



BEHIND the SCENES

Ministering To and Through America's Youth



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A sharp edge cuts cleanly.

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If the iron is blunt, and one does not sharpen the edge, he must use more strength, but wisdom helps one to succeed. Ecc. 10:10

Perhaps one of the more obvious truths about tools and weapons is that it is a good thing to have a sharp edge. I remember when I worked briefly as a flooring installer, my boss would tell me that a sharp knife was LESS likely to cut me than a dull knife. It seems counterintuitive, but it is true!

You see, with a dull knife, it is necessary to press much harder to make the same cut. When applying that much force, it becomes more difficult to control the knife if it should slip off the surface you are cutting. With a sharp knife, the knife does most of the work, and because less force is required, it is much safer if you should make a mistake and slip off the cutting surface.

The same is true in our spiritual lives. When we allow our spiritual health, strength and knowledge to become dull, we face increased danger each day. For example, as my knowledge of Scripture becomes less sharp (or is never sharpened to begin with), the danger of a self-inflicted wound increases greatly.

The solution is to maintain a sharp blade. One of the ways we encourage teens to keep sharp is by Bible Quizzing. The word-perfect requirements, split-second decision making and even the quick recall of the references themselves are all methods a teen can use to sharpen their knowledge of the Word.

As we look to the fall, each year we reevaluate the Bible Quiz program – usually not to make major changes, but to see what we can do to sharpen our skill set, so that the Word can cut cleanly in our lives. Here are a few things we are working on for this fall:

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Q-Con: This will be a Bible Quiz Convention. It likely will be a one-day free-for-all that includes all-ages quizzing, training for coaches, training for table officials, help in forming questions and more. I am looking at Sept. 17 as the likely date for this. Watch for details.

Adult Quizzing: We have done adult quizzing before, but with the advent of the nationwide Major League Bible Quizzing, we have more interest than ever. We may spin off a new day of quizzing just for our adults.

High-stress quizzing: One of the things that is characteristic of our quiz league is that we don't push quizzers to "Nationals-Level" competition until just before Nationals. One-word (or no-word) jumping and question-forming aren't necessary at the local level. So quizzers don't become good at those skills until very late in the season. We want to remedy this by having a couple quizzes each month that are limited to only the top 30 or so individuals based on the scores from the prior month. Hopefully, by concentrating our best quizzers into one site, we can create the type of competition that will sharpen their skills much earlier in the season. The practice should help us to compete more effectively at Nationals. Look for this to begin in November, just after regular quizzing is done on the first Saturday of the month.

Rookie Quizzing: We are also considering a Rookies-only quiz that might allow beginning quizzers to answer questions at a lower level of competition than the general quizzing. Sometimes rookies have trouble scoring points, even when they have memorized a lot of Scripture. This quiz would run alongside the High-Stress quizzing.

We are considering a few other changes as well. Pray for those who memorize the Word in Bible Quizzing. We have done well over the years, but perhaps we can sharpen the edge to an even finer point!

- Jim C

What's Happening at TFC

Save the Date!

Wild Game Feed, Oct 29th

We are so excited to be able to start having meals at TFC once again. We will kick this off with a wild game feed on Oct 29th at the TFC Ministry center. The time is yet to be determined.

We are in need of some wild game donations. If you have any Salmon, turkey, pheasants, elk, bear etc. and are willing to donate (and maybe cook!) some towards this fundraiser please email Jim at Jimc@teens4Christ.com or call the Office at 715-386-2549.

Save the date and we will see you there!



Take dual credits with Ambassador College of Bible & Ministry!

Writing & Research ENG110. Tuesdays from 9:00 am - 11:50 am

In Fall of 2022, local **high school students** will have the opportunity to enroll in our **Writing & Research class** at a discounted tuition cost. This 3-credit course focuses on the fundamentals of conducting valid research and writing effectively. The skills learned in this class will aid students in every other class requiring written papers and research. You have the opportunity to enroll in this course, receive college credit as well as high school credit, for \$250.00! This 3-credit course is normally \$405.00, but we wanted to make it easier for high school students to have the opportunity to gain the skills and knowledge that are taught in this class.

You can apply for this course through our website at: www.ambassadorcollege.education/apply-now There is a \$50 application fee that will be applied towards your total tuition cost. The rest of tuition will be due on the first day of class. Contact Taunya Ranis at: 715-808-6073 or tranis@ambassadorcollege.education if you have any questions.



Camp 2022 is here!



This years TFC Summer Camp is located at Living Word Bible Camp in Grand Rapids, MN August 8th-13th.

What is holding you back from experiencing God in a new and fresh way? The answer to this question is different for each of us but we all have obstacles we must overcome in life...insecurities, hurts, fear, loneliness, poor self image, feeling tired and worn out. And the list goes on. This year at Camp our theme is *Chosen Instruments* and we want you to discover the amazing plans God has for your

life, get refreshed and renew your relationship and zeal for the Lord. Join us for an amazing time at camp this year... it won't be the same without you!

Please be in prayer for the youth that will be at camp this year that they come with hearts ready to be filled with a passion and purpose for the Lord!

Register for Camp with this link: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/tfsumcam>



— JULY —

POW.....9th -17th

Serve week.....11th-16th

Golf Tourney.....12th

Fishing Retreat...22nd-24th

LOOKING AHEAD

— AUGUST —

Camp.....8th -13th

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