

## MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT BIBLE QUIZZING

This report covers the full 2017-2018 MAD Quizzing year.

Last quizzing year we had about 20 quizzers, (grades 6-12) with about 8 adults helping; the quizzers consisted of 7 teams from 5 churches. Island Alliance (Kent Island), Washington International Church (DC), New Hope Alliance (Williamsport), and Emmanuel Alliance (Frederick) “fielded” teams in 2017-2019. This was a slight increase in quizzers over the previous quiz year due to Washington International coming back with a team and despite losing a team from Roanoke, VA. This was a pleasant change in the trend of MAD quizzing getting smaller and smaller each year. We did lose one team part way through the quiz year as a family that was very active in quizzing and had two of our top-ranked quizzers moved out the district. We also lost long-time quizmaster Keith Usher who had been a part of MAD Quizzing for at least 15 years. Life circumstances dictated that he step away from MAD Quizzing, and while we supported his decision, we certainly have missed him.

Our second Saturday of the month matches are, as usual, from September – April. For the 17-18 quiz year, we studied I and II Corinthians (some of my favorite quizzing material). As with the previous quiz year, most of our meets are held at Derwood Alliance Church. Despite DAC not having an active quiz team, it is in a central location for all the other participating churches and has room to store all the quiz equipment. Not having to move the quizzing benches to different locations is very helpful as they are large, heavy, and difficult to transport.

In January 2018, we held our yearly “Winternationals” weekend quizzing tournament Milton, DE. While this is usually a tournament where we don’t cover any new material, we did include new material at the Winternationals meet due to having to cancel the December MAD quiz meet because of a snow storm. In addition the fun of quizzing over the weekend we all went out for pizza/bowling/arcade Saturday night and stayed for the church service on Sunday morning. All who attended Winternationals had a great time.

A yearly summer event is the “CMA Internationals” competition, held in various locations for the best teams in the US and Canada to come together to quiz. Unfortunately, MAD did not have an Internationals team last summer.

As in past years, we continue to encourage other Alliance churches (some previously involved) to participate in the quizzing ministry. It seems most churches face an initial hurdle of getting adults willing to coach the teams and drive to the meets. Also, as in past years, we see kids involved in more activities which are being prioritized over church activities including quizzing. We continue to pray that God will move in adults at other churches to show them the great impact the quizzing program can have on their youth and that parents would place more priority on church activities as compared to secular activities.

Financially MAD Quizzing is in good stead as our main costs are equipment and reimbursement for quizzing supplies.

CMA Bible Quizzing remains a blessing to both the young people who participate, as well as the adults who help run it. It remains, in my opinion, the most impactful ministry in which the youth of our churches can participate. I pray that it will not only continue over the next few years, but start to grow once again.

In Him,  
Nels Anderson