

# BIBLE *in the* SCHOOLS

Advancing Bible education  
for students in Hamilton  
County public schools





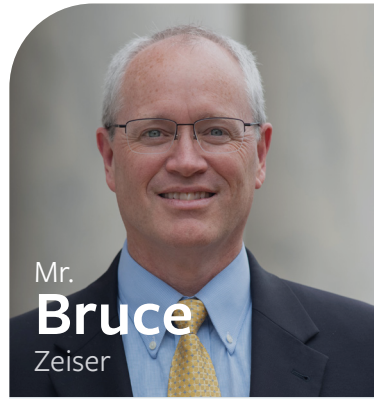
## BIBLE IN THE SCHOOLS BOARD OFFICERS



Mr.  
**Rob**  
Huffaker, Jr.

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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 101 years investing in the education of Hamilton County public school students by sharing the Bible with them. We look forward to many more years of continued growth with sincere gratitude for all who have given so generously to this organization."



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"Rob and the entire Huffaker family have been pillars in the Chattanooga community for many generations, especially in service to students and education. Rob's love for the Bible is apparent, and his heart for students to know the Bible is inspiring. I am very pleased to see a good friend like Rob step into this role, and I know he will carry on this legacy with vigor and dedication. I look forward to continuing to serve alongside him on the Board of Directors."

- Mr. Tom Glenn, Past Board Chairman

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### BREAKING NEWS

On August 28, 2023 the Board of Directors of Bible in the Schools voted in the tenth Chairman of the Board, Mr. Rob Huffaker, Jr. Rob is a native of Chattanooga, TN. He graduated from McCallie School and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and works for McGriff Insurance. Rob is married to Natalie and has three children, Kakhi Wakefield, Tyler Rowson, and Bobby Huffaker, and eight grandchildren. He enjoys spending his weekends playing golf, hunting, fixing things, and spending time with family and friends around the table.

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# 32 Middle and High School Programs Across 15 ZIP Codes in Hamilton County, Tennessee



## Participating Middle and High Schools

Brainerd High School\*  
 Brown Middle School\*  
 Central High School\*  
 Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy\*  
 Chattanooga Preparatory School\*  
 Chattanooga Schools for Liberal Arts\*  
 Dalewood Middle School\*  
 East Hamilton High School  
 East Hamilton Middle School  
 East Lake Academy\*  
 East Ridge High School\*  
 East Ridge Middle School\*  
 Hamilton County Virtual School\*  
 Hixson High School  
 Hixson Middle School  
 The Howard School\*  
 Hunter Middle School

Ivy Academy Chattanooga  
 Loftis Middle School  
 Lookout Valley Middle/High School\*  
 Ooltewah High School  
 Ooltewah Middle School\*  
 Orchard Knob Middle School\*  
 Red Bank High School\*  
 Red Bank Middle School\*  
 Sale Creek High School  
 Sale Creek Middle School  
 Signal Mountain Middle/ High School  
 Soddy Daisy High School  
 Soddy Daisy Middle School  
 Tyner Academy\*  
 Tyner Middle Academy\*

\*Title 1 School



**5,747  
Students**

5,747 Students completed a Bible course last academic year.



**32  
Schools**

61% of the participating schools are Title 1.



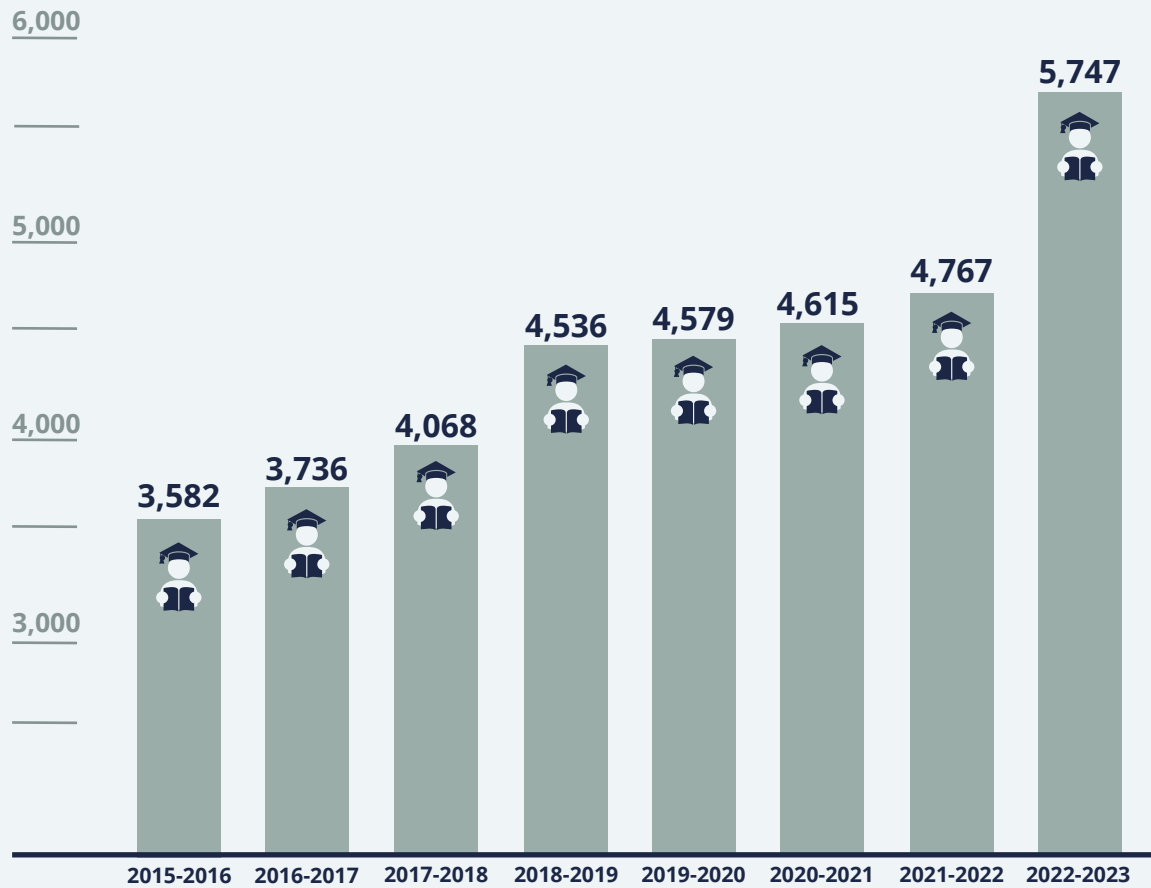
**31  
Teachers**

All Bible teachers have completed a legal compliance course.

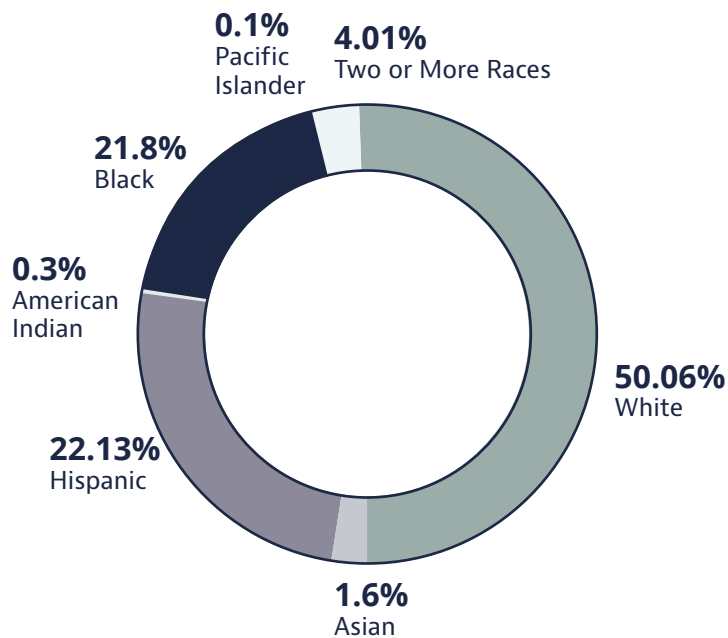




# PUBLIC SCHOOL BIBLE PROGRAM - STUDENT ENROLLMENT



## BIBLE STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY ETHNICITY (GRADES 6-12)



# 91%

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

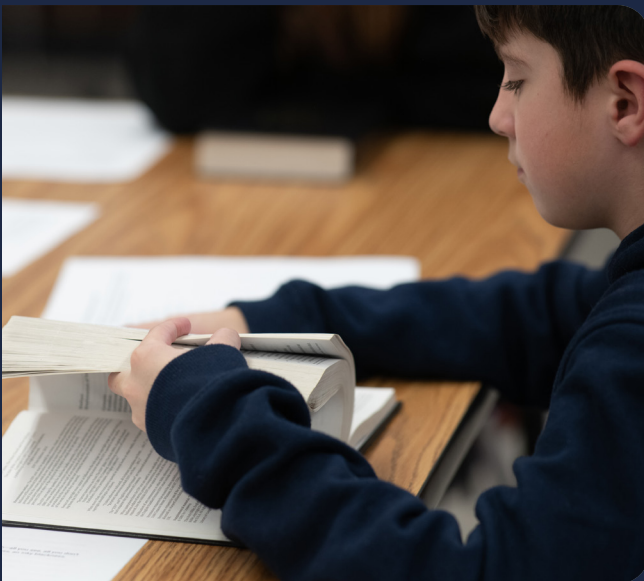






I've taken Bible classes since 6th grade, and I absolutely love it. Now that I'm in high school, we've gotten into the depth of the Bible. My favorite part about my teacher is that he makes complex lessons easy to understand. He has taught us how to read the Bible more deeply and how to think more critically.

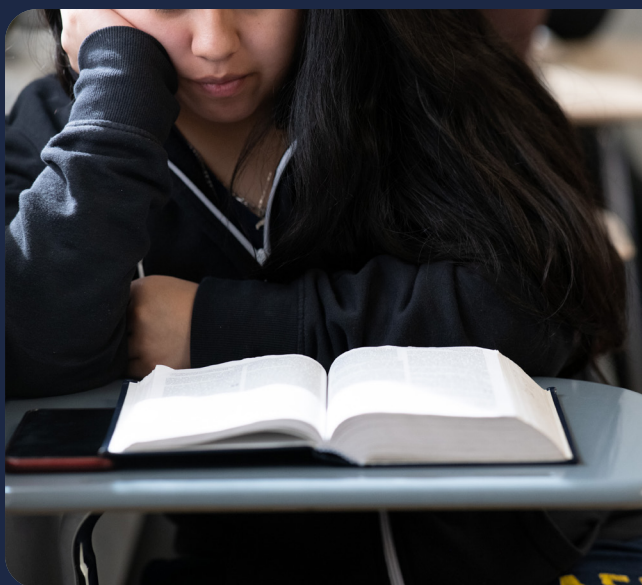
One thing I'm going to take away from this class this year is the account of the Good Samaritan. This was one of my favorite accounts because it's something I think a lot of people should hear and they should take something from it. I think most people would learn a lot from this and some people would try to improve society with it.



Learning in this class really impacted my life in a good way. I now use what I learned in here in my regular life. I feel like everyone should take the time out of their day to read the Bible because it really is a great thing. I liked that group work and learning about the 10 plagues and the Passover.



Bible class has taught me a lot this year. It has shown me how the Bible is all connected and how all the stories have a meaning. Even in the parables it teaches a good lesson and shows how to live life in a healthy way.

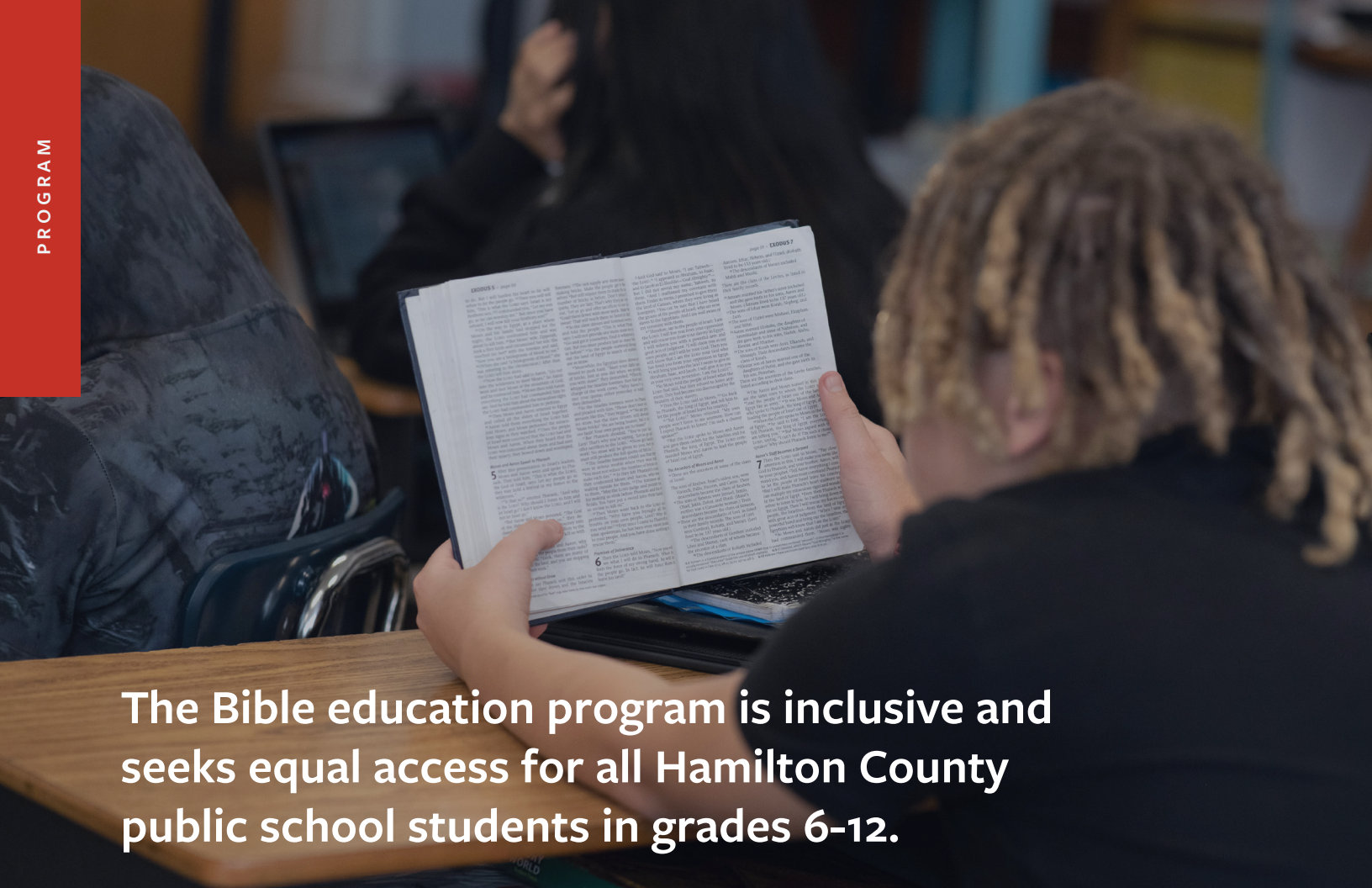


Taking Bible has helped me talk to my family more about it and what we have learned. My teacher gave me chances with late work redos, which helped my grade a lot. My Bible class has shown me how I really have to be on task, on time, and be focused.

This class has truly made me look at myself and everybody. My mind and overall thinking has changed for the good. I am so grateful for everything you all have given us. I have found a better side of myself.







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

# 9 out of 10

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

2022-2023 Hamilton County Schools' Enrollment Data



# 61%

of participating schools are classified as Title I.



Taking Bible has increased my language and word choice. It has helped me by making me more confident in my grades.

- Bible Student

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Seth Norman, East Hamilton High School

Seth Norman is a Chattanooga native and proud senior at East Hamilton High School. Seth is also a scholar with a profound interest in biblical studies, which he credits to his high school Bible teacher, Mr. Jeff Fairbanks.

East Hamilton High School is a Hamilton County public school, committed to excellence and to preparing their students for the future. One way they accomplish that is by providing access to programs and courses that will make students well rounded, well read, and well prepared citizens. This includes providing a robust Bible education program taught by Mr. Fairbanks. Students, like Seth, can elect to take two different Bible courses for credit during the school day at East Hamilton High School. When taken in addition to the three middle school Bible courses taught at Seth's local middle school, East Hamilton Middle School, students have the opportunity to graduate from high school with up to five years of Bible education and potentially six hours of college credit through the local dual credit program.

Seth grew up in a close knit faith community, and he recognizes the unique benefit he received as a Bible student who was given the opportunity to study the importance and significance of the Bible from a literary perspective. Seth chose to enroll in the Old Testament Bible course his freshman year, and subsequently the New Testament Bible course his sophomore year. The stories and connections he discussed in those two classes with his teacher and his peers were meaningful to him. Seth said, "I've really seen it make a huge impact on my classmates as well. The [Bible] alone really had an impact on kids."



Seth also speaks highly of his teacher, Mr. Fairbanks. Jeff Fairbanks has been teaching the Bible for 14 years and Seth said,

“ He impacted me, and I saw him impact his students. He really cared for his students, and he was patient with them. ”

Mr. Fairbanks's care and his dedication to teaching inspired Seth to continue studying the Bible after high school and to pursue a college experience that will provide him with this opportunity. Next fall, Seth is planning to move to Chicago to study at the Moody Bible Institute.

Seth is a direct beneficiary of the community gift presented to Hamilton County Schools every summer, which fully funds the public school Bible program, at no cost to taxpayers. Last year, over 5,700 students, like Seth, elected to study the Bible in Hamilton County public schools. The generosity of the community provides the funds that make this Bible program possible. And, as a result, every year, graduates of Hamilton County public schools step out of the classroom and into the world as biblically literate adults.





# 2023-2024 PUBLIC SCHOOL BIBLE TEACHERS



**Betty Artigas**  
*East Lake Academy*



**David Barrett**  
*Central High School*



**Drake Cabe**  
*Chattanooga Preparatory School*



**Steve Clinton**  
*East Ridge Middle School*



**Dr. Pete Cuison**  
*Brown Middle School*



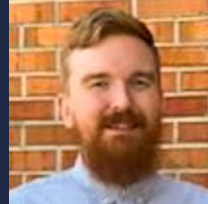
**Donnie Dehnke**  
*Ivy Academy*



**Samuel Delgado**  
*East Ridge High School*



**Jeremy Eklund**  
*Hixson Middle School*



**Sean Estler**  
*Ooltewah Middle School*



**Jeff Fairbanks**  
*East Hamilton High School*



**Brittany Hall**  
*East Hamilton Middle School*



**Kendall Harrison**  
*Signal Mountain Middle/High School*



**Deanna Hickman**  
*Soddy Daisy Middle School*



**Kyle Hinch**  
*Hixson High School*



**Cabot Huffstutter**  
*Lookout Valley Middle/High School*



**Dr. Dustin Humphreys**  
*Red Bank High School*



**Larry Hurston**  
*Tyner Middle School*



**Leslie Johnson**  
*Loftis Middle School*



**Matthew Lawson**  
*Hunter Middle School*



**Stephen Leong**  
*The Howard School*



**Kendal Merrill**  
*Red Bank Middle School*



**Leangela Rogers**  
*Hamilton County Virtual School*



**David Satterfield**  
*Orchard Knob Middle School*



**Esther Starcher**  
*Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy*



**David Sternberg**  
*Sale Creek Middle/High School*



**Patrick Woolsey**  
*Soddy Daisy High School*



**Heather Wyatt**  
*Chattanooga School for the Liberal Arts*



**Randy Young**  
*Tyner Academy*



**Daniel Ziegenmer**  
*Ooltewah High School*

**\*Not Pictured:**  
**Tyler Hughes**  
*Dalewood Middle School/Brainerd High School*



Bible classes are offered as an English elective to Hamilton County public school secondary students to provide the unique opportunity to study the Bible as a piece of literature in a nonsectarian and academic context in the classroom. Students acquire an understanding and appreciation of the Bible's major ideas, historical and geographical contexts, and literary forms. High school students can take a college equivalency test through Chattanooga State Community College, and upon passing, will have three hours of humanities elective credits.

Patricia Cone | Hamilton County Schools District Bible Content Lead





# 100%

of Bible teachers have completed the annual legal compliance course.

# 10%

of teachers are alumni of this Bible program.



“

I like this class because of the way my teacher explains everything. He breaks everything down so we understand each topic.

– Bible Student

If I can get a student to read the Bible and be able to ask questions about it, that's a win for me!

– Bible Teacher

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## PUBLIC SCHOOL BIBLE COURSES

### GENESIS 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE



Students will engage in an academic study of the book of Genesis and the details related to the origin and development of the Bible. Students will read the creation and flood narratives, the formation of early civilizations, and the founding of the early Abrahamic and Israelite traditions.

### EXODUS 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE



Students will engage in an academic study of the book of Exodus. Students will read the narrative of the Israelite experience in Egypt, as well as their enslavement and eventual exodus from Egypt, including an overview of the life and leadership of Moses and the early rituals, practices, and systems of ancient Israelite culture.

### LIFE OF JESUS 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE



Students will engage in an academic study of the first four books of the New Testament, the Gospels. Students will complete an academic survey of Jesus' life, using the Book of Luke as the primary text. This will include Jesus' early life, his work and teachings, and his arrest and execution.

### OLD TESTAMENT 9-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE



This class provides an academic overview of the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible, beginning with the formation of the biblical canon and the creation of narratives through the Babylonian exile and the Second Temple Period. The course emphasizes understanding the thought and culture of ancient Israel.

### NEW TESTAMENT 9-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE



This class 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. Emphasis is given to the life and teachings of Jesus. Students also investigate the various writings of Paul, as well as the many cultural challenges faced by the early church.

### College Credit Added for New Testament Course

In addition to being offered for the Old Testament course, LDC is now offered for the elective New Testament Bible course, allowing students to earn up to three hours of college credit for each course while studying the Bible at school.



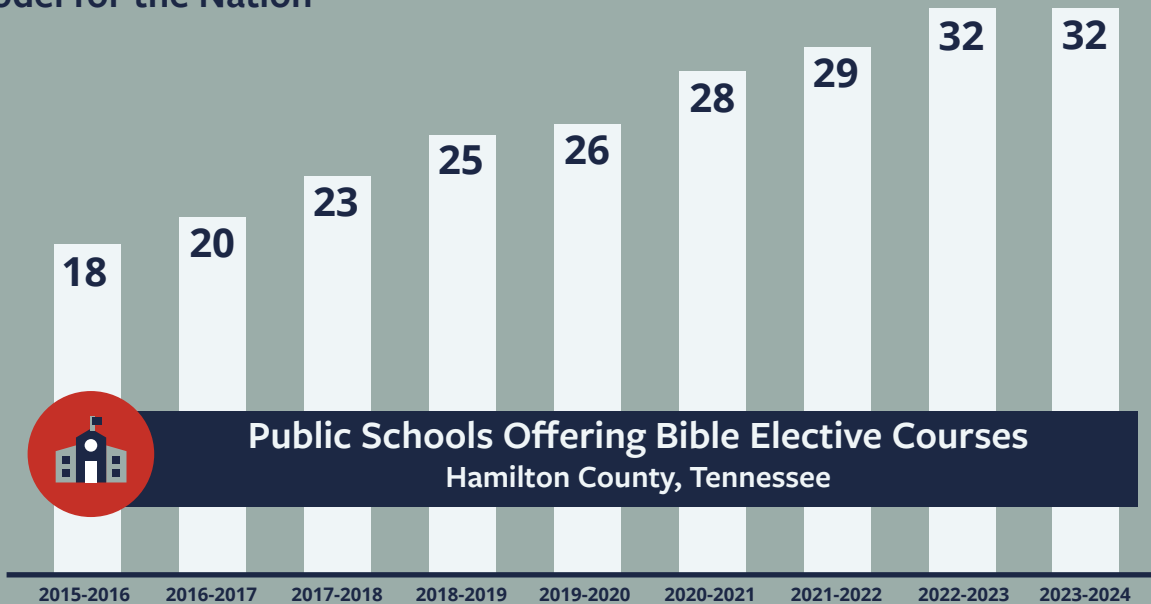
**1,200+**  
students  
currently enrolled  
in a Local Dual  
Credit course



\*All courses are taught in compliance with the Tennessee Department of Education Standards.

# HAMILTON COUNTY BIBLE EDUCATION PROGRAM

A Model for the Nation



Public Schools Offering Bible Elective Courses  
Hamilton County, Tennessee

## EXPANDED BIBLE PROGRAMS 2023-2024

Chattanooga School for the Liberal Arts

Part-time → Full-time



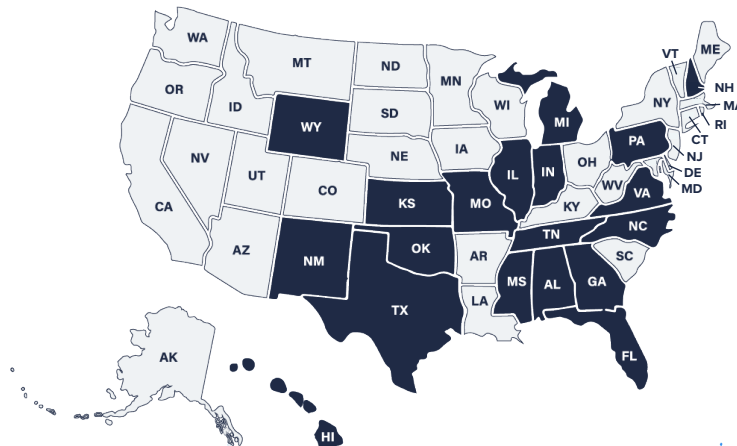
Ivy Academy

Part-time → Full-time



## REQUESTS FOR PROGRAM REPLICATION

The vision of Bible in the Schools is to provide all students the opportunity to study the Bible and to be a leading model for advancing Bible education.





# INCREASE YOUR IMPACT: FULLY FUND AN ENTIRE CLASS OF BIBLE STUDENTS



**250 individual Bible classes projected this academic year**



**Avg. of 20 students per classroom**



**\$15,600 to fully fund a single class of Bible students**



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**Using the Bible to stoke the inherent curiosities of students, familiar and unfamiliar with this text, is why I wake up every morning.**

**- Bible Teacher**

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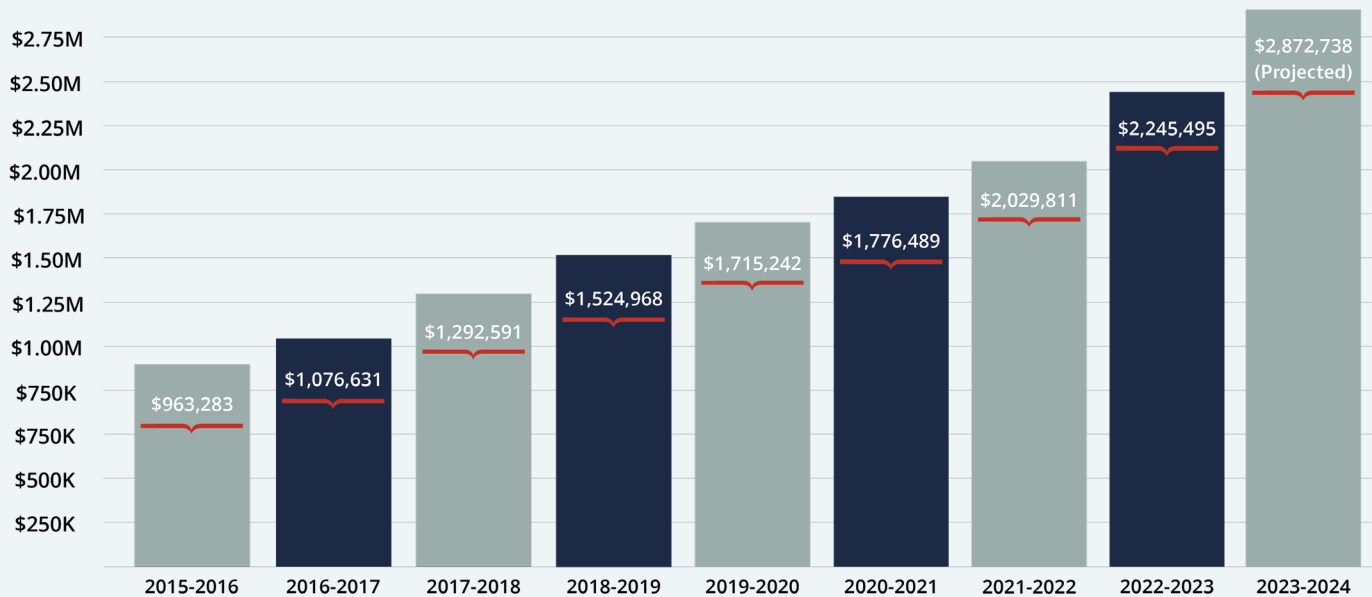
## COMMUNITY GIFT

Thanks to the generosity of thousands of partners, Bible in the Schools presented Hamilton County Schools with a gift of nearly \$2.3 million, as a reimbursement for the full cost of the 2022-2023 academic Bible elective program. Thank you to all who invested to make this possible!

Pictured L-R: Mr. Blake Freeman, HCS Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Sonia Stewart, HCS Deputy Superintendent; Dr. Justin Robertson, HCS Superintendent; Mrs. Cathy Scott, Bible in the Schools President; Mr. Tom Glenn, Bible in the Schools Board Chairman; Dr. Jill Hartness, Bible in the Schools Board member



## COMMUNITY GIVING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL BIBLE EDUCATION



\*Projections are provided by Hamilton County Schools and are subject to change.

### BREAKING NEWS

## GOVERNOR SIGNS HISTORIC BILL TO MAKE TENNESSEE A TOP-10 STATE FOR TEACHER PAY



When we invest in the people who guide, teach and nurture our students, it pays big dividends down the road. The efforts of Governor Lee and the General Assembly to prioritize students and elevate the teaching profession will prove to be transformative for our state. We are investing in education at every level in Tennessee. By providing competitive compensation, we will create a pipeline of highly effective and talented individuals eager to become educators.

- House Majority Leader William Lamberth





# COMMUNITY





# UNITY





## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8, 2024

## Annual Luncheon

Chattanooga Convention Center



May 20, 2024

## Annual Golf Tournament

The Ooltewah Club



## INTERESTED IN CONNECTING?

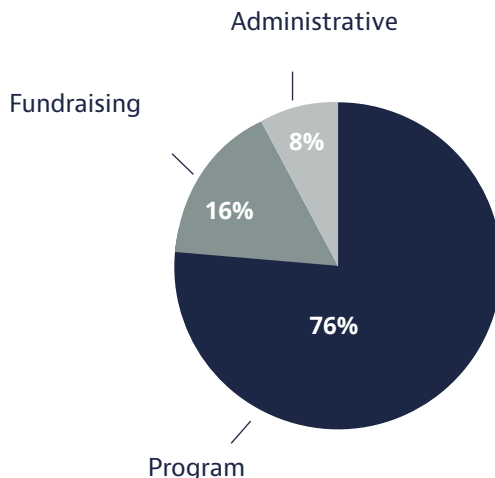
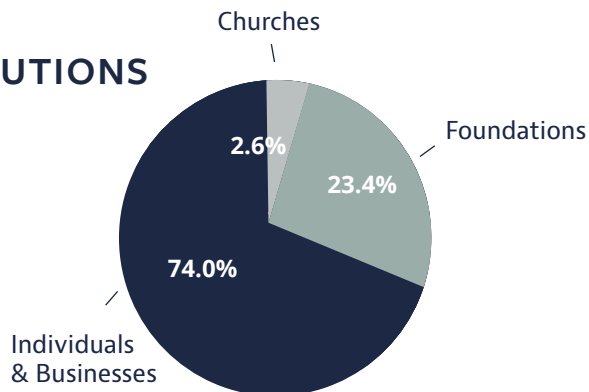
Volunteering is a great way to invest in our mission to advance Bible education for students in Hamilton County public schools. If you are interested in volunteering with us in office or at an event please contact us at [info@bibleintheschools.com](mailto:info@bibleintheschools.com).

**If you would like more information about our upcoming events, please contact Events Manager, Aubrey Joynt, at [Aubrey@bibleintheschools.com](mailto:Aubrey@bibleintheschools.com).**

# TRUSTED BY THE COMMUNITY FOR OVER 101 YEARS

The public school Bible elective program is funded entirely through private charitable contributions through the Public School Bible Study Committee, doing business as Bible in the Schools. NO TAX DOLLARS ARE USED. Hamilton County Schools was reimbursed close to \$2.3 million for the complete cost of the countywide Bible program in 32 participating schools, which served 15 ZIP codes, in the 2022-2023 academic year. Included in these costs are: teacher salaries, benefits, taxes, Bibles, classroom supplies and other resources, year-round teacher professional development, and legal compliance training.

## CONTRIBUTIONS



## EXPENSES

\* FALL 2023 AUDIT

## FAST FACTS

- 100% charitable community contributions
- Approximate cost per student: \$65/month, \$780/year
- 2022-2023 Annual Fund Contributions: \$3,219,284
- Accountant: Mr. Marshall Harvey, Chief Financial Officer, Tekwell Services
- Last Financial Audit: August 2023
- **NO TAX DOLLARS USED**

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

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**BOARD TREASURER**  
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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.





# ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

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As we look toward the next 100 years, we have an opportunity to secure this gift for future generations of public school students. This Endowment Campaign is designed to stabilize and add greater certainty of funding for Bible classes.

- Ralph Mohney, Endowment  
Committee Chairman

# STRONG COMMUNITY SUPPORT CARRIES ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN OVER \$7 MILLION DOLLAR GOAL

Bible in the Schools is thrilled to announce the successful completion of its first ever Endowment Campaign, launched in 2021, with a goal of raising \$7 million in cash and estate commitments. The Endowment Campaign has played a critical role in increasing our financial sustainability and resiliency. We are grateful to all of the individuals and families currently participating.

An endowment is a permanent fund in which the principal is strategically invested and protected in perpetuity. The yield from the investment of these funds will subsidize the near-term annual operating goal.

The intent is to minimize the risk of disruption to the program during future economic downturns, and to offer certainty in uncertain times. Overseen by a subcommittee of our Board of Directors, a controlled percentage of the endowment will be distributed annually, if needed, to enhance further program growth, with the remaining appreciation invested for continued growth.

A strong endowment is a stewardship opportunity to ensure that future generations benefit from Hamilton County Schools' extraordinary teachers and crucial Bible education opportunities.

## JOIN US IN SECURING BIBLE EDUCATION FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

**CURRENT TOTAL:  
\$7,000,000**

secured in cash and planned estates.

For more information please contact us at [info@bibleintheschools.com](mailto:info@bibleintheschools.com)

## The Endowment Campaign will:

-  Create an ongoing source of income for the Bible program
-  Secure the future of Bible elective courses in Hamilton County
-  Enhance organizational stability, financial stewardship, and financial viability
-  Build a network of future investors to the Bible program
-  Encourage outright gifts from donors
-  Support the Bible program's expansion



Dear Friends,

I recently observed a friend with an App on her smartphone that allowed her to scan the barcode of a food item to help her discern if it was healthy or unhealthy to consume. In seconds, a click of that App produced a report that gave her enough information to inform her decision as to whether to accept or reject the thing she was legitimately considering. Wouldn't it be nice if making decisions about all of life was that simple? Imagine we could just click a button and get an itemized report if the choice before us will be good and healthy for us, or if it has potential to actually cause us harm. Making decisions is hard for all of us, particularly when it comes to what we allow our minds to consume on a daily basis. We live in an information saturated world, and the daily diet we select requires constant discernment.

At Bible in the Schools, for over 101 years, the generous investment of stakeholders, partners, and friends has kept the Bible at the forefront of public school education here in Hamilton County, Tennessee. Lavish generosity is keeping the world's best-selling book, and this literary masterpiece, as a part of the daily menu selection for middle and high school students across 15 ZIP codes. As students make choices about what to study at school, a Bible education was a daily consumption choice of over 5,700 students last year! Thank you

to all who are investing in young lives through Bible in the Schools. Every gift, whether modest or large, since the program's inception in 1922, has been appreciated and has contributed to Hamilton County, Tennessee, having the largest concentration of public school students electively studying the Bible in the nation.

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Thank you for your kind interest and dedicated partnership,

**CATHY SCOTT**  
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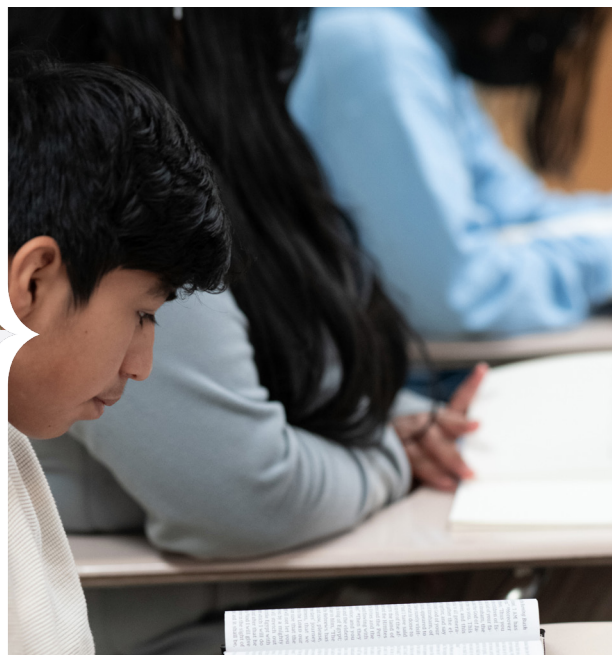
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To advance Bible education for students in Hamilton County public schools

## 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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