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**Welcome to Quizzing!**

Dear Parents and Quizzers,

 Thank you for your interest in Bible Quizzing! We are excited about the possibility of having you on board for this next quiz season. This year we will be studying the books of Romans and James.

 Some of you have quizzed before and some are you are totally new to teen quizzing. We believe that Bible quizzing is a great way for you to get involved, make friends, and most importantly, interact with the Word of God.

I (Ryan) began quizzing in 7th grade and still cannot get enough of it. Quizzing really helped me to “write God’s word on my heart.” It also taught me many of the study habits that I used throughout my college years. Quizzing also helped me learn confidence and public speaking skills at a young age but I didn’t realize I was gaining these skills, I was just having fun! I still have friends I made through quizzing that I keep in contact with today.

 Callie spent several years in Children’s Quizzing and was only able to quiz for 1 year with Teen Quizzing. (But teen quizzing was definitely her favorite!) She still remembers the fun she had and the friends she made during that time.

 Because of these experiences, Callie and I have a passion for young people who participate in quizzing. We strive to help them have even better experiences than the ones we had. We hope that you, whether you are a parent or a student, decide to get involved with the Charleston Calvary Quiz Team this season.

 This handbook is meant to be a resource for you as we look toward this next year. We wanted to give you as much information as we could before the season starts. Be sure to keep this handbook and refer to it throughout the year if you have questions. If you have any questions or concerns that are not addressed in this document, feel free to contact us. At the end of this book is a signature sheet that needs to be signed by both the quizzer and the parent and brought to the first quiz practice.

We look forward to working with you this year!

In Christ,

Callie and Ryan Holman

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**Parent Involvement**

Bible quizzing is a team effort. Everyone, including the church, coaches, volunteers, quizzers, and parents play a huge role in the success of the team! Here are some ways that you can get involved as a parent:

* **Help your child study at home—ask if your quizzer has studied that day, quiz him/her over the material.**
* Come cheer on your child and his/her team at quiz matches! Quizzes are fun and exciting to watch, and it’s always amazing to have great support behind a team!
* Volunteer to drive to quiz matches. This year, we are going to be needing a lot of help with transportation to and from matches. Please speak to Ryan or Callie if you are willing to help in this capacity.
* Volunteer to take pictures at quiz meets.
* Be a quizzing advocate. Many people have no idea what quizzing is and what it is all about. Encourage people at church, in your Sunday School classes, and small groups to come out and support the team.
* Pray for this ministry and the impact it has on the lives of not only your teenager, but all who are involved.
* \*Volunteer to be a content judge/quizmaster.

\*This takes a little more training, but don't worry, we will make sure you are prepared! Please speak to Ryan or Callie if you are interested.

**The Purpose & Benefits of Bible Quizzing**

Motivates young people to memorize scripture
and apply its principles to daily living

Cultivates a love for God and His words

Builds relationships with fellow believers

Promotes positive character qualities such as
diligence, perseverance, and faithfulness

Develops life skills such as communication,
time management, and setting and attaining goals

Provides a positive, enriching experience in a safe environment

**Fees**

There is a $20 fee to participate on this year's quiz team. This covers the cost of shirts and materials that your quizzer will be receiving. We try our best to keep costs to a minimum so that everyone can participate. If you foresee a problem with fees, please talk to Ryan or Callie so we can work with you.

**Practice Schedule**

Practices are held on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm and on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00pm. Every Friday before a match there will also be another practice from 6:00-9:30pm (A portion of this practice time includes going to dinner). There is no practice the Sunday after a quiz meet. You will be notified by Ryan or Callie if practice is cancelled for any reason. You can keep up to date with practices and other events on the NYI calendar on the NYI page at www.CharlestonCalvary.org

**Attendance Policy**

In order to be eligible to attend a quiz meet, a quizzer must attend 75% of the practices for that month's meet. This number is reset after each quiz meet. If you are going to be absent from a practice, please be sure to let Ryan or your coach know AHEAD of time.

**Match Schedule**

* August 10
* September 14
* October 19
* November - *Carolina Invitational* - Date TBD
* November 30th – District Top 10 - *St. Louis, MO*
* January 4
* February 8 (District Finals)
* April 3-6 TNT@TNU (District Team Only)
* Q2014 June 30-July 5 2014 (Trevecca Nazarene University)

**Materials**

 At the beginning of the season, all quizzers will be given a scripture portion. Throughout the season, they will be given other study materials. If the material gets lost, it is the responsibility of the quizzer to replace it. If you are interested in ordering extra materials for your quizzer, you can visit the following websites:

www.youthquiz.com

www.acmequiz.com

**Quizzer Study Methods**

One problem all new quizzers have is not knowing how to study. Some helpful study methods are described below.

*1.* ***Straight Reading*** - Reading straight through the material.

2. ***Listening Method*** - Reading along with an audio cd of the scripture.

3. ***Triple Repetition*** - This is the *best* method to learn a chapter.

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| Read verse 1 three times.Read verse 2 three times.Read verse 3 three times.Read verse 4 three times.Read verse 5 three times.Read verses 1 through 5 once.Read verse 6 three times.  | Read verse 7 three times.Read verse 8 three times.Read verse 9 three times.Read verse 10 three times.Read verses 6 through 10 once.Read verses 1 through 10 once.Read verses 11 - 15 ***each*** three times.  |

Repeat this pattern until you reach the end of the chapter.

Methods 1-3 are in order from least time consuming to most time consuming, however this also corresponds with least effective to most effective. 3 is a great way to learn, 1 and 2 are great ways to review if you don’t have much time.

4. ***Double Repetition*** - Same as Triple Repetition just do everything two times. (If you don’t have time for Triple Repetition.)

5. ***Triple Review*** -This method is used after you’ve studied the chapter with triple/double repetition. This is the best method for review.

Read verses 1 through 5 together three times.

Read verses 6 through 10 together three times.

Read verses 1 through 10 together once.

Read verses 11 through 15 together three times.

Read verses 1 through 15 together once.

Repeat this pattern until you’ve finished the chapter.

6. ***Double Review*** - Double review is identical to triple review except each group of five verses is read twice instead of three times. Again, this method is used after you’ve studying the chapter with triple/double repetition.

Adapted from “The Quizzer’s Handbook” http://www.msnyi.org.

**More Information/Resources**

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| www.charlestoncalvary.org | Church Website |
| youthquiz.nazarene.org | Official Nazarene Quizzing Website |
| www.scnazdist.net/YouthMinistries.html | SC District NYI Website |
| www.wordaction.com | Purchase extra materials |
| www.msnyi.org/study-tools.html | Extra Study Tools |
| www.acmequiz.com | Purchase extra materials |
| www.trevecca.edu | Trevecca Nazarene University |
| www.olivet.edu | Olivet Nazarene University |

**Signature Form**

*Please fill out this form and turn it and your $20 registration fee to Ryan or Callie by the second practice.*

I have read, reviewed, and understand the policies in this handbook. Furthermore, I agree to abide by the procedures set forth.

Quizzer (Print Name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Quizzer (Signature)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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