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"Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you maybe innocent and pure as God's perfect children" - Philippians 2:14

STAYING SAFE OVER SONGKRAN

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As the holiday approaches, I'm sure you're all planning to go on holiday, travel with family, or go out playing in the streets. You must remember to enjoy yourself, but you must also remember to stay safe.

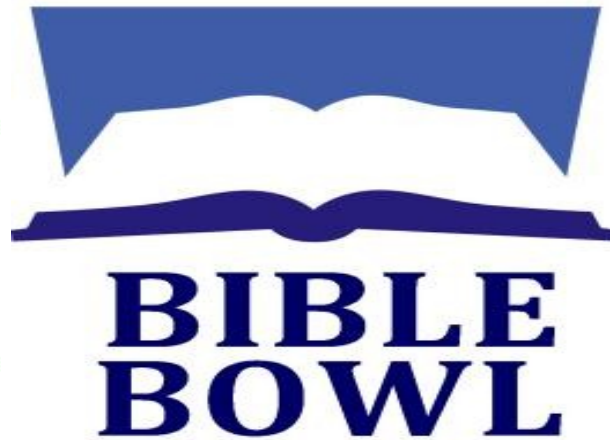
During the Songkran holiday, many people will be letting loose more than usual, and these people will have less control than usual. At this time, more than most times, it's important to remember to be aware of traffic and other people around you.

If you plan to go on holiday, make sure you have everything you need packed and you are well prepared for anything that could happen. Once you're at the airport, you won't be able to pack again. If you go to another country, you should also think about the different culture you will be entering into. Remember that things you think are OK in your culture, may not be OK in another's.

If you are travelling inside Thailand, remember that the roads of Thailand are some of the most dangerous roads in the world, and during this holiday, these roads will see more accidents than at most other times. This is because people will be celebrating, they will be tired from travelling, and there will also be water being thrown all over the place. Also remember that if you're heading out on a bicycle or a motorbike that there is a very high chance that you'll be getting wet. To avoid this, you should travel in areas that have no water-throwing, or be prepared to get soaked to the skin. There is no guarantee that people will allow you to pass un-soaked.

The final time you'll need to take care is when out with your water-gun in hand on the streets. If you plan to venture out and partake in the nationwide water-fight, you'll need to remember that everyone is out to have fun and that sometimes, you and others may not share the same ideas of what is fun, so by all means try and enjoy yourself, but at all times, be aware of others and do your best to be forgiving when hit in the face by a massive jet of water. A way to make your water-fight a positive experience for you and others would be to not fill your gun with freezing cold water like many do, and try not to shoot people in the eyes or ears. The water that's used is not always clean, so infections are very easy to catch at this time.

Songkran is a time of cleaning away the old negativity, so let your Songkran be the best it can possibly be. Don't forget your family during this time, and don't forget that you have a refuge in God should your Songkran not be the best time, and if you have the best time ever, don't forget to give thanks also.



On the 10th of April, the Bible Bowl took place at RAIS main auditorium. The entire high school students were involved in preparation for this event. Each class and section has their representatives and all did well during the contest. Students were all given enough time to prepare prior to the day of event. Palida Boonpraseart (Time) said that reading all the general information and getting ready was very challenging. Pongsakorn Poovantana (Balloon) said that team work was important during the preparation and main event because with just one person, it was impossible to know and remember all the information in their lessons. Akarachai Sunthadkijkarn (O) said that from this experience, he acquired knowledge and received lots of general information about the Bible and the world's origins through Christianity.

May this experience serve the purpose of not just knowing the information in their Bible lessons but to know the source of all knowledge and build a closer relationship with our creator.

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