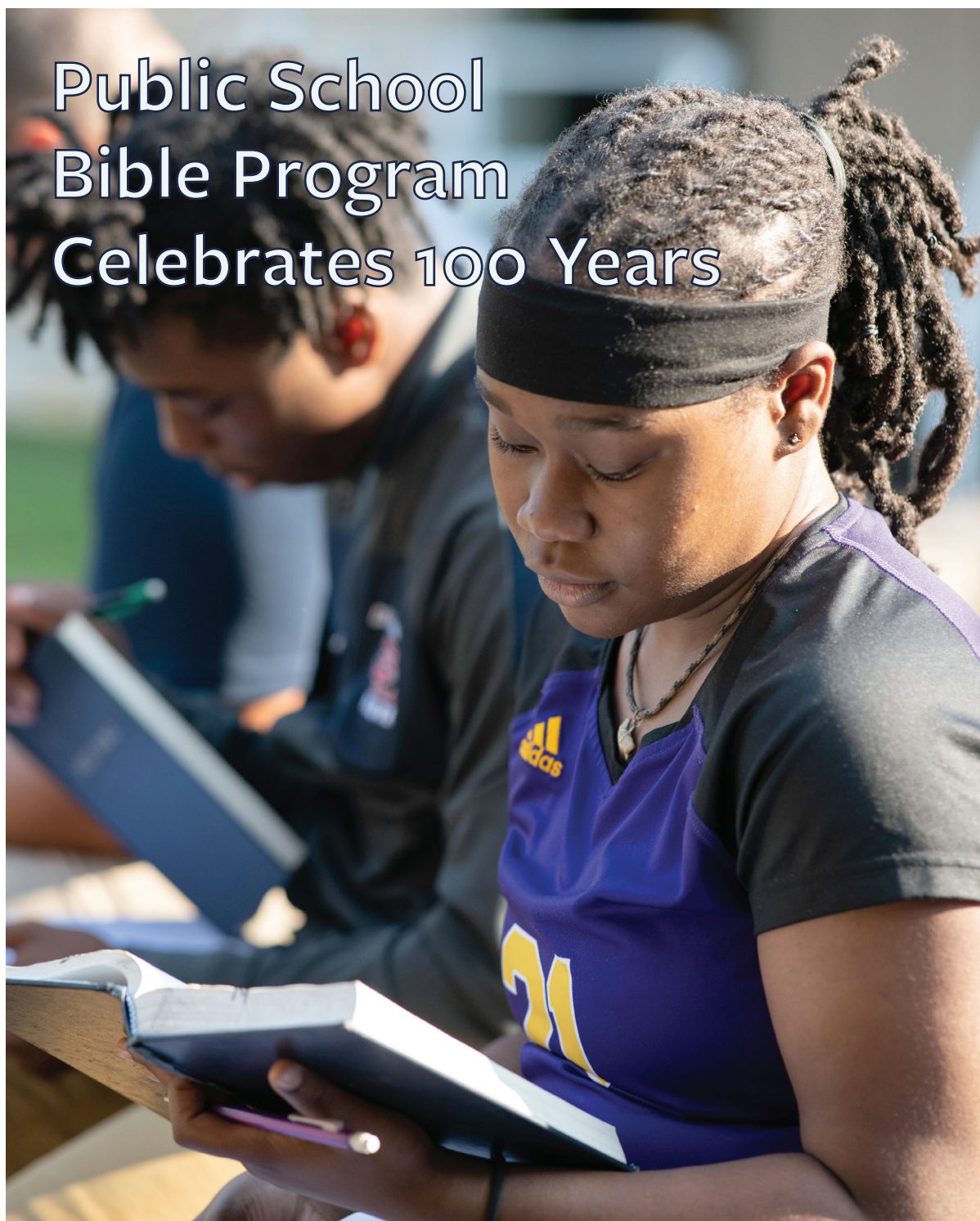


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Advancing Bible Education
in Hamilton County
Public Schools

Since 1922

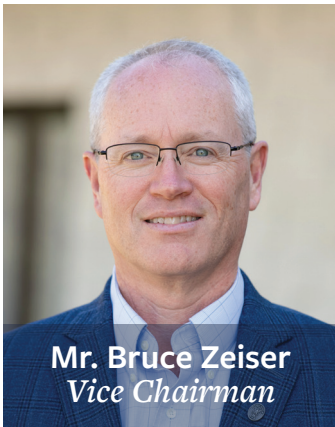


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"I am honored to stand with this organization as we focus on advancing Bible education for public school students in Hamilton County. We have spent the last year celebrating and reflecting on Bible in the Schools' 100-year legacy of investing in the education of Hamilton County public school students. We look forward to our next season of growth and impact with sincere gratitude for all who have given so generously to this organization."



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Community Gift

Bible in the Schools presented Hamilton County Schools (HCS) with the annual community gift of nearly \$2 million as reimbursement for the 2021-2022 Bible elective program.

Pictured: Dr. Justin Robertson, Superintendent, Hamilton County Schools; Mr. Tom Glenn, Board Chairman, Bible in the Schools; Dr. Jill Hartness, Board Member, Bible in the Schools

"We very much appreciate the support we receive from Bible in the Schools that provides an elective course opportunity for many of our students in grades 6-12. Thanks to the generosity of the group and its supporters, our unique partnership has been in place for 100 years, and we look forward to continuing our joint work to serve Hamilton County students in the future."

Dr. Justin Robertson

Superintendent, Hamilton County Schools

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Hamilton County, Tennessee, Leads the Nation With 32 Participating Public Schools Offering Bible Courses to Grades 6-12

1. Brainerd High School*
2. Brown Middle School*
3. Central High School*
4. Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy*
5. Chattanooga Preparatory School*
6. Chattanooga School for the Liberal Arts
7. Dalewood Middle School*
8. East Hamilton High School
9. East Hamilton Middle School
10. East Lake Academy*
11. East Ridge High School*
12. East Ridge Middle School*

13. Hamilton County Virtual School
14. Hixson High School*
15. Hixson Middle School*
16. The Howard School*
17. Hunter Middle School
18. Ivy Academy Chattanooga
19. Loftis Middle School
20. Lookout Valley Middle/High School*
21. Ooltewah High School
22. Ooltewah Middle School*
23. Orchard Knob Middle School
24. Red Bank High School*

25. Red Bank Middle School*
26. Sale Creek High School
27. Sale Creek Middle School
28. Signal Mountain Middle/High School
29. Soddy Daisy High School
30. Soddy Daisy Middle School
31. Tyner Academy*
32. Tyner Middle Academy*

**Title I School*



5,000+
students

Students projected
to complete a Bible
course in the 2022-
2023 academic year

32
schools

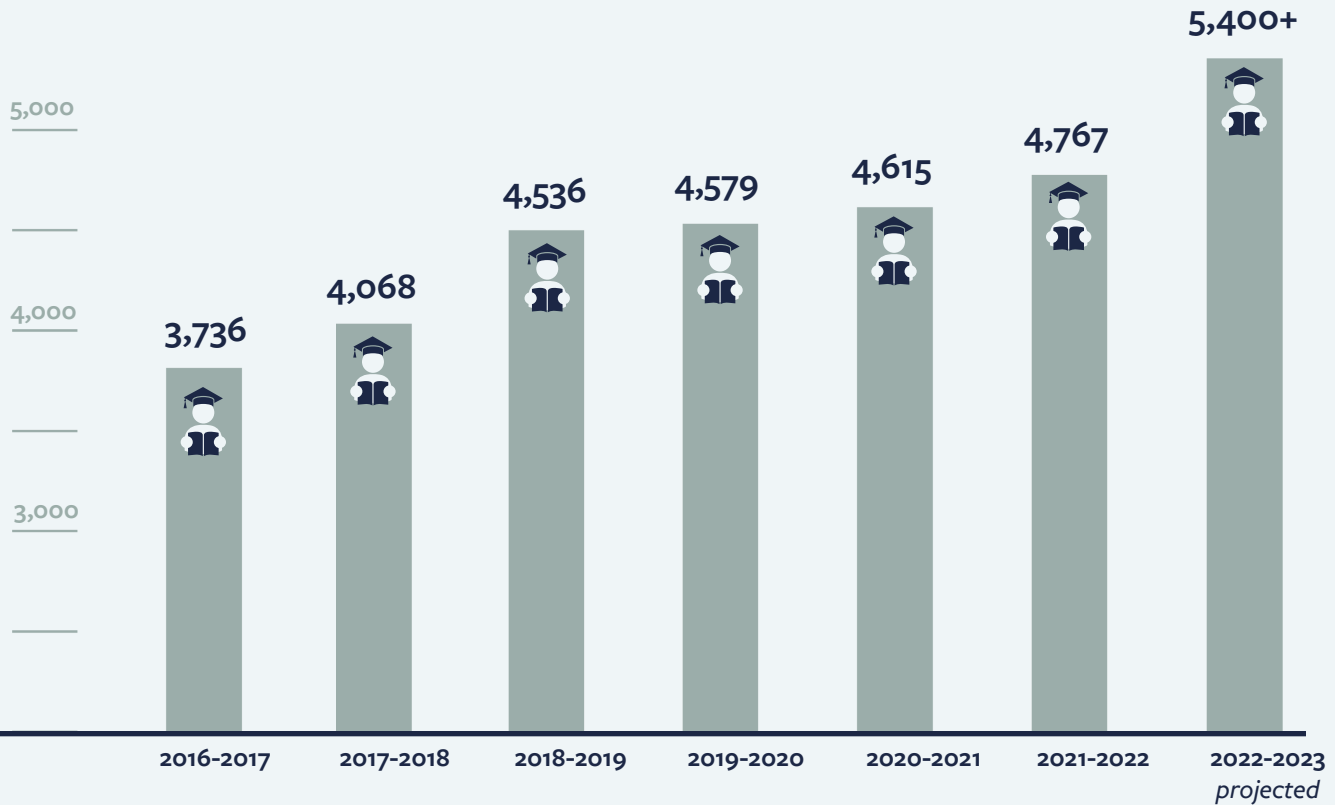
61% of the
participating schools
are Title I.

32
teachers

All Bible teachers
hold advanced
degrees.



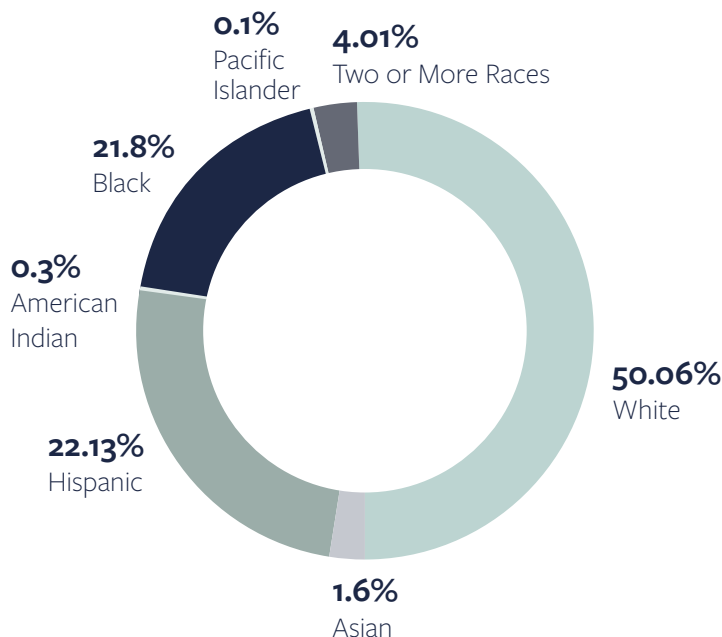
Public School Bible Program - Student Enrollment



STUDENTS

Bible Student Enrollment by Ethnicity

Grades 6-12



89%

of middle and high school students in Hamilton County public schools have access to Bible elective courses.

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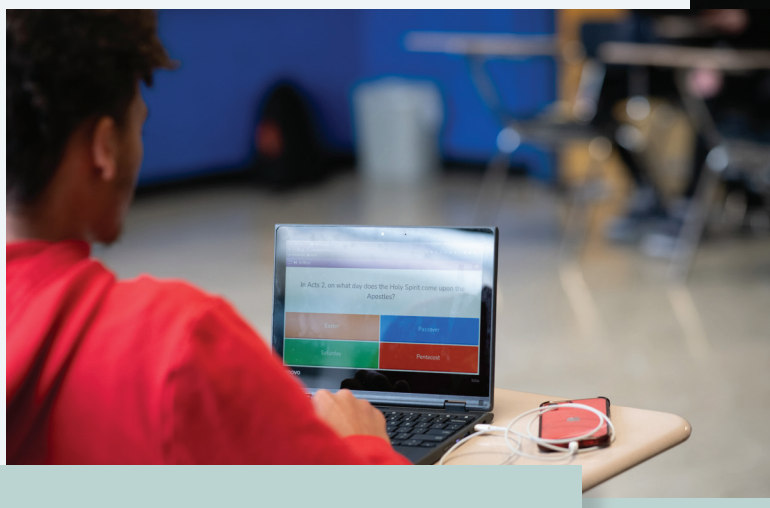
Serving public school students for 100 years

SINCE 1922



"This class is valuable to me because I don't have another place to learn about the Bible."

Bible Student

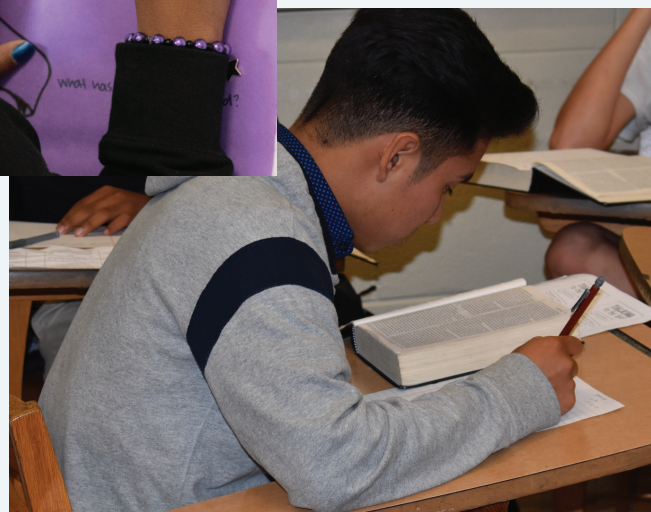
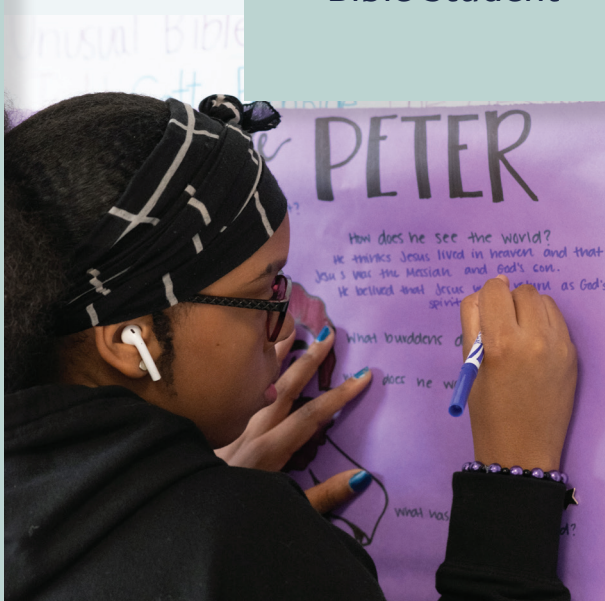


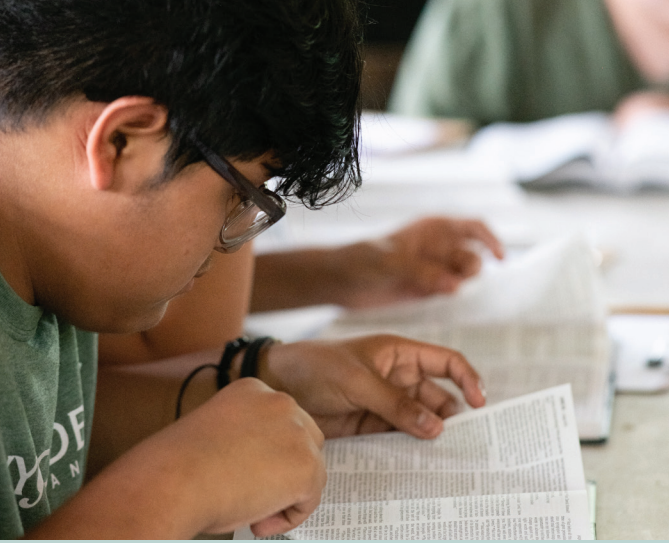
"Bible class answers many kids' questions about what happened a long time ago. I have not thought about the things that happened back then, but now that I take Bible, I am way more curious."

Bible Student

"Thank you for giving to Bible in the Schools. Courses like these help me get more info on the Bible and help me find myself. It's really meaningful. I typically don't enjoy school and my home life isn't the best but I enjoy these courses. Where I am from we don't have Bible education in public schools, so thank you!"

Bible Student





"I am thankful for my Bible course because this gives me an opportunity to possibly teach others about the Bible."

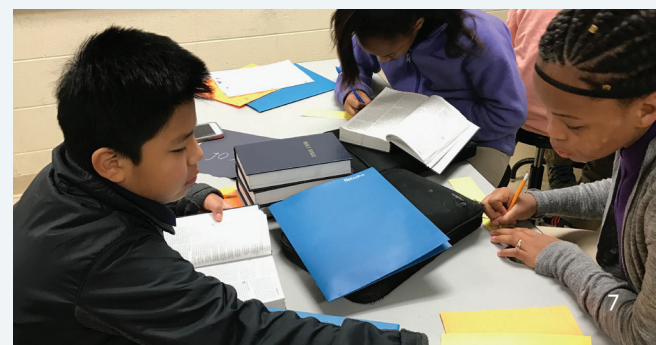
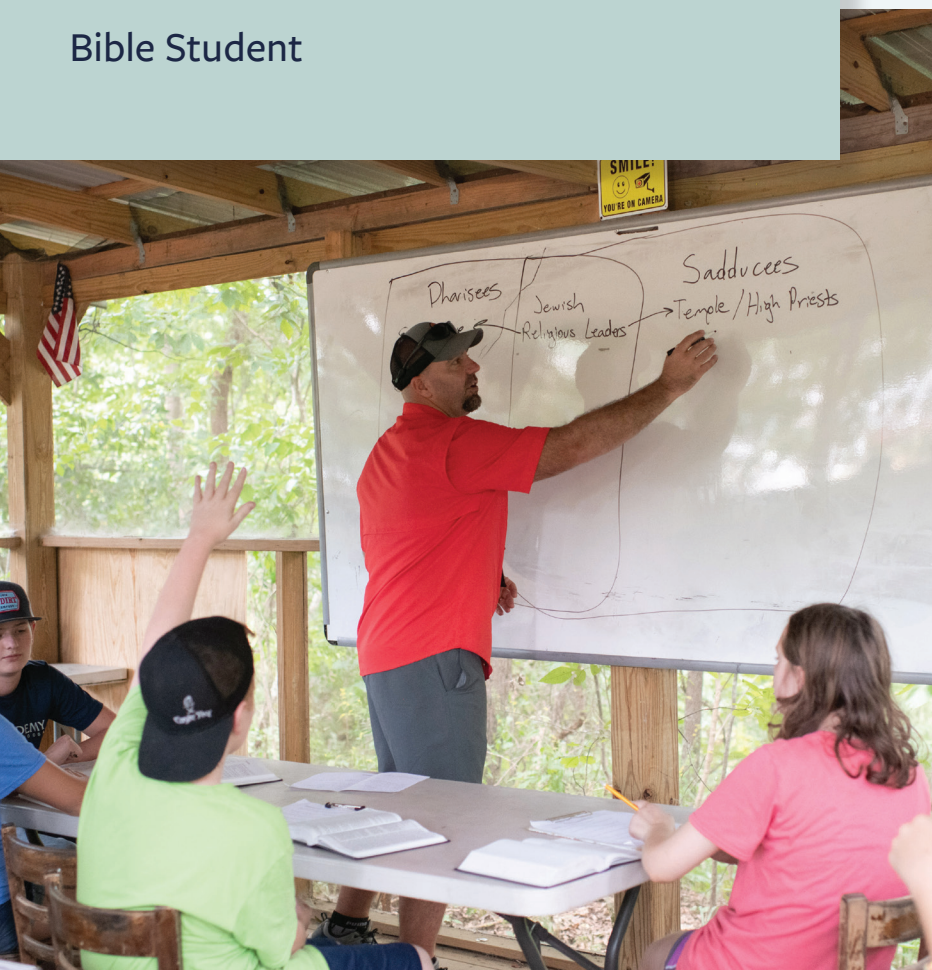
"My teacher has made the Bible so relevant. He made me see things I'd never seen and understand things I've never understood."

Bible Student



"This class is very special to me because it brought me happiness when I was at my lowest. I would not be the same without this class because it's one of a kind, something other kids don't get to experience."

Bible Student





The Bible education program seeks equal access for all Hamilton County public school students in grades 6-12.

61%

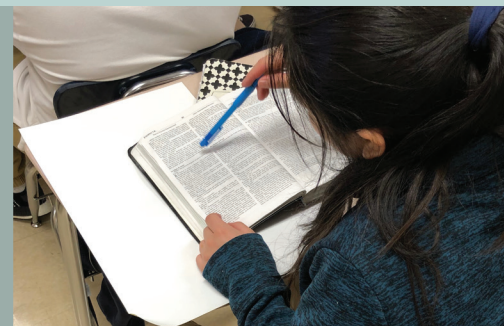
of participating schools are
classified as Title I.



9 out of 10

eligible Hamilton County Schools students
have access to a Bible course.

*2021-2022 Hamilton County Schools' enrollment data



*"Thank you for helping me
learn about the Bible and
the stories in it. It has made
a big difference in my life
because this is the first time
I have learned about the
Bible and the people in it."*

Bible Student

2022-2023 Public School Bible Teachers



David Adels
Ooltewah Middle School



Betty Artigas
East Lake Academy



John Bruce
The Howard School



Kraig Campbell
Central High School



Dr. Pete Cuison
Tyner Middle Academy



Steve Clinton
East Ridge Middle School



Meredith Davis
Hamilton County Virtual School



Donnie Dehnke
Ivy Academy



Samuel Delgado
East Ridge Middle School



Jeremy Eklund
Hixson Middle School



Jeff Fairbanks
East Hamilton High School



Jonathan Farlett
Orchard Knob Middle School



Brittany Hall
Brown Middle School



Quincy Harris
*Brainerd High School,
Dalewood Middle School*



Kendall Harrison
*Signal Mountain Middle/
High School*



Jerry Harwood
Sale Creek High School



Kyle Hinch
Hixson High School



Kim Hixson
Loftis Middle School



Cabot Huffstutter
*Lookout Valley Middle/
High School*



Dustin Humphreys
Red Bank Middle School



Bryan Johnson
Hunter Middle School



Leslie Johnson
*Chattanooga Girls
Leadership Academy*



Kendal Merrill
Red Bank Middle School



Mary Ann Nelson
*Chattanooga Preparatory
School*



Tyler Roberson
Soddy Daisy High School



Brian Smith
*East Hamilton Middle
School*



David Sternberg
*Sale Creek Middle
School*



Patrick Woolsey
Soddy Daisy Middle School



Heather Wyatt
*Chattanooga School for the
Liberal Arts*



Randy Young
Tyner Academy



Daniel Ziegenmier
Ooltewah High School

"Bible classes are offered to Hamilton County public school students to provide the unique opportunity to study the Bible in a nonsectarian and academic context in the classroom. Students study the text to acquire an appreciation of the Bible's major ideas, its historical and geographical contexts, the literary forms, and students learn to appreciate its impact on later cultures, societies, and religions."

Patricia Cone | *Hamilton County Schools District Bible Content Lead*



100%

of teachers hold
an advanced degree.

12.5%

of teachers are Bible
Education alumni.

"This is one of the classes I actually enjoy. My teacher's passion for the subject is infectious."

– Bible Student

"I am someone who used to think the Bible was stupid. My Bible class has helped me have an appreciation for the Bible, and I have an amazing teacher."

– Bible Student



2022-2023 Bible Teachers, Hamilton County Public Schools





Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- Weitzman National Museum of Jewish American History
- Independence Hall
- Faith and Liberty Discovery Center



Bible Teacher Professional Development Trip



Public School Bible Courses



GENESIS 6TH GRADE

In this class, students will study the narratives of the creation, the flood, and the patriarchs through the line of Jacob.



EXODUS 7TH GRADE

In Exodus, students will study the Ten Plagues, the liberation of the people from Egypt, the wanderings in the wilderness, the giving of the Ten Commandments, and the death of Moses.



LIFE OF JESUS 8TH GRADE

This course is designed around the book of Luke to give an academic overview of the life of Jesus, including his early life and ministry, through the Ascension.



OLD TESTAMENT 9-12TH GRADE

This course provides an academic overview of the entire Old Testament studying the three parts of the biblical canon: (1) the historical narratives; (2) the books of Wisdom; and (3) the Prophets.



NEW TESTAMENT 9-12TH GRADE

This course provides an academic overview of the entire New Testament. Students engage in a comparative study of the four Gospels and trace the development of the early Christian church and Paul's Epistles.

College Credit Now Offered for Old Testament Course

Local Dual Credit is now offered in conjunction with Chattanooga State Community College for the elective Old Testament Bible course, allowing students to earn up to three hours of college credit while studying the Bible at school.



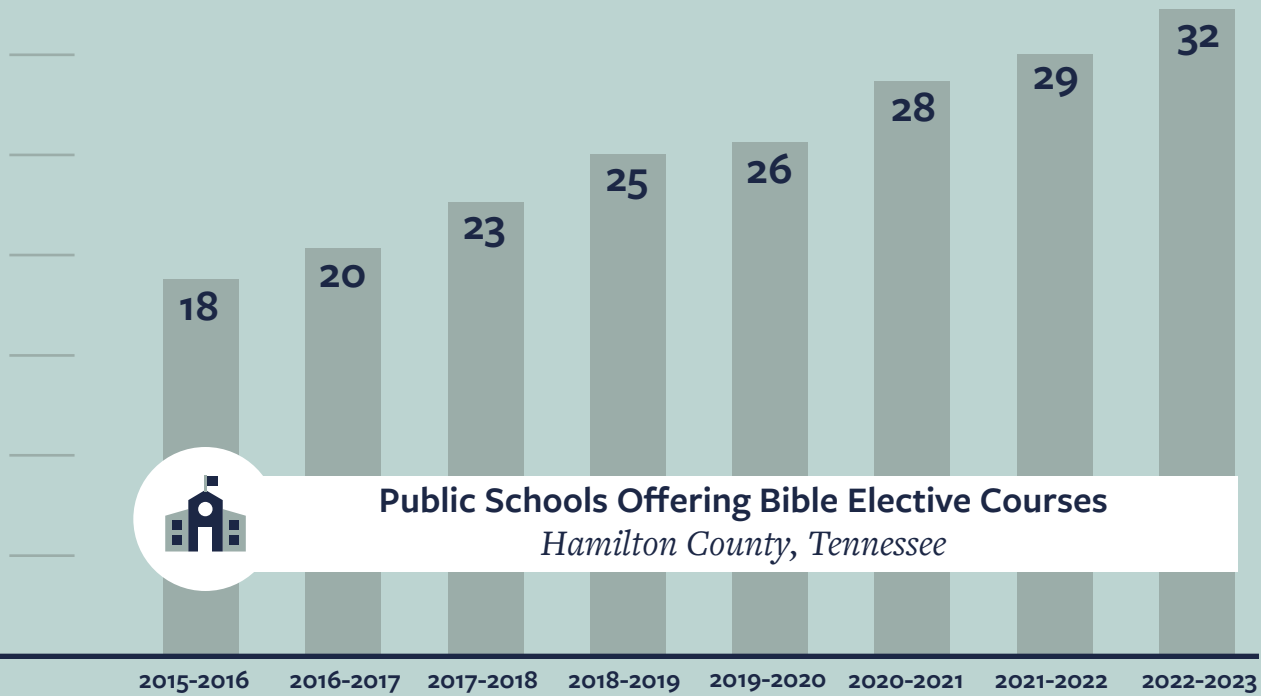
1,000+

students currently enrolled in a Local Dual Credit course



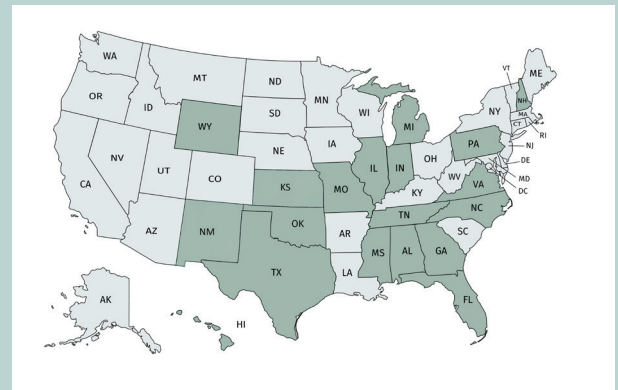
Hamilton County Bible Program

A Model for the Nation



REQUESTS FOR PROGRAM REPLICATION

*Becoming a Leading Model
for Advancing Bible Education*



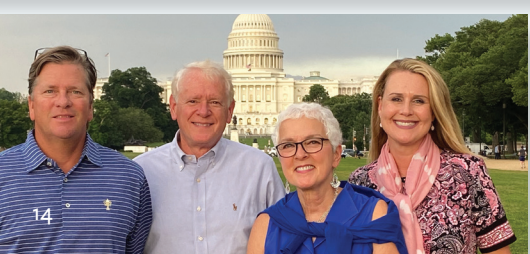
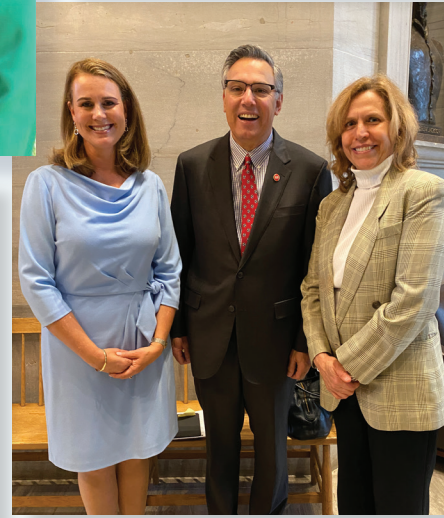
2022-2023 BIBLE PROGRAM EXPANSIONS

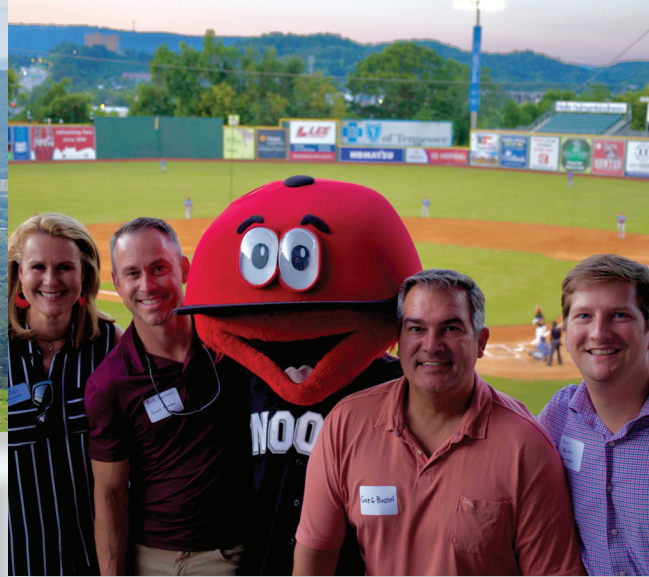
New Programs

Chattanooga School for the Liberal Arts (added a new part-time program)
Hamilton County Virtual School (began a new program)

Expanded Programs

Dalewood Middle School (added one additional Bible class)
East Ridge High School (expanded from part-time to full-time)
Lookout Valley Middle/High School (expanded from part-time to full-time)
Sale Creek Middle School (expanded from part-time to full-time)
Sale Creek High School (expanded from part-time to full-time)





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Celebrating 100 Years

CENTENNIAL



Pictured: Centennial Luncheon 2022

Generational Interest

“Bible in the Schools is a unique program in the United States of America. There isn’t even a close second.”

Dr. Frank Brock

“Generations of Chattanoogaans have worked tirelessly to create a place that now turns out to be one of the greatest cities in the country. It’s no surprise that this community chooses in its public schools to provide access to the most influential book ever written. The Bible in the Schools program is a fitting example of how Chattanooga can be trailblazing while honoring our past and never forsaking ancient wisdom.”

**Marshall Brock
Board Member**

In the spring of 1922, Dr. J. P. McCallie (pictured), founder of The McCallie School, was appointed Chairman of the Religious Work Committee of the YMCA of Chattanooga. When asked to state some plans of work for this Committee, he made the following statement.

“I have seen what the Bible, taught as a regular daily class, with tests, promotions, reports, and credits attained diploma for graduation, can do for [students of] junior high and high school age. Cannot the same thing be offered in the public schools as an elective study and as a gift, apart from all taxes, by individuals who see its value?”

Today, we honor the past vision of Dr. James Park McCallie, founder of Bible in the Schools in 1922. Still today, we celebrate our strong partnership with the participating Hamilton County schools. Thank you to all who have given generously to advance Bible education for students in Hamilton County public schools.

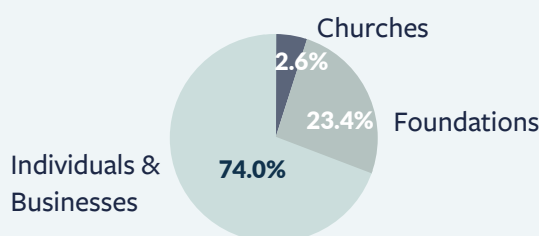


On February 3rd, 2022, at the State Senate Session at the Capitol building in Nashville, Tennessee, the 22nd General Assembly passed Joint Resolution 822, sponsored by The Honorable Bo Watson, to commemorate the centennial anniversary of Bible education in Hamilton County public schools.

TRUSTED BY THE COMMUNITY FOR 100 YEARS

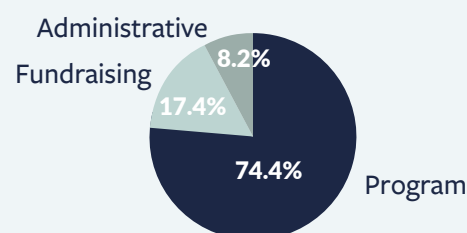
Public school Bible teachers are funded entirely through private charitable contributions through Bible in the Schools. **NO TAX DOLLARS ARE USED.** Hamilton County Schools was reimbursed close to \$2 million for the complete cost of the countywide Bible program in 29 schools during the 2021-2022 academic year. Included in reimbursement costs are: teacher salaries, benefits, taxes, Bibles, classroom supplies, and year-round teacher professional development.

CONTRIBUTIONS



* FALL 2022 AUDIT

EXPENSES



FAST FACTS

- 100% charitable community contributions
- Approximate cost per student: \$58 per month, \$700 per year
- Average full-time Bible program per school: \$117,481 per academic year
- Average part-time Bible program per school: \$58,741 per academic year
- 2021-2022 Annual Fund Contributions: \$3,128,225.97
- Last Financial Audit: September 2022
- **NO TAX DOLLARS USED**

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Transparency
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OUR PLEDGE TO YOU

Bible in the Schools pledges to steward all donations with the highest level of integrity, accountability, and wisdom. Thank you for your generosity, partnership, and trust.

Dear Friends,

Coming from another country, I spend a fair amount of time in airports. I am often struck by the cleverness of the advertising on the walls that can so fittingly lure the traveler toward its desired message. On a recent trip, a sign for a financial institution caught my eye. It said, "You get what you preserve." Isn't this true at so many levels—not only in our lives, but in our communities, and our country? If we want something to last for a long time, we care for it, tend to it, invest in it, and ensure its safety and protection. The message was effective, perhaps because it drove home the idea of personal responsibility to act in order to preserve what we believe is truly important.

Through Bible in the Schools, the Hamilton County public school Bible program has been preserved and tended to for 100 years by the generous investment of its stakeholders, partners, and friends. Thank you to all who have invested in this program, tended to it, and who have helped ensure its safety and protection. Every gift, whether modest or large, since the program's inception in 1922, has been greatly appreciated and has contributed to Hamilton County, Tennessee, having the largest concentration of public

school students electively studying the Bible in the nation.

With over 5,000 public school students projected to complete a Bible course in the 2022-2023 academic year, Bible in the Schools now has the responsibility to steward a \$3.5 million annual budget to fully cover the costs to fund this program in 32 participating middle and high schools. We believe that if we want this program to last, because we believe access to a Bible education is important for students in our public schools, we all have a personal responsibility to act. Our students, communities, and country will get what we preserve; and together, we can all make a difference.

Thank you for your kind interest and dedicated partnership,



CATHY SCOTT
PRESIDENT

MISSION

To advance Bible education for students in Hamilton County public schools

VISION

To provide all students the opportunity to study the Bible and to be a leading model for advancing Bible education



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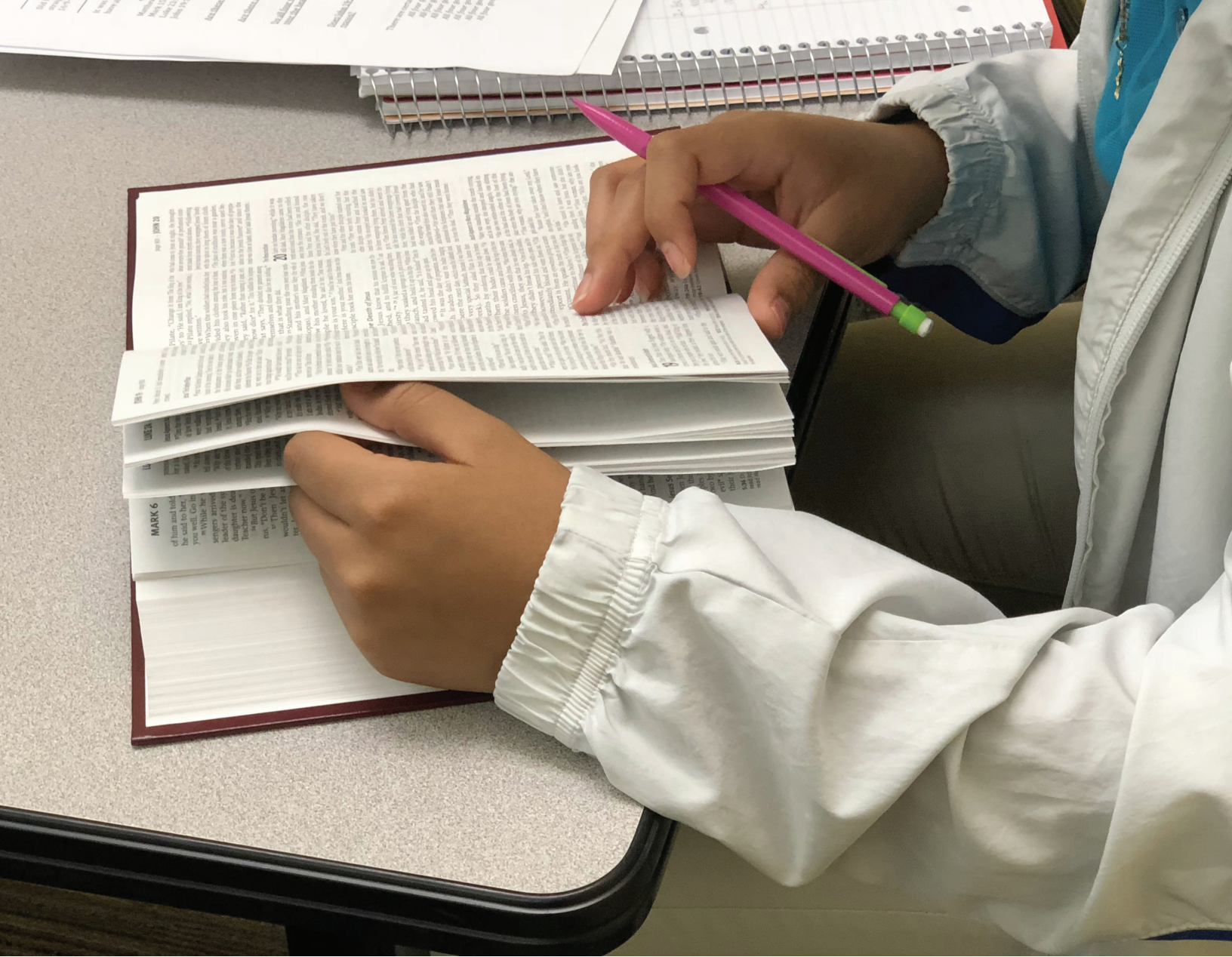
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