

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...

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.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-2-130 Amended TCA Title 49

Tennessee state law requires schools to allow students to participate in Released Time. Students can be dismissed for up to one (1) hour per school day to attend a released time program that meets certain requirements. Additionally, high schools can award academic credits for participation in a Released Time program provided that the programs meet certain requirements.

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?”

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.”



Statistics

(According to the Children’s Defense Fund)

Each day in America:

- 8 children or teens commit suicide
- 121 children are arrested for violent crimes
- 223 children are arrested for drug crimes
- 1,785 children are confirmed as abused or neglected
- 1,909 children are arrested
- 2,906 high school students drop out
- 14,206 public school students are suspended

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.”

Bible Released Time Missionary

Angela Achenbach is a full-time missionary with Children's Bible Ministries. She has a great burden to reach public school students with the Gospel. Her passion is to follow the Lord's LEAD: Loving, Educating, And Discipling future generations with 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.

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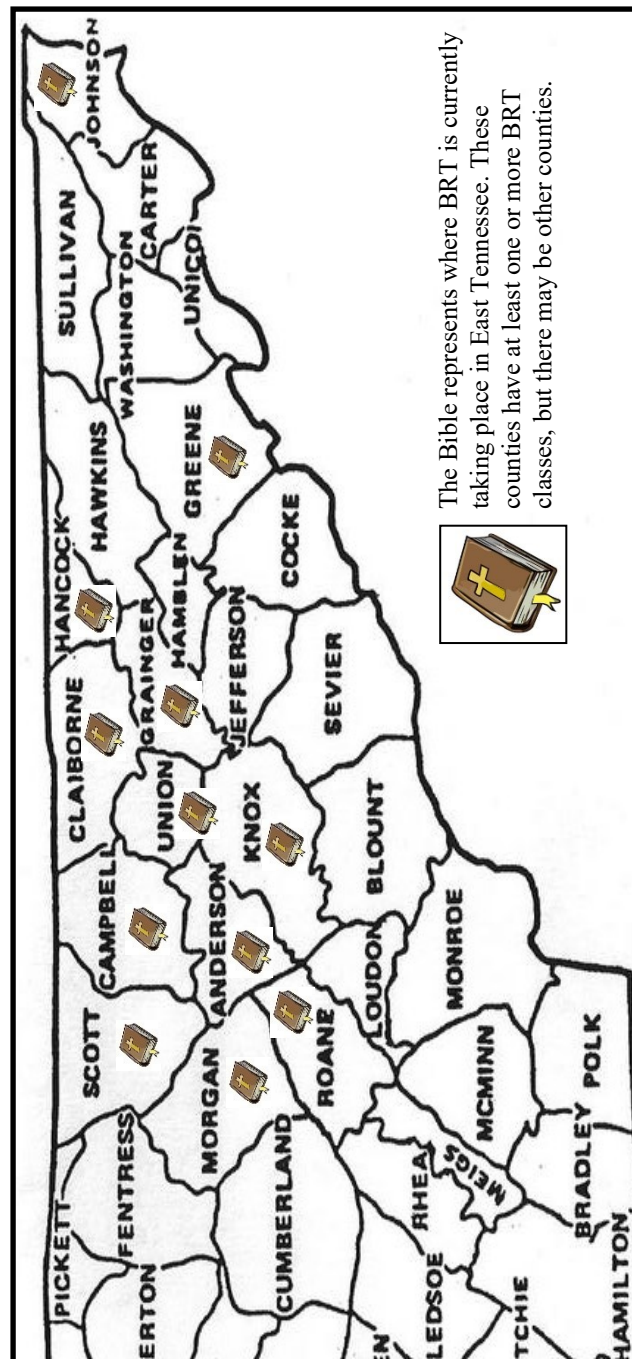
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The Bible represents where BRT is currently taking place in East Tennessee. These counties have at least one or more BRT classes, but there may be other counties.

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Did You Know?

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