

## Bibles, Water, and the Water of Life

Last Thursday (October 5) was **“Bring Your Bible to School Day”**. Vandervoort FBC had a great idea. They teamed up with the Fellowship of Christian Students at Cossatot River Schools to reward those who brought their Bibles and also to give away Bibles to those who did not have one. VFBC purchased 550 complete Bibles for giveaway. Fifty-six of those were in Spanish. Aaron Anglin gave them away at the Vandervoort Elementary campus, John Wisinger gave them away at the Wickes Elementary campus, and Steve Ellison at the High School campus. Students who brought their Bibles to school with them that day received a pen and a candy bar. Students who did not own a Bible received a free Bible, a bookmark, and a pen. Praise the Lord for His work there. All 56 of the Spanish Bibles were given away and 463 of the 494 English Bibles were given away. Putting the Word of God in the hands of these families will have an impact that we will likely not know this side of heaven. I thank God for Vandervoort FBC and Pastor Aaron Anglin for taking the lead in this incredibly worthwhile project. Aaron says they hope to expand on this project for next year. Please let him know if you would like to be part of it.

We are gearing up for the Discipleship Development Team’s challenge to **memorize Luke 2:1-20 before Christmas**. We are encouraging children, youth, and adults to hide God’s Word in their hearts. Our plan is to reward participants by making a donation to One Life Matters Cambodian Water Project. One Life Matters is an SBC entity affiliated with the International Mission Board. This project provides clean drinking water and the gospel for remote villages in Cambodia that would otherwise have none. This will be a great opportunity!

We praise God along with Micah Martin and Marilyn Culp (DeQueen FBC) who just returned from a medical mission trip in Honduras in which 400 people were served and 125 professed faith in Christ. Praise God for His work!

Thank you for allowing me to serve the OBA and beyond..... *Steve Ellison*

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### 2017 Association Events

Tuesdays	OTTI, Genesis Pt. 1 ( <i>Salem BC</i> ) (6:15pm)
Thursdays	OTTI, Old Testament Survey Pt. 1 ( <i>JEHCC</i> ) (2:00pm)
Thursdays	Men’s Ministry Lunch & Bible Study ( <i>FBC Cove</i> ) (noon)
Thursdays	5:00pm, Ninth Street Meals ( <i>FBC Mena &amp; other OBA churches</i> )
Thursdays	OTTI, Genesis Pt. 1 ( <i>DeQueen FBC</i> ) (6:00pm)
October 17	BCM lunch 11:00—12:45, OBA Office ( <i>Vandervoort BC</i> )
October 21	Vandervoort BC Fall Festival
October 24	BCM lunch 11:00—12:45, OBA Office ( <i>Cove FBC</i> )
October 28	Calvary BC Fall Festival
October 28	Wickes FBC Fall Festival
October 29	Grannis FBC ~ 125 <sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration
October 31	BCM lunch 11:00—12:45, OBA Office ( <i>Yocana BC</i> )
November 4	The Sweet Exchange (OBA Women’s Ministry) ( <i>Salem BC</i> )
November 6	Pre-ABSC Annual Meeting Conferences
November 7,8	ABSC Annual Meeting
November 7	BCM lunch 11:00—12:45, OBA Office ( <i>Calvary BC</i> )