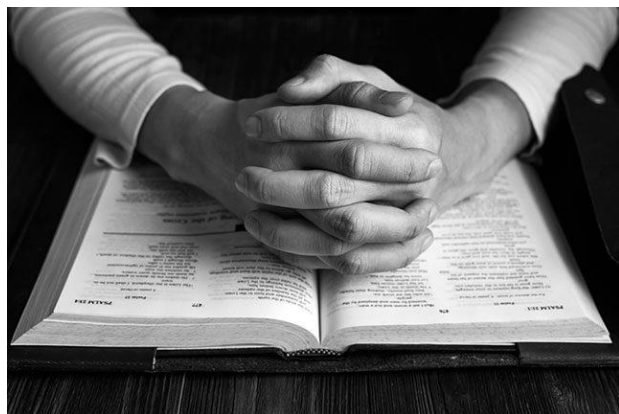


## FFWPU USA: Celebrating The United States of America National Bible Week

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*"America has a great tradition. All you have to do is revive it. I went to awaken America's spirit, to save America from destruction, to urge people to repent and return to God." - True Father, As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen (2009).*

During the week of Thanksgiving, from Nov. 20 to 26, Christians nationwide observe [National Bible Week](#). Established in 1941 by former U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, those of Christian faith will spend this week honoring the Holy Bible, as they recognize all non-believers and offer readings and guidance from the pages of scripture.

True Father, who was raised Christian and received a spiritual revelation from Jesus to carry on his work of salvation, established the Unification movement to unify all the world's people beyond barriers of religion, race, nationality, culture, and ideology.

"We ... hung out a sign that read "Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity," True Father wrote in his [autobiography](#). "We chose this name to signify that we belonged to no denomination, and we certainly had no plans to create a new one."

"'World Christianity' refers to all of Christianity worldwide and both past and present," he continued. "'Unification' reveals our purpose of oneness, and 'Holy Spirit' is used to denote harmony between the spiritual and physical worlds built on the love of the father-son relationship at the center. Our name is meant to say, 'The spiritual world, centering on God, is with us.'"

True Parents worked tirelessly to unite the Body of Christ, bringing together faith leaders across all denominations worldwide through a range of forums, seminars, conferences, and other programs. New avenues of reconciliation emerged over the years through different national and world tours - notably "The Future of Christianity" and "God's Hope for America" - as well as campaigns and various initiatives including the launch of the ACLC, and later, the WCLC, YCLC and KCLC.

"I spoke about how America was founded on the Puritan spirit and had grown to be the strongest country in the world in just 200 years because it received God's boundless love and blessing," True Father wrote. "I reminded the audiences that America's freedom comes from God but that today America had cast God aside."

Despite heavy persecution and numerous abuses over more than six decades, including unjust imprisonment multiple times, True Parents remained dedicated to bridging contrasting beliefs and worldviews while building peace among diverse people and between enemy nations. Most recently, a special "Conference of Hope" on Nov. 12 was organized by the Unification movement's affiliate organizations - part of an ongoing series of virtual programs addressing global peace and religious freedom while promoting reconciliation of the Korean Peninsula.

"It is my heartfelt and deep conviction that every human should have the most basic rights of religious liberty," said Pastor Paula White, a recurring featured speaker and senior pastor of City of Destiny megachurch in Florida. "One fundamental principle and truth is that our rights do not come from the government, they come from God."

As we honor our roots in Christianity and the Holy Bible, let's reawaken America to its founding spirit. "Christianity today must have a great awakening and come together as one," wrote True Father. "We must fulfill the important mission that God has given to America. The situation cannot continue as it is now. There needs to be a new reformation."

National Bible Week culminates with International Day of the Bible on November 27. You can learn more about the history of National Bible Week [here](#).

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## NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

**NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK – WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR 80TH NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21-28 TO HONOR GOD’S WORD. THIS WEEK IS ALSO DESIGNATED FOR ALL U.S. CATHOLIC’S TO CELEBRATE GOD’S WORD.**

**Join us and others around the world, as we celebrate the Bible and participate with us as we honor the scriptures through the International Day of the Bible on Sunday November 21st, 2021.**

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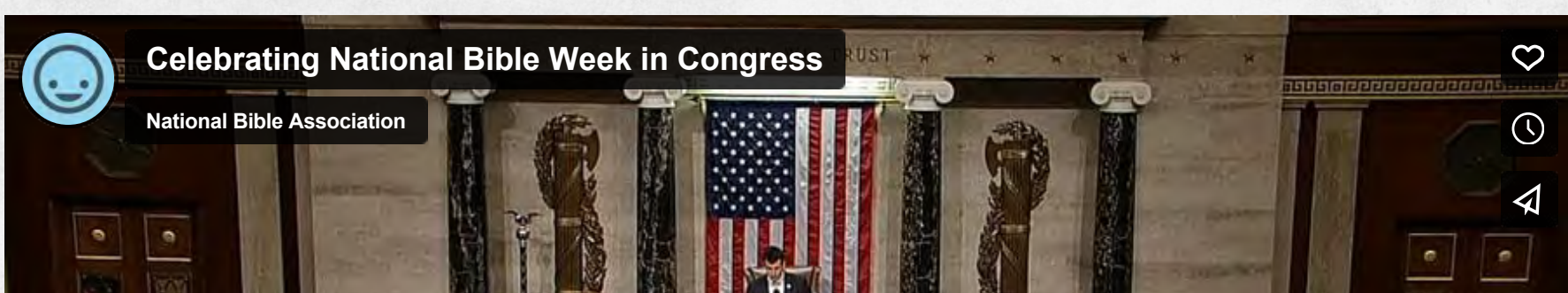
Since 1941, starting with President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, every US president has declared the week of Thanksgiving, National Bible Week. This, our 78th year, we again commemorate and honor God for giving us His Word.

On Sunday December 7th, 1941 the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) which was a leading national radio station at the time, invited the founders of the National Bible Association to open programming for the day which was Sunday. As they began their reading bulletins came in from Hawaii announcing the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Instead of just opening the day with one Bible reading NBC then asked the National Bible Association to continue reading the Bible all day between the bulletins about Pearl Harbor.

About the same time, the leaders of the National Bible Association were invited by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to come to the White House for the following day to present him with a Bible to inaugurate the first National Bible Week. When the attack on Pearl Harbor was announced the founders sent President Roosevelt a telegram telling him that they and the nation would be praying for him and that of course they would not attempt to come to the White House.

Radio stations across America piggybacked on NBC’s programming at this point as they were only one of the few broadcasters nationwide who at the time had same day international coverage. So that day, Americans heard the comforting words of the Bible as they contemplated the worst single day foreign attack on US soil in history.

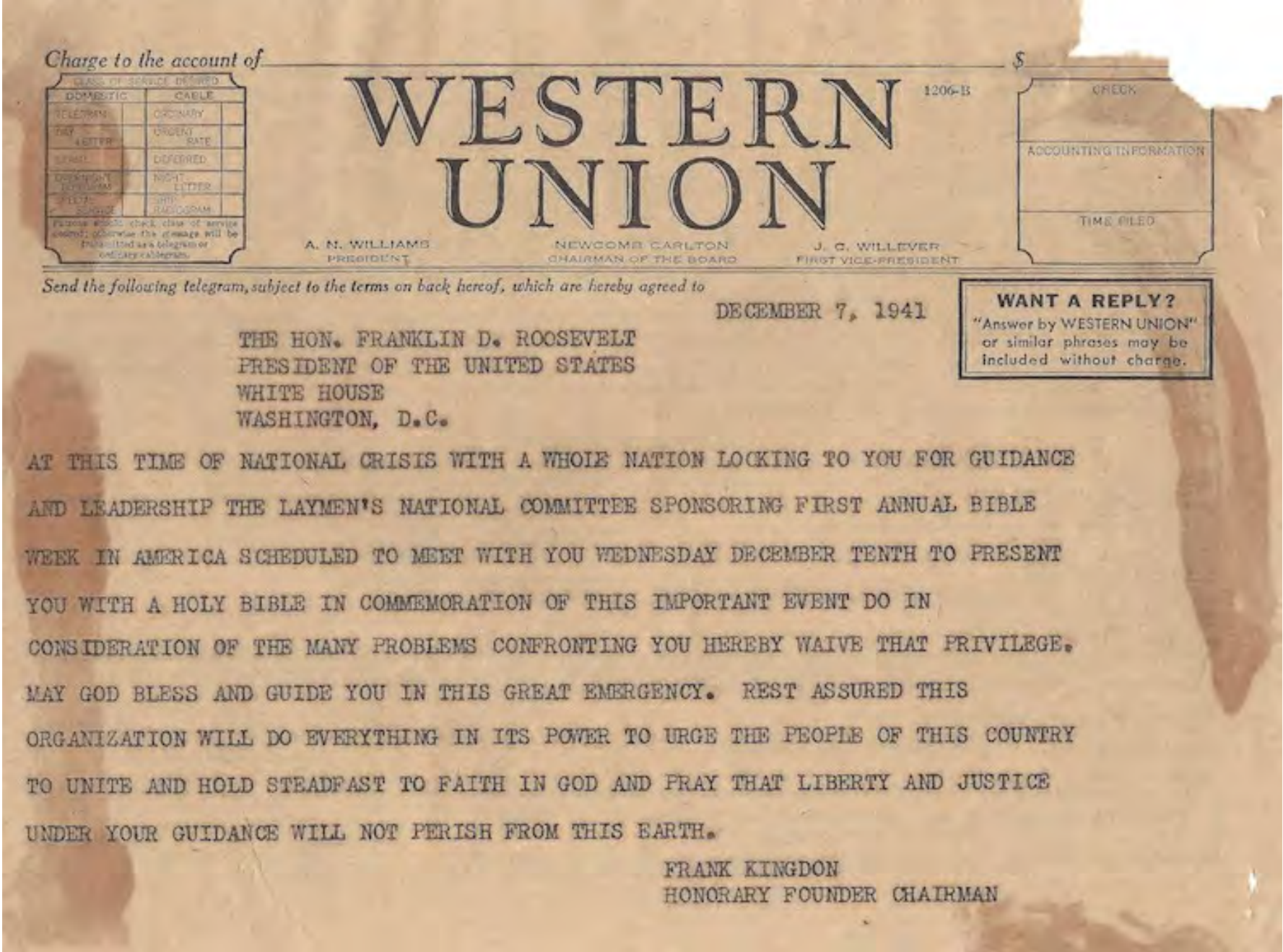
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Next: International Day of the Bible

**This is the telegram the new National Bible Association sent to President Franklin D. Roosevelt telling him that because of the attack on Pearl Harbor, they did not want to take up his time at the White House.**



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