

The annual OKE BIBLE READING PROGRAM was instituted at Nazarene Bible College in 1969. It is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Norman Oke who served Nazarene Bible College from 1967-1980 as Academic Dean, Registrar, and full-time Professor of Theology.

Dr. Oke participated in the first Bible Reading Award program sponsored by Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1946. Throughout his ministry career he maintained a vital interest in the effective public reading of the Word. His strong conviction that NBC graduates should be able to read the Bible well in public compelled him to initiate this event. His son, Arvin Oke, and daughter, Verla Lambert, continue their strong interest in and support of this event since the passing of their parents.

The participants in this program have completed the speech class, Oral Interpretation. Their purpose in this chapel experience is to interpret the Word "with the spirit and with the understanding."

Former students of the course have repeatedly testified to the significant impact it has had on them and their ministry. "The Word became alive! I see insights I have never seen before!" "I truly believe that God uses the Scripture readings I present each week to convict, to heal, to restore, to save, and to nurture this congregation." Their public speaking and proclamation of the Word is marked by greater confidence.

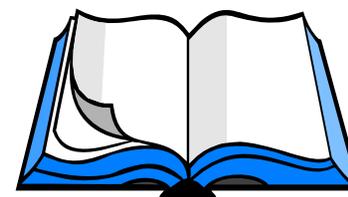
The course will be offered again on campus during the fall 2011 trimester.



Forty-Second Annual

OKE BIBLE READING

AWARD PROGRAM



January 26, 2011

Nazarene Bible College
Colorado Springs, CO

PROGRAM

Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness

You have spoken we rejoice;
Words of love and life and freedom
Help us make their truth our choice!
Now in holy celebration
For your Word we worship you;
Spoken, written, known in Jesus,
Ours today to prove anew.

May we hear with understanding,
By your Spirit taught and led;
May the springs of all our being
By your living Word be fed;
May our hearts accept with meekness
All the grace your light makes known;
May obedience mark our footsteps
Till we make each word our own!

You have spoken; yours the fullness,
Ours the wealth of this your Word:
Debtors, then as living letters,
We must make our gospel heard!
By your Spirit's power transform us;
Shed your saving light abroad
Till our lives by love in action
Show our world the truth of God!

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Welcome

Congregational Song (*verses 1, 2*)
"Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness"

DELIVERANCE IN TEMPTATION

A Compilation (NKJV)
Marlene Jones

ANTHEM OF PRAISE

Psalm 27 (KJV)
Jerome Cherry

FREEDOM IN CHRIST

Galatians 5 (LB)
Janine King

THE FALL OF JERICHO

Joshua 5:13 – 6:20 (NIV)
Greg Niver

"Biblical Truth" – A Scripture Animation

Congregational Song (*verse 3*)
"Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness"

Recognition of Participants

Benediction