

## About Our Founder and Teacher

No one would be more surprised than John Vernon McGee at the worldwide response to his country preaching, with simple ways and endearing mannerisms. We honor Dr. McGee's courage to answer God's call, but we give God the glory for the generations of lives changed through the preaching of His Word.


Dr. McGee was born in Hillsboro, Texas, in 1904. After pastorates in Georgia, Tennessee, and Texas, Dr. McGee and his wife, Ruth, settled in Pasadena, California. In 1941 Dr. McGee was persuaded to begin a Sunday radio broadcast called "The Open Bible Hour" on just one station. It later became "High Noon Bible Class," which laid the foundation for the 1967 launch of *Thru the Bible* as we know it today. Dr. McGee recorded the "Sunday Sermon" messages from the pulpit of the Church of the Open Door in Los Angeles, where he served as pastor from 1949 to 1970.

After cancer surgery in 1965, the doctors gave Dr. McGee six months to live. The Lord gave him 23 more years. After retiring, Dr. McGee devoted his life to *Thru the Bible*. On any given day, you'd find Dr. McGee at the Pasadena office with an open Bible on his desk in front of a microphone.

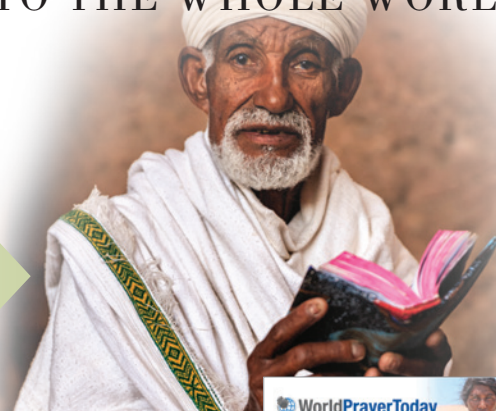
Dr. McGee and the Board of Directors planned in advance that the recorded 5-year program would stay on the air after Dr. McGee's death. "Just play the tapes until the money runs out," was Dr. McGee's directive. On December 1, 1988, Dr. McGee fell asleep in his chair and quietly passed into the presence of his Savior.

Today, the worldwide work of *Thru the Bible* continues through a small staff and the prayers and faithful giving of wonderful listeners—committed to keeping the Bible Bus traveling through the whole Word of God until Jesus comes.

After more than 50 years, our mission remains simple and the same one that Dr. McGee himself embraced: **TAKE THE WHOLE WORD TO THE WHOLE WORLD.**

 We have the privilege of partnering together with listeners like you, using a growing list of delivery systems, to produce and distribute *Thru the Bible* in over 120 languages, heard almost everywhere on earth.

If you know someone whose heart language is other than English, tell them about [TTBinmylanguage.com](http://TTBinmylanguage.com) to listen to God's Word taught as they likely have never heard it before.



## Here is your chance to be part of SOMETHING AMAZING...

Have you ever thought, "something is missing in my relationship with God..."? You might be current on your Bible reading and church attendance but still lack a deeper sense of purpose and significance in your walk with the Lord.

What's the answer?

At *Thru the Bible*, we believe that **only when we align our lives with God's purposes** and live committed lives following Jesus Christ will we be **satisfied knowing that we are investing in eternity.**

And that is why we love our World Prayer Team who pray daily for people in every country of the world who write to us at *Thru the Bible*. We pray for people like Leyla, a new believer in Iran who listens to the Persian broadcast of *Thru the Bible*.

*Leyla from Iran writes: "I'm one of your regular listeners. In December 2015, I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. But sadly, when my husband found out about my faith, he left the house and has married another woman. Without his financial support, it is very hard for me and my daughters to survive. I choose to trust in the Lord, but we really need your prayers."*

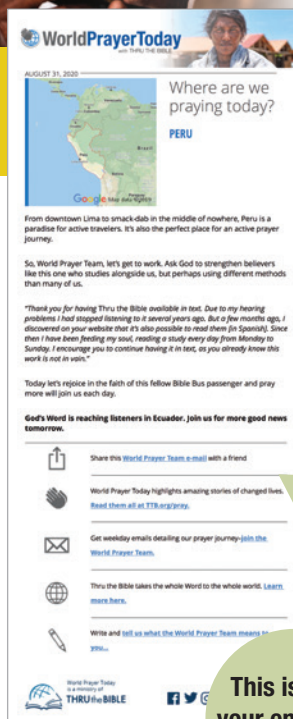
## More about the World Prayer Team

Every weekday our World Prayer Team travels the world on our knees—praying our way through cities, countries, and continents. When you sign up at [TTB.org/pray](http://TTB.org/pray), you'll receive a brief and engaging email every weekday to direct your prayer for a specific country. Our mission as a team is simply to pray—and praise the Lord when our requests are answered.

One of the most powerful and meaningful ways we can help Leyla and others like her is to pray for them—fervently, intentionally, and consistently. And we receive hundreds of letters like Leyla's from new and isolated believers all over the world.

If you would like God to use you in caring for brothers and sisters worldwide, **join us on the World Prayer Team.** You'll receive a short email prompt to pray every week day. That's it. But be prepared to travel on your knees to every country in the world, as we together take the whole Word to the whole world in over 120 global languages.

**Ask God to fill that deeper need for purpose and significance with your faithful prayers for people worldwide.** Thousands on the World Prayer Team already testify to His grace at work in their hearts as they pray for others in need. Here's your chance to be part of something amazing that only eternity will boast.



This is what your email will look like!



You can trust *Thru the Bible* never to send you any mail or email that you've not requested—no fundraising letters, no sales pitches, etc. **Really.**

The monthly newsletter, the daily broadcast, and the many resources available on [TTB.org](http://TTB.org) are all designed to accomplish one thing: To help you walk closer with the Lord and invite you into partnership with us in taking the whole Word to the whole world.



# Welcome to Thru the Bible

## Welcome to *Thru the Bible*—we're so glad you've joined us on the Bible Bus!

It's our hope that you discover wonderful treasures on our journey through the Bible with our teacher and founder, Dr. J. Vernon McGee. We're on this journey together with you—along with so many others from around the world (see their pictures throughout this piece and online at [TTB.org](http://TTB.org))—sharing along the way what we're discovering about our relationship with God in this journey through life.

As we celebrate over 50 years in ministry, our purpose and priorities closely follow what Dr. McGee first directed: To help you and others like you around the world grow closer to God through the systematic study of His Word on our five-year journey through the Bible. We believe God has sustained this ministry for this purpose, summarized by Dr. McGee's theme: We "take the whole Word to the whole world."

**"Take the whole Word"** We believe that God's Word is His letter to you and me. It tells us how to have eternal life, how to know God, and how to live in this world. It gives us marching orders, comfort, and wisdom. God's Word in our hearts helps to transform our thinking, our priorities, our actions . . . our lives.


**"To the whole world"** Our mission together is to cover the globe with God's Word. We ask God to give us the creativity, the financial provision, and the connections to broadcast in every language possible and by means of every communication method available to us.



We pray you will be blessed and prompted to grow in your relationship with the Lord in our Bible Bus journey together. As Dr. McGee would say, "May God bless you, my beloved."



Grateful for you,





Gregg Harris  
President, *Thru the Bible*

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"God has given to us the Spirit that we might

know the things that are freely given to us of God. He alone is our Teacher; He alone can take the Word of God and make it real and living to us.... If you ever learn anything through my Bible study program, it will not be because this poor preacher is the teacher, it will be because the Spirit of God is opening up the Word of God to you."

—Dr. J. Vernon McGee

If you've recently joined our mailing list, you can now look forward to receiving each month a newsletter, a daily program schedule, and more.

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## The Thru the Bible Story

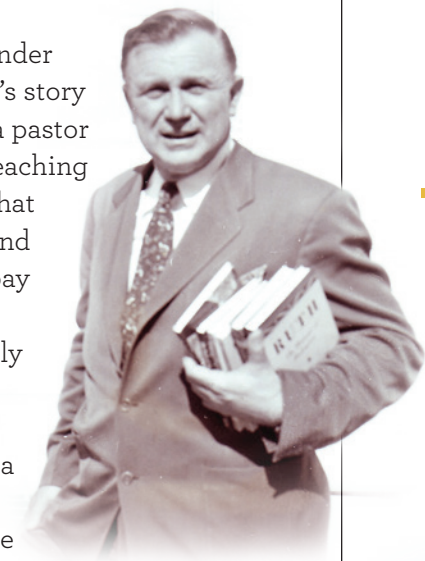
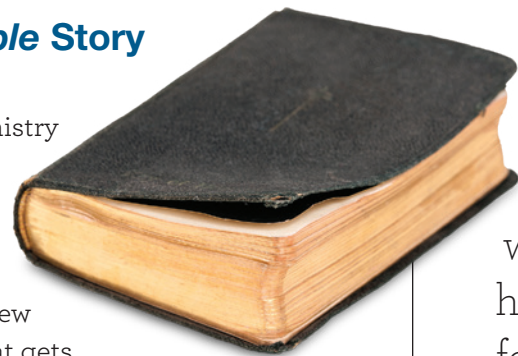
At the center of the ministry of *Thru the Bible* is a love story: God's own love story for mankind told through the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments—a story that gets better every time we hear it because every word is true.

*Thru the Bible* teaches God's Word on a wide variety of media outlets every day—inviting people to listen and respond to God's offer of salvation and a life of walking with Him.

Dr. J. Vernon McGee, our founder and teacher, loved to tell God's story more than anything else. As a pastor and Bible teacher he began teaching on the radio in 1941, hoping that his local San Gabriel Valley and the Los Angeles area would pay attention and respond to the wonders of God's Word, simply taught. And to Dr. McGee's surprise, people listened. Because not only is the Bible a good story—and Dr. McGee a good storyteller—but the Bible has always been one of the primary ways God draws us to Himself.

While teaching the book of Hebrews, Dr. McGee said, **"The only way you and I are going to stay close to Jesus is to stay close to His Word...** that's why we're spending time in the Word of God, and the reason I read letters from people on the air. They say 'for the first time I found out about the joy of the Lord.' The Christian life has been a yoke on them; all they knew was duty and discipline. But when you spend time studying the Bible, you can't help but be drawn to the person of Jesus. That's what you should listen for in the letters we read—listen for the joy of walking close to Jesus."

That's why we welcome so many longtime, repeat travelers on the "Bible Bus," as Dr. McGee called the five-year journey through the whole Word of God. And the good news is, there's always room for more on the Bible Bus. So hop on and invite your friends.



## Get the Most Out of Your Journey on the Bible Bus

What makes the Bible Bus unique is the systematic way we study the whole Bible over five years. You can hop on the Bus at any stop and ride for as long as you like. We begin in Genesis (Old Testament), then jump to the book of Matthew (New Testament), and then back to the Old Testament. Systematically and in order, we travel through all 66 books in five years.

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### More resources to help you are available at TTB.org:

- The daily schedule for our radio Bible study
- Free downloads of Dr. McGee's Notes & Outlines for each Bible book
- Radio station locators to find airings in your area
- Sign-up form to receive our monthly newsletter
- Online study guides for each book of the Bible
- Dozens of exclusive free e-booklets from Dr. McGee



## Do You Know God?

The most important question in life is "How can I know God?" If you're wondering that today, then we are so glad to share with you the only answer that will ever satisfy your heart. It's a wonderful, true answer found in the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus Himself was asked in John 14 how we can be with the Father. He said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."*

### How will the Bible Bus help you? If you "have ears to hear" the truth of God's Word (see Mark 4:23), you will:

1. Understand more clearly what God has said in His Word and what it means to you *Psalms 119:105*
2. Be able to give a defense of the gospel and what you believe about God *1 Peter 3:15*
3. Better discern truth from error *2 Timothy 2:15*
4. Be comforted, convicted of sin, strengthened with faith, and better equipped for a lifetime of walking with God *2 Timothy 3:16, 17*

#### Ride the Bible Bus with Us:



### How to get the most out of your study of the Bible:

Be intentional: Get your heart and head ready to engage in each day's study.

- Read that day's Scripture verses ahead of time.
- Ask God to give you insight and wisdom into His Word.
- Review Dr. McGee's Notes & Outlines for that book—download them for free at [TTB.org/notes](http://TTB.org/notes). We also have an abbreviated compilation, called *Briefing the Bible*, that we'd love to send as our gift to you. Request your copy at [TTB.org/briefing](http://TTB.org/briefing).
- Share with someone what you're learning and invite them to join you on the Bible Bus.
- Listen faithfully to *Thru the Bible* either on the radio or by another method that works best for you.



#### Study Online

- Listen at: [TTB.org](http://TTB.org), [TTBinMyLanguage.com](http://TTBinMyLanguage.com), [OnePlace.com](http://OnePlace.com), YouTube, TuneIn Radio, Roku, and more. Find all your options at [TTB.org/listen](http://TTB.org/listen).
- Download—for free!—the entire 5-year series from [TTB.org](http://TTB.org)
- Get the mobile app for your device or subscribe to the podcast

#### For Your Home Library

The entire 5-year studies through the Bible (1300 daily programs) can be purchased in a variety of formats:

- Bible Bus flash drive—also contains the full Notes & Outlines and over 100 e-booklets
- Bible Bus MP3 disc set—includes the full Notes & Outlines as the digital book, *Briefing the Bible*

Find these and more at [TTB.org/shop](http://TTB.org/shop) or by calling 1-800-65-BIBLE.

Our prayer is that you would indeed come to know God the Father, through His Son Jesus Christ. Your joy or your sorrow for this life and all eternity depends on your response to Jesus' invitation. Your destination one moment after you die also depends on your willingness to see your need for a Savior and to believe that need is answered in Jesus' promise of eternal life.



This is the most important decision of your life, and we want to help you. Find out more about God's wonderful offer of salvation through reading and listening to some messages by Dr. McGee by going to [www.TTB.org/salvation](http://www.TTB.org/salvation). Or if you'd rather we send you a packet of material, call us now at 1-800-65-BIBLE.

## The Five-Year Bible Bus Journey

The order of books studied and number of broadcasts in each series.

Guidelines	10	Colossians	11
Genesis	55	Isaiah	49
Matthew	38	1 Thessalonians	14
Exodus	36	2 Thessalonians	6
Mark	19	Jeremiah	20
Leviticus	30	Lamentations	2
Luke	29	1 Timothy	12
Numbers	19	2 Timothy	8
John	40	Ezekiel	25
Deuteronomy	20	Titus	5
Joshua	13	Philemon	1
Judges	11	Daniel	30
Ruth	7	Hebrews	43
Acts	35	Hosea	15
1 Samuel	15	James	16
2 Samuel	15	Joel	8
1 Kings	13	1 Peter	15
2 Kings	15	Amos	16
Romans	36	2 Peter	14
1 Chronicles	12	Obadiah	5
2 Chronicles	17	Jonah	11
1 Corinthians	24	1 John	25
Ezra	7	Micah	17
Nehemiah	12	2 John	5
2 Corinthians	20	3 John	4
Esther	10	Nahum	8
Job	23	Habakkuk	10
Galatians	20	Zephaniah	7
Psalms	54	Jude	12
Ephesians	28	Haggai	9
Proverbs	31	Zechariah	34
Philippians	18	Malachi	15
Ecclesiastes	12	Revelation	65
Song of Solomon	13		

Supplement what you're learning on the Bible Bus by joining us for Dr. McGee's Sunday Sermon and Questions & Answers programs every weekend. Find radio stations and more info at [TTB.org](http://TTB.org).