

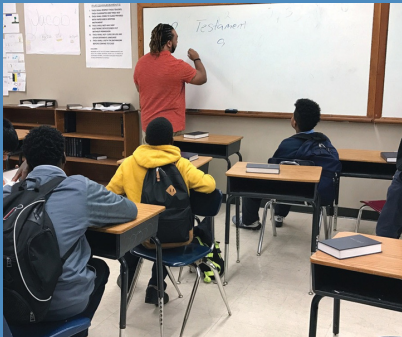
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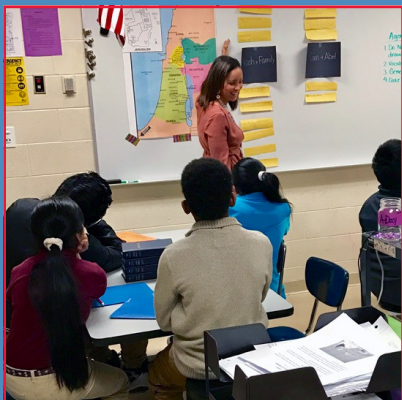
SUMMER, 2017



"Bible helps me behave outside the classroom."
– Bible student



"I'm glad we have Bible because there are people at my school where this is the only place they get to hear the Bible or be encouraged."
– Bible student



"Thank you for providing Bible. The Bible will have the answer to all our problems."
– Bible student

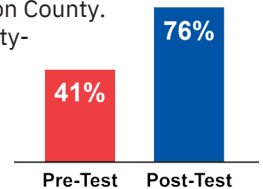
Dear Friend of Bible in the Schools,

GRATEFUL FOR GROWTH: Summer is a time when we reflect with thankfulness on the past school year. It is with gratitude for each of you that we celebrate that **3,736** students were enriched by Bible electives during the 2016-2017 school year. This is an increase of **154** students over last year that **you** helped make possible. Thank you! We value and appreciate you so much.

MOVED BY THE MOMENTUM: This year Bible in the Schools has experienced momentum that has been both exciting and humbling. Four new schools added Bible electives: Brown Middle School (Aug., 2016), Soddy Daisy High School (Jan., 2017), Red Bank High School (Aug., 2017) and Sale Creek Middle/High School (Aug., 2017). In addition, Ooltewah High School's Bible program was increased from part-time to full-time in January, increasing their Bible enrollment by **84%**.

AMPLIFIED ACCESS AND INQUIRY: One year ago, **67%** of all middle and high public school students in Hamilton County had the option of electing a Bible class as one of their for-credit related arts electives. Today, **78%** now have access. There are, however, still schools waiting to add Bible as soon as funding becomes available. These include: Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy, Chattanooga School for the Liberal Arts, Ivy Academy, and Lookout Valley Middle/High School. Your ongoing support into this next school year will help us move toward our goal of providing Bible classes for these schools.

OBSERVABLE OUTCOMES: This past year, **18** qualified Bible teachers taught an academically robust Bible curriculum in **20** public schools all across Hamilton County. Academic standards are high and measurable outcomes are a priority. County-wide annual cumulative pre-test scores (**41%**) and post-test scores (**76%**) revealed an **85%** increase in students' overall Bible content knowledge. This is a testimony to the pedagogy of excellent teachers and to the level of academic rigor of the 5 courses offered: *Genesis* (taught in 6th); *Exodus* (7th); *Life of Jesus* (8th); *Old Testament Survey and New Testament Survey* (9th-12th). In the 2017-2018 school year, there will be **19** teachers in **22** schools.



INCREASED INTEREST: This year, Bible in the Schools has received inquiries from over **12** different states and counties that have expressed an interest in replicating this program in their own school districts. Many are amazed that a Bible program such as this exists that is academically robust, constitutionally permissible, offered during regular school hours, and is no cost to taxpayers. Interest is growing and strategic conversations have begun at the board level to discern our role in these inquiries.

A LASTING LEGACY: We trust this snapshot of news is an encouraging reminder to you of just how much your investment is continuing to impact public school youth. And, it is through **your** generosity to Bible in the Schools that students from all walks of life are receiving a gift that will endure long after the grass withers and the flowers fade.

With sincere appreciation,

Cathy Scott

President

22 HAMILTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS OFFERING A Bible ELECTIVE, 2017-2018

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| Brainerd High School | East Ridge High School | Loftis Middle School |
| Brown Middle School | East Ridge Middle School | Sale Creek Middle/High School |
| Central High School | Hixson High School | Ooltewah High School |
| Dalewood Middle School | Hixson Middle School | Soddy Daisy High School |
| East Hamilton School | The Howard School | Ooltewah Middle School |
| East Lake Academy | Hunter Middle School | Soddy Daisy Middle School |
| | | Red Bank High School |
| | | Tyner Academy |
| | | Red Bank Middle School |
| | | Signal Mountain Middle/High School |

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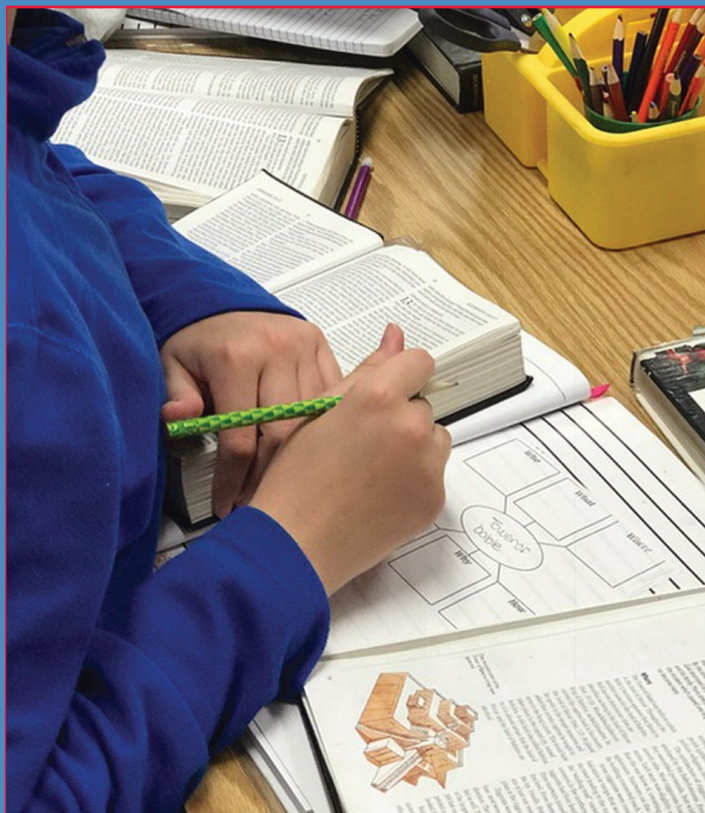
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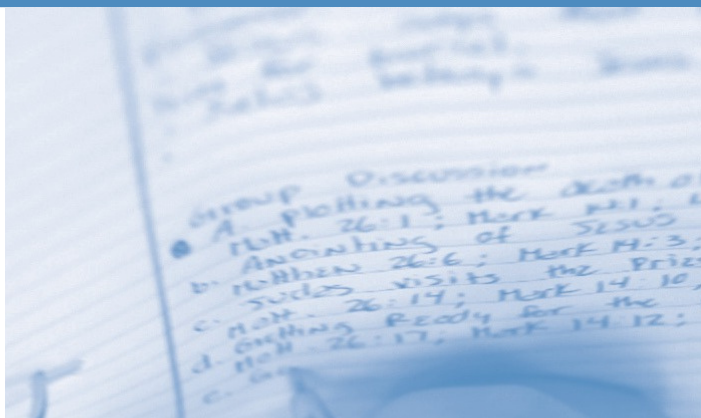
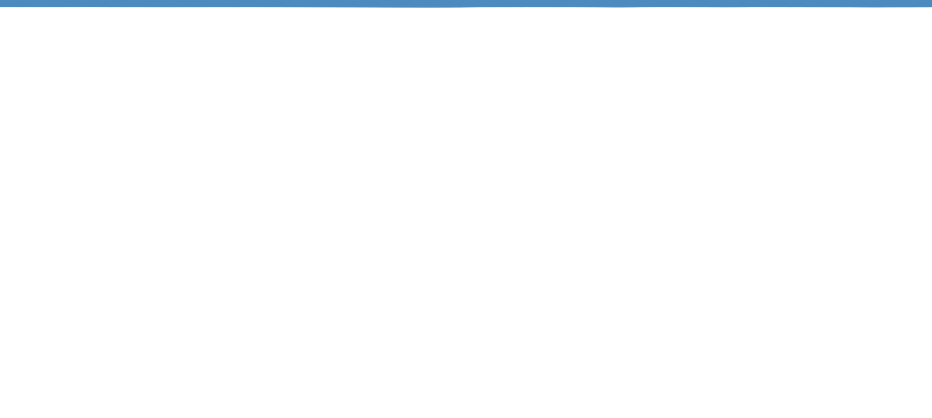
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