



Biblical Studies Released Time

Bethel Presbyterian Church has been one of the primary supporting churches of Biblical Studies Released Time (BSRT) since the program's inception in 1998 through the Clover School District. Bethel's support not only includes financial support but manpower and a safe classroom as well.

The idea of releasing public school students, with parental permission, for religious study off school premises, began in Cary, Indiana in 1914. The Supreme Court heard a case involving BSRT in 1952 and found the program legal.

Presently, about 750 students in third through fifth grade are participating in BSRT. Students from all seven Clover elementary schools attend BSRT classes during one of their activity periods. We will also be establishing the program in the new elementary school currently under construction.

BSRT is a community mission. Less than half of the students participating in BSRT attend church regularly, leaving many of the students rarely or never attending church.

For many of the students, BSRT is the only "church" they know. BSRT may be the only

chance many of these students will have to learn God's word and His plan of salvation through Jesus Christ. In BSRT they can pray, memorize Scripture, and sing songs of praise to God.

The students in the BSRT program are taught God's Word from the Bible in a non-denominational manner. The lessons from the Old and New Testaments are taught from the scripture, which is God's infallible and Holy Word.

Many local churches include BSRT in their budget as a community mission project. Also, many individuals give faithfully to BSRT. The annual BSRT Pancake Supper has become quite a popular event occurring in the winter each year. These funds are used to pay the teachers a minimal salary, and to provide insurance to cover the students and the BSRT Board. Each school has a small bus that must be fueled, maintained and insured. BSRT hires an accountant to maintain accurate records of all funds.

For more information, please see our website at www.bsrtclover.com.

Joe Le Moyne

this week	events		volunteer schedule
Sunday's sermon:	Installation Service 9/7 at 4:00 pm	GriefShare 9/9 at 6:30 pm	<u>Infant Nursery</u> Marissa Robinson & Nathalee Cuffman
<i>Our Gracious Salvation</i>	Men of the Covenant 9/8 @ 6:30 pm	Mentors & Moms 9/11 at 9:30 am	<u>Toddler Nursery</u> Staci & Brett Brackett
1 Peter 1:10-12	Circle #3 9/8 at 7:00 pm	Good Samaritans 9/11 at 5:00 pm	<u>Worship Training</u> Grace Benes & Ilse Wallace