What is Bible Released Time?

Bible Released Time is a program that allows public school students to be released from school (by parental permission) during the day for an off-campus Bible class.

The Law…

Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-2-130
Tennessee state law authorizes schools to adopt Released Time policies, and authorizes school boards to award academic credit to high school students who participate in Released Time.

In 1952, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld Released Time Bible Education (RTBE) programs as legal in all 50 states (Zorach v. Clauson).
The three requirements for a RTBE program to be legal are:
1. Parental permission must be given.
2. Instruction must take place off school grounds.
3. No state resources may be used.

Why Bible Released Time?

Romans 10:14 *"How then will they call on Him in Whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of Whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?"*

There are approximately 57,000 students in the Knox County Public School System. A survey done in 2016 stated that 80% of Knox County residents are not affiliated with any church, which is why we need to go to the schools.

Statistics

(According to the Children's Defense Fund)
Each day in America:
7 children or teens commit suicide
167 children are arrested for violent crimes
311 children are arrested for drug crimes
1,854 children are confirmed as abused or neglected
2,805 children are arrested
2,857 high school students drop out
12,816 public school students are suspended

Bible Released Time offers hope!

Romans 15:4 *"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope."*

Research Findings

(The following is from schoolministries.org)
From the very beginning, public school teachers have indicated that their students attending Released Time classes demonstrate improved academic skill, exhibit less at-risk behavior and have more respect for themselves and others. School administrators have supported these observations and noted that these positive changes in students' lives are allowing teachers to spend more time teaching and less time taking disciplinary action. Research validates the following observations:

- A program evaluation of the Oakland (CA) Released Time program conducted by the National Council on Crime and Delinquency documented that "students in the Released Time program performed better than their classmates as a whole in almost every category," and their scores "improved after one year… in three categories of literacy skills comprehension, spelling and vocabulary. The report further states that the program reinforces positive moral and character development that is antithetical to engaging in criminal or delinquent behavior."

How to get involved?

For more information, to find out about Bible Released Time in your area, or if you're interested in starting a program, please contact:

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YOUR MISSIONARY

Angela Achenbach is raising support to be a full-time CBM missionary in the Knoxville area. She was a public-school teacher before joining CBM in 2014. Angela taught Released Time in both Tennessee and Virginia before moving back to Knoxville to pursue BRT there. Currently she ministers to children at one public school in Knox County and is working to reach other schools as the Lord allows.

Angela has a great burden to reach public school students with the Gospel, which is where the name **LEAD** originated. She desires to follow the Lord's **LEAD**: Loving, Educating, And Discipling future generations with the Truth of God's Word. Her mission is to teach young people the truth of God's Word that they may desire to know, love, and serve Him all the days of their lives.

Children's Bible Ministries

CBM is a national organization that currently serves more than 18,500 students in Released Time classes. Our vision is to expand to new counties, as God provides, to reach even more children for Him.

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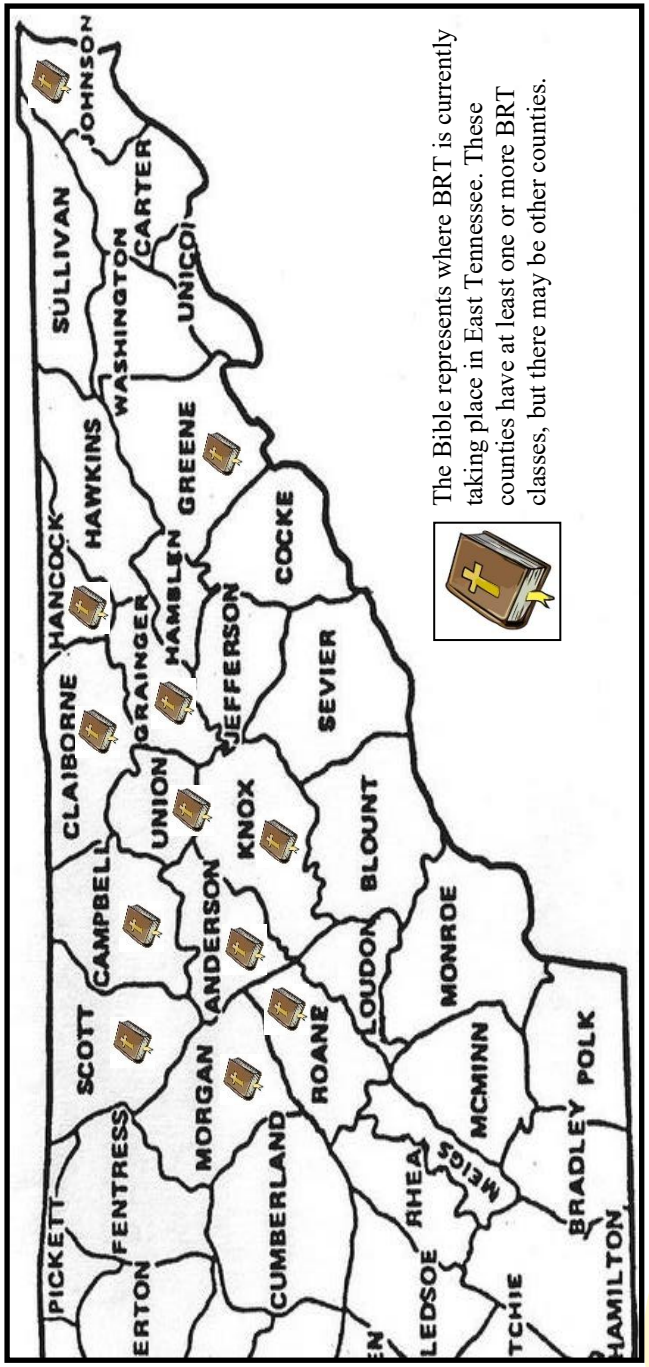

The Bible represents where BRT is currently taking place in East Tennessee. These counties have at least one or more BRT classes, but there may be other counties.

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Did You Know?

You can teach Bible to public school children during the school day through a program called…

Bible Released Time!