

"THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE BIBLE"

INTRO: A reading of the history of America will reveal that our nation was founded on Biblical principles. A study of the United States Constitution will reveal the many biblical principles that are incorporated in that document that laid the foundation for God's blessing on the growth of America. Unfortunately, in recent years, going back to 1962 and 1963 when the Bible was effectively banned from the public schools in America, our nation, and many of the people of our nation have deserted the reading, the studying, the promoting and living according to the Word of God. **BUT THERE IS A GROWING MOVEMENT TO BRING THE WORD OF GOD BACK INTO THE PUBLIC SQUARE BY DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 12TH AS THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE BIBLE.** The official announcement of this will take place this coming Friday, September 12th, in Congress Hall in Philadelphia, of which I have been asked to be involved. **IN ADVANCE OF THIS COMING FRIDAY, A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS AND MINISTRIES, INCLUDING WOTM, HAVE ASKED THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND PRESIDENT TRUMP TO DESIGNATE SEPTEMBER 12TH AS THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE BIBLE. (READ THE LETTER THAT WAS SENT OUT). OUR OWN CONGRESSMAN, DR. JOHN JOYCE IS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE BILL AND PRESENTED THIS PUBLICLY AS A JOINT RESOLUTION LAST TUESDAY IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.... (PLAY HIS STATEMENT).**

QUESTION: WHY SEPTEMBER 12TH?

ANSWER: Because in 1781 and 1782 Robert Aitken campaigned to get Congress to approve the printing of the Bible and recommend Americans to read it. This was approved by Congress on September 12, 1782. The Aitken Bible is called **THE FIRST AMERICAN BIBLE** for the following reasons:

- 1) It is the only Bible approved by Congress.
- 2) It is the only Bible recommended to Americans by Congress.
- 3) It is the first King James Bible printed in America.
- 4) It is the first English Bible made for reading in the public schools.
- 5) It was printed only six years after the Declaration of Independence.
- 6) It was printed five years before the Constitution of the United States, at the very foundation of our nation that influenced the biblical values upon which America was established.

Robert Aitken, who produced the Bible was from PA. To honor his endeavor, back on May 7th, **THE AITKEN BIBLE** was distributed to all 253 members of the PA STATE LEGISLATURE, which FBC helped to finance. The effort to establish September 12th as **THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE BIBLE**, stemmed from this action. **CURRENTLY THERE IS AN ENDEAVOR TO GET THE AITKEN BIBLE INTO THE HANDS OF ALL 33 OF THE HISTORY TEACHERS IN THE ALTOONA SCHOOL DISTRICT AT THE COST OF \$100 EACH TOTALLYING \$3300. PLEASE PRAY FOR THIS ENDEAVOR. PRAY ALSO THAT SEPTEMBER 12TH WILL BE ADOPTED AS THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE BIBLE IN OUR NATION.**

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BRING THE BIBLE INTO THE PUBLIC SQUARE?

THE ANSWER: BECAUSE OF WHAT THE BIBLE IS.

- 1) The Bible is God's Inspired Word – 2 Timothy 3:16
- 2) The Bible is the Foundation of Truth – John 17:17
- 3) The Bible is Highly Magnified by God Himself – Psalm 138:2
- 4) The Bible will Accomplish God's purposes when presented – Isaiah 55:11
- 5) The Bible brings Faith and Salvation to those who read it – Romans 10:17
- 6) The Bible brings Spiritual Maturity to those who desire it – 1 Peter 2:2
- 7) The Bible works Effectively in those who believe -t 1 Thessalonians 2:13

APPLICATION AND LESSONS:

- 1) Make the Bible a significant part of your life by reading, studying, and applying it daily.
- 2) Share the Bible with your family and others as you have the opportunity to do so.
(Bibles to Altoona – Bible distribution to Penn State Altoona this Friday)
- 3) Financially support the distribution of the Bible when you can.
- 4) Pray for the establishment and the effect of the NATIONAL DAY OF THE BIBLE.