

BIBLE READING MARATHON

Friday, April 28, 2023

6 p.m. Opening Ceremony – Emcee

National Anthem: -

Pledge to American Flag: -

Pledge to Christian Flag: -

Pledge to Bible: -

Special Music: -

Special speaker: -

7 p.m. FIRST READERS: Gen. 1:1-5

Gen. 1:6-19

BREAK

READINGS BEGIN

7:15 p.m. Gen. 1:20-Gen. 12 -

8 p.m. Gen. 13-24 –

9 p.m. Gen. 25 – 36 –

10 p.m. Gen. 37-48 –

11 p.m. Genesis 49 – Ex. 10 –

Saturday, April 29, 2023

6 a.m. Exodus 11-21 -

7 a.m. Exodus 22- 32 -

8 a.m. Ex. 33 – Lev. 4 -

9 a.m. Leviticus 5-15 -

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10 a.m. Leviticus 16-25 -

11 a.m. Lev. 26-Num. 6 -

12 p.m. Numbers 7-15 -

1 p.m. Numbers 16-25 -

2 p.m. Num. 26-34 -

3 p.m. Num. 35-Deut. 9 -

4 p.m. Deut. 10-22 -

5 p.m. Deuteronomy 23-34 -

6 p.m. Josh. 1-13 -

7 p.m. Joshua 14-24 -

8 p.m. Judges 1-9 -

9 p.m. Judges 10-21 -

10 p.m. Ruth 1-1 Samuel 12 -

11 p.m. I Samuel 13-24 -

Sunday, April 30, 2023

2 p.m. I Samuel 25 - II Samuel 7-

3 p.m. II Samuel 8-21 -

4 p.m. II Sam. 22 - I Kings 7 -

5 p.m. I Kings 8-17 -

6 p.m. I Kings 18-II Kings 5 -

7 p.m. II Kings 6-17 -

8 p.m. II Kings 18 - I Chron. 2 -

9 p.m. I Chron. 3-11 -

10 p.m. I Chron. 12-24 -

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11 p.m. I Chron. 25 – II Chron. 8 –

Monday, May 1, 2023

6 a.m. II Chronicles 9-24 –

7 a.m. II Chronicles 25-36 -

8 a.m. Ezra 1 – Nehemiah 3 -

9 a.m. Nehemiah 4-11-

10 a.m. Neh. 12 – Job 4 -

11 a.m. Job 5-16 -

12 p.m. Job 17-31 -

1 p.m. Job 32-42 -

2 p.m. Psalm 1-25 –

3 p.m. Psalms 26-45 -

4 p.m. Psalms 46-69 -

5 p.m. Psalms 70-85 -

6 p.m. Psalms 86-105 -

7 p.m. Psalms 106-119:88 -

8 p.m. Psa. 119:89-145 –

9 p.m. Psa. 146 – Prov. 9 –

10 p.m. Proverbs 10-21 –

11 p.m. Proverbs 22-31 –

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

6 a.m. Eccl. 1 – Song of Sol. 8 –

7 a.m. Isaiah 1-17 –

8 a.m. Isaiah 18-35 -

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9 a.m. Isaiah 36-53 -

10 a.m. Isa. 54 – Jer. 3 -

11 a.m. Jer. 4-17 -

12 p.m. Jer. 18-31 -

1 p.m. Jeremiah 32-45 -

2 p.m. Jeremiah 46 – Lamentations 3:36 -

3 p.m. Lamentations 3:37 – Ezekiel 12 –

4 p.m. Ezekiel 13-22 -

5 p.m. Ezekiel 23-33 -

6 p.m. Ezekiel 34-45 –

7 p.m. Ezekiel 46 – Daniel 9 –

8 p.m. Daniel 10 – Joel 3 –

9 p.m. Amos 1 – Micah 7 –

10 p.m. Nah. 1 – Zech. 7 –

11 p.m. Zech. 8 – Matt. 6 –

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

6 a.m. Matthew 7-14 –

7 a.m. Matthew 15-23 –

8 a.m. Matthew 24 – Mark 3 –

9 a.m. Mark 4-11 –

10 a.m. Mark 12 – Luke 7 –

11 a.m. Luke 8-20 -

12 p.m. Luke 21 – John 8 -

1 p.m. John 9-17 -

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2 p.m. John 18 – Acts 12 –

3 p.m. Acts 13-25 -

4 p.m. Acts 26 – Romans 9 –

5 p.m. Romans 10 – I Cor. 5 -

6 p.m. I Cor. 6 – II Cor. 3 -

7 p.m. II Cor. 4 – Gal. 2 –

8 p.m. Gal. 3 – Phil. 4 –

9 p.m. Col. 1 – II Thess. 3 –

10 p.m. I Tim. 1 – Philemon –

11 p.m. Hebrews 1-13 -

Thursday, May 4, 2023

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. James 1–Jude -

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Rev. 1-12 -

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Rev. 13-21 –

11:30 - Revelation 22 –

HISTORY OF THE BIBLE READING MARATHON

At precisely 12:01 am on January 1, 1990 -- atop the **Mount of Olives** -- a small group of believers began **reading through the Bible**. Colonel Dobbie, former keeper of the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem, began reading from the opening chapters of Genesis; followed in 30-minute segments by believers from Japan, France, Holland, and the United States, along with Arabs and Jews from Jerusalem -- **each reading the precious Word in their own language**.

At the same time, similar **Bible Reading Marathons** were held in Berlin and Bucharest . . . all to awaken a global response to the desperate need for a return to reading the **Word of God**.

Just one year before, the late **Dr. John A. Hash**, Founder of **Bible Pathway Ministries**, burdened by growing biblical illiteracy throughout America, was impressed to take action. He was convinced that the godless spirit that envelops the world is deeply rooted in its lack of knowledge of the **Bible**, our Creator's Guide on how He expects us to live, in order to accomplish His purpose for our existence. Dr. Hash realized that the giant task of bringing about an awakening to the importance of reading the **Bible** would require the entire Body of Christ -- working together.

The **International Bible Reading Association** was established under the Co-Chair of the late **Dr. John A. Hash** and the late **Dr. Bill Bright** and the then presidency of **Richard Dingman** of the Free Congress Foundation -- and a global movement was under way. The response was overwhelming as world leaders began to network in an unprecedented way. Much has been accomplished in a short time. The goal was to proclaim **1990s~Decade of Bible Reading** and enlist **ONE BILLION PEOPLE** to read the **Bible**.

From that historic January day in 1990 until now, **Bible Reading Marathons** have been held in such far corners of the world as Canada, England, France, Germany, India, Holland, Hungary, Mexico, Nigeria, New Zealand, Peru, Sweden, and Russia. They have also been held throughout the United States -- in town squares, on county courthouse steps, and at state capitols. Marathons have been held in Las Vegas NV, Annapolis MD, Little Rock AR, Rochester IN, Lake Wales FL, Erie PA, Maysville KY, Nacogdoches TX, Walnut Ridge AR, Taos NM, Boise ID, Vienna VA, Appleton & Green Bay WI, Murfreesboro, TN and **Cochran GA**, to list just a few.

Since 1990, each year believers have gathered on the steps of our Nation's Capital for a **Bible Reading Marathon** leading up to the **National Day of Prayer**. **Dr. Corinthia Boone, Chairman of the Washington DC National Day of Prayer, and Coordinator of the 1990 Marathon**, wrote: "There is excitement in the air in our nation's capital and we are looking for God to do great things. We are experiencing the urgency of prayer for our nation. God has told us: *If My people, which are called by My Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face (read My Word) . . . then I will . . . heal their land* [II Chronicles 7:14]. Their reason for failure is clear: *My people are destroyed . . . because you have rejected . . . the Law of your God* [Hosea 4:6]. In the New Testament we discover the key to true success: *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable . . . That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works* [II Timothy 3:16-17].

"You too can be used of God to magnify His Word. The IBRA provides an opportunity to join believers throughout the world in reading all of God's Word publicly. **Marathons** awaken an interest in many others to their need of reading all the **Bible**."

Over the past few years, **Rev. and Mrs. Mike Hall** have been **Directors of the Washington DC Marathon**. In a letter from **Rev. Hall**, he said: "I believe God is using this vision singularly to call this nation back to the simplicity of **God's Holy Word, the Bible**."

"We start our **Marathon** with prayer, read continuously for 80 hours, and then close with prayer. All of the participants -- workers, organizations, churches, legislators, and clergy -- were here for one reason alone, to honor the **Bible, God's Word**, by reading it without comment or interruption from beginning to end. We were on the east side of the Capitol, where people assemble to take tours, so the **Word** went forth to a captive audience, you might say. Also, quite symbolically, we were facing the Supreme Court and the Library of Congress."

Many of the **Bible Reading Marathons** have been held in conjunction with the **National Day of Prayer** observances around our nation, which take place on the first Thursday of May. Dr. Hash has seen the importance of people reading all of **God's Word**, Genesis through Revelation, to prepare their hearts to pray in the way God would have.

Shirley Dobson, former National Day of Prayer Chairman, also saw the advantage of combining the events: "As **God's Word** instructs us, our personal prayers are essential in making a difference and impacting America for the better."

Since 1993, the majority of the 88 counties in Ohio have held **Bible Reading Marathons** in conjunction with the **National Day of Prayer** each year under the joint leadership of **Barbara Waddell, State Coordinator for the National Day of Prayer in Ohio** and **Chairman of the Ohio Bible Reading Marathons**, and **Valarie Harper, State Coordinator of the Ohio Bible Reading Marathons**. At a recent **National Day of Prayer Coordinators Conference**, **Mrs. Waddell** said: "We found that providing a **Bible Reading Marathon** in conjunction with the **NDP** has been wonderfully blessed of God in overcoming social, racial, and denominational barriers, and in bringing the community together." Mrs. Waddell also wrote: "God uses **Bible Reading Marathons** to further His Kingdom. He gives people a fresh love for His Word."

God's Word and prayer are the real solutions to our nation's problems. This can only be accomplished by reading the **Bible** in its entirety because *God has magnified His Word above His Name* [Psalms 138:2].

There was still another moment of history. It occurred when **Dr. Bill Bright**, founder of **Campus Crusade for Christ** and **Co-Chairman of the IBRA** presented a challenge to the Russian people on nationwide Soviet television to read all the **Bible**. He held up before them and read from the Presidential Proclamation, signed by Pres. George H. W. Bush, declaring *1990~International Year of Bible Reading*. This is the first and only Proclamation in the history of the United States urging people to "read all the **Bible**." Dr. Bright then challenged Russian leaders to also issue a similar proclamation for their nation.

This indeed is a precious moment in history. With your dedication and God's guidance we can make it happen!

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