **Chris MacDonald** scored on 2 and 9; Epic rookie **Caroline Komer** scored on 4 and 13; Faith rookies **June Friesen** and **Laira Nunez** scored on 10 and 18. On the tie-breaker, SCC erred for -10 points, but the toss-up was passed. Max then won it for SCC. Epic erred for -10 points, and Laira won the freebie to claim second.

COS The Bible Jedi–60, Epic Grace & Peace–40, LP Night Chickens–150

Lake Pointe's **Timmy Graff** froze without error on question 6, **Josh Fales** froze on 11, and the icing on the cake of their big win came when **Declan Yount** closed out regulation with a third person team bonus. Epic and Christ Our Savior had to break a 40–40 tie achieved by four rookies: Epic's **Clara Nelson** and **Caroline Komer** and Christ Our Savior's **Asher Kittleman** and **Jonah Kittleman**. Jonah won the tiebreaker for second. ★

### Little League October 2023 Quiz Scores

SPN The 4 Bible Girls	110	RUMC Faith	100	Padawan Faith	50
MCC Fruit of the Light	170	LP Children of Light	20	LP Chipmunks	0
Epic Grace & Peace	0	MCC Fruit of the Light	150	Epic Aliens	60
Faith Kids	10	SPN Team Tornado 2	70	SPN The Righteous Sharks	0
Epic Thanksgiving	40	LP Night Chickens	60	Faith Kids	10
LP Children of Light	110	SPN The 4 Bible Girls	80	RUMC Faith	160
LP Chipmunks	50	Epic Grace & Peace	30	MCC Fruit of the Light	180
RUMC Faith	150	SCC AmbassadorsInChainsW-50	50	Epic Aliens	30
SPN Team Tornado 2	80	Faith Kids	50	Epic Thanksgiving	60
Epic Aliens	100	Epic Thanksgiving	130	COS The Bible Jedi	60
COS The Bible Jedi	30	Padawan Faith	70	Epic Grace & Peace	40
SCC AmbassadorsInChains	50	COS The Bible Jedi	0	LP Night Chickens	150
LP Night Chickens	160	SCC AmbassadorsInChains	30	LP Children of Light	170
SPN The Righteous Sharks	30	SPN Team Tornado 2	40	SPN The 4 Bible Girls	80
Padawan Faith	40	SPN The Righteous Sharks	100	LP Chipmunks	0

## Tidbits 2.0

### Haiku of the Month

Stand firm, then—  
be free, and be strong—  
stand firm then.

*inspired by Gal 5:1, Eph 6:10-20*

### Some Jumping Tips

- Set your pad as far back on the chair as you can so that it requires less movement on your part to trigger your light when you jump.
- There are two switches in the pad, but you only need to activate one—there is no need to have the pad so far under you that you are sitting on both switches.
- No pushing yourself up from the chair with your hands.
- Jump at least two syllables before you think the quizmaster will say a key word.
- Except if it is a free question, then do not jump until the quizmaster has completed the question.
- On a free question, if you are not confident that you will get it right, just sit and let your captain try.
- For free questions, if you are the captain, you need to learn to jump just before the 5-second buzzer goes off.
- Stand up to complete your jump and to answer.
- Wait for the quizmaster to call on you before you start to answer.
- Start your answer by repeating what you heard the quizmaster ask. If nothing else, it might help you from answering a who question with a what or *vice versa*.

### Why Bible Quizzing is good for your brain.

There are lots of memory tips on this web site: <https://www.helpguide.org/articles/healthy-living/how-to-improve-your-memory.htm>

Under Tip 1: Give your brain a workout, it sets forth 4 key elements of a good brain-boostin activity. All 4 are true of Bible quizzing:

- 1 It teaches you something new.
- 2 It is challenging.
- 3 It is a skill you can build on.
- 4 It is rewarding.

While strengthening your brain is great, stay focused on strengthening your faith.

# Varsity Individual - Oct. 2023

Rnk	First Name	Last Name	Team Name	Pts	Avg.	Err
1	Samuel	Kochensparger	MCC Sword of the Spirit	350	116.67	0
2	Aiden	Baugh	MCC Living By The Spirit	310	103.33	2
3	Curtis	Parker	SCC James Cephas John	270	90.00	0
4	Katie	Baugh	MCC Unto Death	210	70.00	2
5	Megan	Yonker	LP Surpassing Greatness	190	63.33	3
6	Vera	Hile	Epic Struggle	180	60.00	1
7	Micah	Drada	SCC Better Than A Slave	170	56.67	1
8	Clifton	Leslie	SCC James Cephas John	160	53.33	0
9	Jadon	Russell*	SCC Called To Freedom	150	50.00	2
10	Zeke	Whiteaker	Epic Struggle	110	36.67	1
11	Xander	Bourdeau	SCC Better Than A Slave	100	33.33	2
12	Brian	Vaughan	CP Who?	90	30.00	0
12	Caleb	Loyd	SCC James Cephas John	90	30.00	1
14	Ryder	Perry	MCC Sword of the Spirit	80	26.67	0
14	Sam	Zurek*	SPN The Bible Bears	80	26.67	0
16	Annabelle	Fales	LP Surpassing Greatness	80	26.67	1
17	Landon	Komer	Epic Struggle	80	26.67	5
18	KaraLynn	Russell	SCC Called To Freedom	60	20.00	1
18	Isabella	Spencer	SCC Grace & Peace 2 U	60	20.00	1
18	Eli	Blum	SCC Better Than A Slave	60	20.00	1
21	Isaac	Julien	SPN Chains for Christ	60	20.00	3
22	Madalyn	Lutz	MCC Unto Death	40	13.33	1
22	Kylie	Phillips	CP Tear Out Your Eyes	40	13.33	1
22	Lily	Blum	SCC Called To Freedom	40	13.33	1
25	Jacob	Zurek*	SPN The Bible Bears	40	13.33	2
25	Elliot	Mayer*	LP Surpassing Greatness	20	6.67	0
27	Gabriel	Taverner*	SPN Chains for Christ	20	6.67	2
28	Chris	Smith*	CP Who?	10	3.33	1
29	Mia	Schuel*	CP Tear Out Your Eyes	0	0.00	1
30	Rebekah	Catanzaro	MCC Living By The Spirit	0	0.00	0
30	JJ	Drada	SCC Grace & Peace 2 U	0	0.00	0
30	Lexi	Russell*	SCC Grace & Peace 2 U	0	0.00	0
30	Ben	Zurek*	SPN The Bible Bears	0	0.00	0
30	Hannah	Zurek*	SPN The Bible Bears	0	0.00	0

\* = rookie quizzer

Plc	Team Name	Pts	Record
1	MCC Fruit of the Light	34	3-0-0
2	RUMC Faith	30	2-1-0
3	LP Children of Light	25	2-0-1
4	LP Night Chickens	24	2-0-1
5	Epic Aliens	23	2-0-1
6	Epic Thanksgiving	21	1-2-0
6	SPN The 4 Bible Girls	21	1-2-0
8	SPN Team Tornado 2	19	0-3-0
9	SCC AmbassadorsInChains	16	1-1-1
10	Padawan Faith	15	0-3-0
11	SPN The Righteous Sharks	12	1-0-2
12	Faith Kids	11	0-2-1
13	COS The Bible Jedi	7	0-1-2
14	Epic Grace & Peace	3	0-0-3
14	LP Chipmunks	3	0-0-3

Plc	Team Name	Pts	Record
1	SCC James Cephas John	35	3-0-0
2	SCC Better Than A Slave	29	2-1-0
3	MCC Living By The Spirit	26	2-1-0
4	Epic Struggle	25	2-0-1
5	MCC Sword of the Spirit	23	1-2-0
6	MCC Unto Death	20	1-2-0
6	SCC Called To Freedom	20	1-1-1
8	LP Surpassing Greatness	18	0-3-0
9	CP Who?	12	1-0-2
10	SCC Grace & Peace 2 U	7	0-1-2
10	SPN Chains for Christ	7	0-1-2
10	SPN The Bible Bears	7	0-1-2
13	CP Tear Out Your Eyes	3	0-0-3

# LL Individual - Oct. 2023

Rnk	First Name	Last Name	Team Name	Pts	Avg.	Err
1	Toby	Peterson	MCC Fruit of the Light	290	96.67	0
2	Alison	Balavenderan	SPN The 4 Bible Girls	230	76.67	2
3	Leo	Hile	Epic Thanksgiving	230	76.67	5
4	Josh	Fales	LP Night Chickens	210	70.00	4
5	Everett	Smith*	RUMC Faith	200	66.67	5
6	Nadya	Peterson	MCC Fruit of the Light	180	60.00	0
7	Kaleb	Nunez*	Padawan Faith	170	56.67	1
8	Veda	Smith*	RUMC Faith	150	50.00	0
9	Timothy	Graff	LP Night Chickens	140	46.67	0
10	James	Fales	LP Children of Light	120	40.00	2
11	Jace	Whiteaker	Epic Aliens	110	36.67	3
12	Clara	Graff	LP Children of Light	100	33.33	1
13	Silas	Pennington	SPN Team Tornado 2	100	33.33	2
14	Cady	Phou*	SPN The Righteous Sharks	80	26.67	6
15	Eden	Ringbloom	LP Children of Light	60	20.00	0
16	Caroline	Komer*	Epic Grace & Peace	60	20.00	1
17	Caleb	Norton	SPN Team Tornado 2	60	20.00	4
18	Max	Blum	SCC AmbassadorsInChains	50	16.67	0
18	Ada	Pyle	LP Chipmunks	50	25.00	0
20	Chris	MacDonald	SCC AmbassadorsInChains	50	16.67	4
21	Laira	Nunez*	Faith Kids	40	13.33	0
22	Micah	Nelson*	Epic Aliens	40	13.33	1
23	Dante	Hile	Epic Aliens	40	13.33	2
23	Kenadee	Koch	SPN The 4 Bible Girls	40	13.33	2
23	Margaret	Smith*	RUMC Faith	40	13.33	2
23	Jonah	Kittleman*	COS The Bible Jedi	40	20.00	2
27	Ethan	Balavenderan*	SPN The Righteous Sharks	40	13.33	5
27	Sophia	Phou*	SPN Team Tornado 2	40	13.33	5
29	June	Friesen*	Faith Kids	30	10.00	0
30	Charlie	Blum	SCC AmbassadorsInChains	20	6.67	0
30	Eloisa	Poprawa*	SCC AmbassadorsInChains	20	6.67	0
30	Ruby	Bejnar*	MCC Fruit of the Light	20	6.67	0
30	Ellie	Norton	SPN The Righteous Sharks	20	6.67	0
30	Emersyn	Haverkate	COS The Bible Jedi	20	6.67	0
30	Clara	Nelson*	Epic Grace & Peace	20	20.00	0
36	Asher	Kittleman*	COS The Bible Jedi	20	6.67	1
37	Declan	Yount	LP Night Chickens	20	6.67	2
38	Edwyn	Troike*	COS The Bible Jedi	20	6.67	5
39	Asher	Friesen*	Padawan Faith	0	0.00	2
39	BryarRose	Yount	LP Chipmunks	0	0.00	2
41	James	Dixon*	LP Chipmunks	0	0.00	1
41	Levi	Devereaux*	Epic Thanksgiving	0	0.00	1
43	Elissa	Fales	LP Children of Light	0	0.00	0
43	Tessa	Graff	LP Chipmunks	0	0.00	0
43	Zoe	Whiteaker	Epic Grace & Peace	0	0.00	0

