

Dear Quizzers,

Here is some information about Bible quizzing at Rochester, including driving directions.

Quizzing is at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 2911 18th Ave NW, Rochester, MN.

Quizzing starts at 1:00 pm with a group meeting, instructions, etc.

If you want to caravan there, that's great, and that's what several folks have done in the past. If you don't want to caravan, that's fine, too.

Folks who caravan can make their own ride-sharing cost arrangements.

If you plan to caravan, we meet about 8:45 am at John's Quick Stop (BP gas station) in Urbana, just off exit 41 on I-380.

The trip is about 150 miles, but we're allotting extra time for a midway stop in New Hampton, and time for lunch in Rochester.

We plan to stop for a break in New Hampton. Recent road construction now has US-63 bypassing New Hampton instead of going right through town. But exit 204 has a gas station with food, a Subway, and a McDonald's. This is still a convenient break stop. We stay just 15-20 minutes for gas and restrooms since we'll be eating at Rochester. (Note: Don't take exit 201, the first exit, because it will take you all the way through town.)

We plan to eat a sack lunch in Rochester at the church, or in our cars at the church. Last year, we arrived around 12:15-12:30 and were able to eat in the church kitchen, which does have a microwave. I assume we can still eat there until told differently.

After quizzing is over in the evening, we plan to eat near the church. Near the on-ramp to US-52 near the church is an area with a gas station, Arby's, Quiznos subs, and a Subway. This seems a convenient stop to get food for everyone before heading home. You may also make other arrangements that may be more suitable for your family.

If you don't want to caravan back home, that's fine too, but we need to arrange cars/riders at the church after quizzing to make sure everyone gets switched around before arriving in Cedar Rapids.

Again, we stop at New Hampton for a break. Then back to John's Quick Stop to rearrange riders/cars as necessary.

Quizzing ends between 5:30-6:00, after awards, final info, etc. This means we arrive at John's Quick Stop about 9:15 - 9:30 pm, also depending on length of dinner, weather, etc. A better time can be estimated at the New Hampton stop, which is about 1 hour and 20-30 minutes from Urbana.

This is a good place to call ahead to arrange exact times if you need to meet someone for a pick-up. From John's Quick Stop, we split up and go our separate ways.

DIRECTIONS: Cedar Rapids, IA to Rochester, MN Bible Quizzing

Take I-380 North towards Waterloo.

South of Waterloo, I-380 joins US-20W.

The highway just curves left then right, blending with US-20W.

Go to next exit on I-380/US-20W, getting off at:

Exit 66 to Raymond, turning right on 297N.

297N ends at Raymond's first stop sign, becoming V49.

Go straight, past the stop sign.

Jog right, then left at the next stop sign.

Continue on V49 north to Dewar.

Turn left on E. Donald St (also D16), just after the RR tracks in Dewar.

(If you miss this, take C66 to the left instead, a little farther north.

Or, you can go as far north as highway 3, then west.)

D16 will come out at Allen's Hospital in Waterloo.

(There is a McDonald's 1/2 block north on US-63 here, if anyone needs an emergency stop by then.)

Turn right (north) on US-63.

Go a long way on US-63, towards Rochester, MN.

We'll take exit 204 at New Hampton for a break.

Note that somewhat north of Spring Valley, MN, US-63 makes a right turn that is not marked much ahead of time.

Upon entering the southern part of Rochester, take US-52 North (towards St. Paul).

After passing by the Apache Mall and a business area, take the 37th St NW exit east/right.

Go east to 18th Ave NW (traffic light) and turn right (south).

Emmanuel Baptist Church is on the right-hand side, address is 2911 18th Ave NW.

The following times and distances are from John's Quick Stop in Urbana.

<u>Landmark</u>	<u>Cumulative Time</u>	<u>Cumulative Miles</u>
Allen's Hosp.	0:45	40 mi.
New Hampton	1:30	77 mi.
US-52N	3:05	150 mi.
Church	3:15	158 mi.

-- The Cooks
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