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Impact of Bible Ministry Highlighted At Gutenberg Award Ceremony



230 guests attend the October 7 Gutenberg Award Luncheon

The ministry of Chicago Bible Society was highlighted at the annual Gutenberg Award Luncheon. The event was held in the Cathedral Room of the University Club which seats 220 people, yet we somehow got 230

in the doors. This was the largest attendance at a Gutenberg Award event in the 70-year history of the awards.

Bible Provision

Scripture is at the heart of our ministry. This past year, the Bible Society provided 1,536 Bibles and 1,362 Scripture resources for a total value of \$9,575. We are the largest supplier of Bibles to the county jail, with nearly 800 given to jail ministry this year.

Family Connection + Care

Family Connection + Care touches

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Gutenberg Awards to Hoffman and Dillon



David Dillion (left) and Fr. Francis Hoffman (right) receive the 2025 awards

Francis Hoffman, President of Relevant Radio.

Father Hoffman is known as "Father Rocky" to the over 282 million listeners on 205 radio stations in the United States, reaching a Catholic audience with devotions, worship and topical discussions.

David Dillon, a son and grandson of missionaries, leads a successful technology firm, but his heart is never far from the mission field. He co-founded Together Chicago which is uniting the churches of Chicago to work on the root causes of city violence.

The Gutenberg Awards were held October 7 at the University Club of Chicago. This year we honored David Dillon, founder of Together Chicago and Rev.

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Guests arrive at Cathedral Hall. University Club of Chicago

the lives of the families of those incarcerated. Since the program started in the middle of 2023, we have reached out to 197 families, had 258 follow up visits, provided these families with 211 Bibles, helped 142 families find a church home, and made 355 referrals for assistance with food or other basic needs.

Project Philip at Cook County Jail

Project Philip is our Bible teaching and small group sharing program at Cook County Jail. Since the start in 2007, Project Philip has enrolled over



Family receives a box of emergency food

3,000 inmates, graduated 82% and seen first time faith commitments or re-commitments in the lives of 2,560 inmates. This

year Project Philip had 94 graduates out of 117 enrolled. This includes 40 women and 36 Spanish-speaking inmates.

Please watch the video—use the link below—to see the ministry at work inside the county jail and hear from the inmates and chaplains about the importance of both Project Philip and our partnership with the jail chaplains in supplying Bibles to the inmates.

The Gutenberg Video is now online

The 2025 video can be seen online at:

ChicagoBibleSociety.org/Gutenberg

From the Executive Director's Desk

A new challenge for Chicago Bible Society

With the expansion of our programs and the start up of Family Connection + Care last year, Chicago Bible Society has added program staff and increased our program budget. This has created a \$50,000 funding gap. The Gutenberg Award Luncheon helps bridge that halfway. We need your help to get all the way across. This year, please consider helping us with a year-end gift. Your help makes a real difference in the lives of some many.

As you know, we are a ministry that works with the whole Christian Community – Mainline Protestant, Catholic, Pentecostal, Evangelical and Orthodox. We provide a mixture of Protestant and Catholic Bibles to the jail, and in our Family Connection program, nearly half of the families have been connected to a local Catholic parish, with the rest attending a mix of evangelical, Pentecostal and mainline denominations.

I am proud of the hard work of our staff and volunteers who are making a real impact in the lives of inmates and their families. Please keep us in your prayers this Christmas season.



Chicago Bible Society At A Glance

Where we have been

1840 - Founded in Chicago.

1871 - Provided Bibles to the city after the Great Fire.

1876 - Chicago Bible Work with Dwight Moody

1892 - Chicago Bible House with Emma Dryer

1952 - Gutenberg Award established

What we are doing now

- Over 3,000 jail inmates enrolled in small group Bible study
- 197 Families of inmates in Family Connection + Care
- 43 churches & ministries in partnership to reach their community with the Bible
- 2,898 Scripture resources provided to jails, hospitals, schools and churches this year valued at \$9,575