

# Announcements for Kickoff 2025-2026

1. Thanks for coming- our goal is to get you plugged into God's Word-- we believe Quizzing is an awesome way to encourage and challenge kids to become lifetime followers of Jesus Christ through Scripture... I'll come back to that.
2. Recognize the quiz committee: Matt and Christina Block, Pam Graybear, Miriam Benson and myself. This is our 41<sup>st</sup> season of Quizzing in Rochester!
3. If you are a coach or a parent of quizzers or both, grab a kickoff packet. Otherwise, all you'll need is a program. There is everything you need to get ready for the first tournament in October no matter what league your quizzers will join: OMC Forms and Blue Sheets for all leagues, Scorekeeper Guidelines, Scripture Material Schedule, "Next Steps to a Successful Quiz Year". I believe everything in your packet can be found on the web site.
4. Recognize new quizzers- If you are here to plug in and get ready for the October tournament, then your first year quiz Scripture portion is on us. Otherwise they are a \$1 each (or \$5 for the large print version).
5. Coaches- whether you are new or returning, on your program tonight are some helps for you. Review the hints, and checklist and see how much you can get through tonight. Don't be shy! If you see someone who raised their hand as a returning quizzer or coach, grab their arm and start asking questions. Feel free to corner me or anyone else on the quiz committee when we dismiss and we will answer all your questions.
6. If you are a quizzer without a team or a coach with room on your team, we are going to try to match you up as fast as possible-- within the next week, so that you can begin to practice together for October.
7. Our primary communication is through email. We'll use the coach, assistant coach and quizzer email addresses we gather at registration time to send tournament invitations, tournament results and cancellations. Cell phone information is optional, but we ask in case we need to contact someone in an emergency.
8. All tournaments are at Emmanuel Baptist Church 1-5pm (ish) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the months October through March. Except November-- quiz tournament is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday.
9. In November we'll roll out the Verse-a-thon-- other than free-will donation from generous partners committed to seeing kids study God's Word, the verse-a-thon is another way to support the quizzing program. We do have a few costs, but not much.
10. Check the website or the Material Schedule in your packet for the social events planned each month.
11. Included in your packet is a document called "Next Steps to a Successful Quiz Year"-- I won't go through that entire tutorial tonight, but take it home, look it over and call, text or email me with any questions.
12. When we are done tonight, stick around and ask questions-- there are a lot of folks here who can help.
13. The online registration tool will be up and working sometime Monday. Look for a link to it on the website. We need registrations in as soon as possible, but you'd be amazed how helpful and flexible coaches can be-- we can work in even a late registration.
14. If there is a coach who would like a copy of the practice questions, I have some with me tonight, and if you send me an email I'll send you a link to a copy you can print yourself. These practice question books are NOT for quizzers-- they are just for you to help your quizzers practice.