



As summer is fully upon us, it's worth several "looks" at the Tennessee State Minister's ministry.

LOOKING BACK

Of all the things I've done as a Legislative chaplain and Minister at large, the participation in presenting **beautiful Study Bibles** was one of the most gratifying and perhaps advancing in terms of ministry impact, both now and for the future.

If you read last month's report, you saw the Bible that was presented to Governor Lee. Here are a few of the Legislators who received a Bible.







Every Member of the Tennessee Legislature was personally presented a personalized copy with the State seal embossed below their name. Some commented that this was so beautiful and significant that it will be both a commemoration of their time in office, and a keepsake inheritance for their family of what mattered most to them in public service!

One of the most unusual presentation I made was to a

Representative in his recovery center after he had a liver replacement surgery during Session. Representative Raper has become a dear friend, and his testimony of God's grace, mercy, and healing through an otherwise traumatic time of failing health has impacted many.



LOOKING AROUND

What are we doing now? We are continuing to minister to the staff at the Legislature while the General Assembly is in recess until January. As you can see, there is quite significant interest in getting together



and learning from Scripture, and we have people from all faith backgrounds and party affiliations. It

often makes me think that this echoes with whom eternity will be populated. Last summer and fall we tested out what it might do to participation if we offered a light lunch during our study time.

It was a grand success so we are doing so again this year. If you would like to impact the staff that often do the most strategic work and have more influence on legislators, and in some ways the legislation we all care about, then this is your best way to make a difference. **I need to raise an additional \$2000, and without hesitation, I'd like to ask you to consider being part of that effort.**

Would you consider any size gift to help us do that? Just [click here](#) to make a donation to reach staff with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

LOOKING AHEAD

In July, I will be headed to Indianapolis to attend the **ALEC conference** on behalf of Capitol Commission. This is a conference for Legislators from across the country, and we want to inform them of our ministry back in their home state, or to inspire them to seek or establish a State Minister if they don't have one yet. Obviously, we are prepared to share the Good News with any legislators who may come and do not yet have a personal relationship with Christ.

I also am already working on the details for my *fall annual **Bike Ride for Tennessee***. We will reprise the Capitol Focus theme this year and attempt to ride the circumference of Nashville over the course of the week, finding different routes and counties to connect with.

I have had several people who have asked to ride along at some point on the trip for a day or more, and I hope to extend the opportunity to have them raise sponsorships that benefit Capitol Commission-Tennessee. This is also an awareness ride, to bring attention to the work that I do in the Legislature and across the State. Please pray about this for me and for the planning and preparation that is needed.

In the middle of all this, I continue to send out texts and emails and make phone calls and personal visits with Legislators as they are back at home in their districts. Pray that these on-going encouragement and discipleship connections will bear fruit to the glory and praise of God! You should also be aware that this includes former Legislators who are no longer in Nashville and often find the transition back to their "real world" difficult and isolating.

Thank you for your interest and care for the work of Christ in the political arena! There has never before been more need for the transformative power of the Gospel in the halls of government leadership than there is right now. And there is the challenge of funding in an economy that is riding strange waves of fluctuation which affects us all. **Your sacrificial investment right now would make a huge difference!**

God bless you this summer!



A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Bill Geisel". The script is fluid and cursive.

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