Dear HFM Youth,

We would like to invite you to join our 2024-2025 Bible Quiz team! Bible Quizzing is a fun, competitive way to encourage you to learn God's Word (the Bible) and meet students from other churches around the country. There are many different aspects of Bible quizzing; we will give you a brief description of each so you can have a better understanding of what quizzing is all about.



Competition



From October – May there are scheduled monthly quiz meets where we will compete against teams from other churches. Questions are asked from a specific set of Bible verses. The team able to answer the most questions correctly wins! The top 3 teams in each division get a trophy each month. There will also be

individual competitions for medals. June 29 - July 3 there will be a national competition where teams from around the country gather to compete (more details later in this letter).

Study

This year we will be studying the books of Romans & James. There will be 48 quotes (1-3 verses each that will need to be recited word perfect to earn points). The first quiz meet in October will be over Romans 1-3. Each month, 3 chapters will be added. All questions will come from the given set of verses. If you study, there should be no surprises. © (Quizzing uses the NIV translation of the Bible.)



Practices

We will have team practices **beginning September 8** at HFMC to help you prepare for the competitions by reviewing questions and jumping on the Quiz Seats. Practices will be held on Sunday afternoons before Sunday Night Youth Group. Most practices will only be 30 minutes, focused on a few verses. The 2 weeks before a Quiz meet there will be 90-minute practices.

Other Meeting Opportunities

In addition to official practices, we will have 2 ways to encourage you with the quiz material:

- Every Sunday (beginning 8/25 in Room 208), during Sunday School (9:50 10:40 AM) there will be a teaching/discussion over Romans & James. This will be open to all middle and high school students (not just quizzers).
- 2. On Wednesday nights from 6:00 6:15 PM (before WNYG, beginning 9/4) in Room 208 coaches will be available to answer questions, listen to quotes/recitation, and provide a space for you to study.

Sunday School (9:50-10:40 AM) studying Romans & James begins August 25 in Rm. 208

Expectations

In order to attend monthly quizzes, Quizzers will be expected to earn 300 HFM Quiz points, attend one 90-minute practice, and turn in 1 homework sheet from each new chapter between quiz meets. (FYI - Attending a 90-minute practice and turning in 3 homework sheets will earn 135 of the 300 HFM Quiz points needed each month.) Quizzers will also be expected to conduct themselves as a good representative of HFMC at practices and at competitions (show kindness, respect, etc.).

Nationals

Each year there is a National Bible Quiz competition at a Christian college or university. The 2025 nationals is scheduled to be held at Seattle Pacific University in Seattle, Washington from Sunday – Thursday (June 29 – July 3, 2025). We will meet with quiz teams from across the country to compete and fellowship.



More Information

We **hope** to have a Coach-Parent-Quizzer meeting on Sunday, September 15 beginning at 4:30 PM in Room 210 - Supper will be provided. We still have to work out some details to make sure

Coach-Quizzer-Parent meeting <u>hopefully</u> on Sunday, September 15 at 4:30 PM

(Check hillsdalefmc.net/quizzing or ask a coach)

this date and time will work. You can verify date/time at

hillsdalefmc.net/quizzing or check with a Quiz Coach. All details for the quiz season will be laid out at the Coach-Quizzer-Parent meeting. The Sunday School teaching/discussion time will begin on Sunday, August 25 during Sunday School from 9:50 – 10:40 AM.

Feel free to contact Fred Saunders, Clifford Kelley, Ryan Saunders, or Jody Saunders for more information about HFMC Bible Quizzing. We would love to have you join our team this year!

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