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"What we believe about the world around us shapes everything about our lives...What you believe determines your behavior. Your behavior then determines what you become, and that has a direct effect on the direction of your life."

– Rick Warren



"Since culture isn't what we see but what we see *through*—the glasses, not the landscape—we're often more 'conformed to this world' (Rom. 12:2) than we realize."

– Gavin Ortland

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Dear Friend of Bible in the Schools,

EXCITING NEWS: We are excited to share with you that we are adding Bible in one more school this fall, Brown Middle School. Your wonderful partnership and kind support is continuing to provide a valuable legacy for thousands of public school students. **Thank you!**

WHATEVER CONTROLS YOUR HEART: A recent Twitter feed by one of my favorite authors, Paul David Tripp, said, "Whatever controls your heart will set the morals by which you live." This message rings true for each one of us, and also for the youth in our public schools. At Bible in the Schools, we recognize that the destructive influences on our youth often have the strongest hold on them, controlling many of their choices and actions. Thus, for **94** years, Bible in the Schools has been providing the next generation with the life-affirming and positive influence of the Bible.

FOLLOWING THE LOUDEST VOICE: Many students in our public schools are also living with huge deficits. Sadly, these are often linked to rejection and hurt caused by someone who never recognized their value and worth, or who treated them in a manner less than they deserved. Driven by their longing to be deeply loved, esteemed, and valued, or treated with respect and dignity, many students chase after the temporal satisfactions offered by our culture that "promise" fulfillment. Others simply follow the loudest voice they hear. And, just as the winds on the sea are a power-source that can enable a sailboat to stay its course, the winds of the culture are *strong* and are sadly steering many beautiful young lives off their trajectory and into deep and uncharted waters. Without a moral compass to provide direction, our youth are like vessels: ill-equipped for rough seas, and many capsize and fall prey to the things, ideologies, and attractions that lured them most persuasively.

STAND FOR SOMETHING OR FALL FOR ANYTHING: Bible classes, that will be offered this fall in **19** public schools, are exposing over **3,500** students to the positive winds of biblical ethics. Through these classes, many students discover a moral compass, a path with direction, and a hope to help guide and strengthen their choices. Bible content unfolds healthy life-skills, such as how to treat others with respect and dignity, and how to value and care for the world around them. Through Bible, students are also discovering solid values that enable them to grow stronger in their ability to navigate through difficult circumstances. **Your** generosity is strengthening and equipping this next generation to learn to "stand for something", so they won't just "fall for anything."*

AN INVITATION TO REACH THE NEXT GENERATION: July 31, 2016 marks the end of our fiscal year. In August, 2016, Bible in the Schools will be reimbursing the Hamilton County Department of Education for over **1 million dollars** to fully fund the Hamilton County public schools' Bible program. You are receiving this because you grasp the importance of providing public school youth with the tremendous and unique opportunity to study from the Bible in the public school classroom. Thank you for the role **you** are playing in giving our public school students a chance to learn of the foundation and direction they need to stay the course and safely pilot the high seas. I invite you to continue your partnership with us, or to join us, in being a part of this important mission -- particularly as you consider this profound statement by Pastor Michael Catt:

"Whoever wants the next generation the most will get them."

Thank you for your kind interest and support of Bible in the Schools!

Cathy Scott

President

* Quotation Author Unknown

19 HAMILTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS OFFER A BIBLE ELECTIVE


Brainerd High School
East Hamilton School
Hixson High School
Ooltewah High School
Soddy Daisy Middle School

Brown Middle School
East Lake Academy
Hixson Middle School
Ooltewah Middle School
The Howard School

Central High School
East Ridge High School
Hunter Middle School
Red Bank Middle School
Tyner Academy

Dalewood Middle School
East Ridge Middle School
Loftis Middle School
Signal Mountain Middle/High

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Why Study the bible? Part 2

#5) If the bible didn't exist there wouldn't be anybody that knew about God. We wouldn't know alot of stuff we know now.

Reasons To Study bible

- * Best selling book ever
- * Schools started in churches
- * Teaches morality, ethics (etc)
- * Huge influence on art/writing
- * Was the foundation for modern science
- * Foundation for our nation
- * Religions refer to bible
- * Impacted history & world
- * Impacts today

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