

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY REMINDER

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NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Volunteer Needed!
Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!
6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Volunteer Needed!
Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!
Wed. Evening Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White
Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of October 6, 2019

Sunday School ----- 9
Sunday Morning Service ----- 18
Sunday Evening Service ----- 9
Wed. Evening Service, 10/09/19 ----- 11

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of October 6, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,678.00
Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 70.00
Total Received for Week of 10/06/19: \$ 1,748.00

- Week of September 29, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 305.02
Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 11.00
Total Received for Week of 09/29/19: \$ 316.02

- Week of September 22, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,425.03
Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 40.00
Total Received for Week of 09/22/19: \$ 1,465.03

- Week of September 15, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 782.50
Love Offering, Evangelist Rodney Woodcock ----- \$ 797.00
Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 15.00
Total Received for Week of 09/15/19: \$ 1,594.50

- Week of September 8, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,143.50
Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 40.00
Total Received for Week of 09/08/19: \$ 1,183.50

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed to operate the church EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00



AUDITORIUM AIR CONDITIONER REPAIR FUND

Total Repair Cost, unit repaired 05/17/19 ----- \$ 4,800.00
Amount received thusfar ----- \$ 1,143.38
TOTAL AMOUNT STILL NEEDED TO PAY OFF: \$ 3,656.62

Thank You For Your Generous Help With This Need!

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. **Admit that you are a sinner.**
2. **Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.**
3. **Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.**
4. **You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).**
5. **By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.**



Please Remember To Be Faithful To Give!

As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go **up**. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start **today** - **OK?** Thank you.

Church Directory

Todd W. White ----- Pastor
Mickie Shatwell ----- Pianist
Lois Mae Floyd ----- Pianist/ Organist
Don Diehl ----- Greeter
Larry Byars ----- S.S. Teacher
Larry & Mary Byars, Don Diehl, Susan Strain ----- Outreach
Bertha Segebart ----- Custodian
Flowers ----- Shirley White



THE BIBLE VERSION CONTROVERSY: A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE WAR OVER GOD'S ETERNAL WRITTEN WORD

by Ed Lane

"The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever" (Psalm 12:6-7).

"A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump" (Galatians 5:9).

"And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (Luke 4:4). (check your new version Bible to see what is curiously deleted from this verse)

"Yea, hath God said...?" (Genesis 3:1b) - Satan speaking to Eve, and the textual critics to the world. The most destructive lie ever told...lives on

I used to dismiss the King James Version of the English Bible entirely. I thought of it as a ridiculous and outdated translation—an anachronism at best. I viewed it as a shabby antique – one that belonged under a half-inch of dust in my grandmother's attic...but then I studied the history of current English Bible translations in great detail, and realized that **ALL** of the new versions use corrupt and purposely adulterated Greek manuscripts, which water down the eternal word of the living **God...every last one of them**. That Greek your pastor often refers to in church? It flows from corrupt Greek manuscripts first edited by the gnostic, self-castrating "scholar" Origen (and a student of his work, Eusebius), who believed in purgatory, universalism, that all human souls have existed from eternity past, that satan (and demons) would eventually be redeemed, and that Jesus did not actually return to earth in the flesh after his resurrection.

The manuscripts Origen compiled and edited in Alexandria, Egypt in the 200s, form the two primary Greek New Testament manuscripts (*Codex Vaticanus, and Codex Sinaiticus*) used by Westcott & Hort, Nestles & Aland and the United Bible Society to make **ALL** of the modern English Bible versions. These manuscripts were more or less hidden from view from the late 300s until the 1400s (1800s in the case of Sinaiticus, when it was found in a trash bin at the St. Catherine's monastery in Egypt where it was allegedly about to be burned)...hardly making them the Word of the Lord preserved from generation to generation per Psalm 12 (see above). The fact that these two foundational manuscripts conflict with each other **in over 3,000 places** in the gospels alone, and are missing entire books of the Bible, does not help their credibility.

(Sinaiticus, aka Aleph, has 23,000 edit marks; has at least 10 different scribes over many centuries making those 23,000 correction marks; is missing the first 46 chapters of Genesis, the pastoral epistles and Revelation, but contains the gnostic Epistle of Barnabas along with the bizarre Shepherd of Hermès - yet it is THE "ancient manuscript," that lit the fuse of the pseudo-science know as textual criticism.*)

In the 1800's, Westcott & Hort, two Anglican clergy men and open occultists, whose own letters expose their veneration of Darwin and the Catholic Church, their love of seances and their total disregard for Eden, heaven, the flood and the redemptive work of Jesus on the cross, made **their own** Greek New Testament manuscript (the so-called "critical Greek" text). This new Greek manuscript cleverly deleted out, added in or simply rephrased whatever scriptures they thought they could get away with without causing a furor...verses and passages that lined up with their "enlightened" thinking and, not surprisingly to anyone who has studied the Bible version issue, their changes almost always lined up with catholic doctrine (Acts 8:37, 1 Cor. 1:18, 2 Tim 2:15, Jm 5:16, etc.)

Westcott & Hort did expect some push back on their changes even back then...but they heard hardly a peep (Dean John Burgon's *(continued inside)*)

vigorous dissent was an exception). Leading men loved these brilliant, iconoclastic lies shrouded in the dense and deceiving fog of “scholarship.” ***Did we really not have a true Greek New Testament until the late 1800s??*** That is **exactly** what the textual critics/new version advocates are saying.

It is important to note that all of this information regarding Westcott & Hort’s core beliefs is gleaned exclusively from their personal correspondence, published by their children after their deaths. That is the only way we know these key facts about their non-literal view of the Bible, their reverence for Darwin, Rome and the occult, and their motives for changing the scriptures...***and we are all reading and teaching from their Bibles.***

The first English translation to flow from Westcott & Hort’s so-called “critical Greek text” was the 1881 Revised Version. Subsequently, their Greek manuscript (with additional changes made by the Nestles and Åland committee and the UBS, also using Siniaticus and Vaticanus) was used as the foundation for **EVERY** single new version. It is *deeply* corrupt, and if one examines charts with the actual departures from the Textus Receptus Greek (TR), which was used by the KJV, I can assure you that he or she will see through this brilliant plan to weaken God’s unchanging Word, and turn eternal concepts into temporal ones (the famed Jeremiah 29:11 is but one example of a spiritual promise turned into a temporal one in the NIV). I, personally, was both shocked and disgusted by the numerous substantive changes to my Bible, yet... I do concede that the modern versions are a bit easier to read and understand due to more familiar language. The new version translators (and satan) knew all too well that this generation would take ease of reading and the lofty and pretentious claims of scholarship over the sharp two-edged sword of truth. I did for over 25 years.

The KJV detractors, and there are many, attempt to denigrate the 54 scholars (or 47, since 7 died during the translation process) who jointly worked on the KJV, with their subjective and pseudo-intellectual textual criticism. The translators were all considered brilliant scholars, and were chosen by the King due to sterling, easily verifiable academic backgrounds (I have seen many of their CV’s)...men such as Lancelot Andrews, George Abbot, John Aglionby, and the head of the OT committee, Dr. John Bois, who was reading and writing in Hebrew at age 6. These men worked in 6 separate groups (two at Oxford, two at Cambridge and two at Westminster), each of which translated the entire New Testament independently, after which time the groups came together, using fourteen translation principles, to determine the final reading. Furthermore, each portion of New Testament scripture had been independently translated between 14 and 17 times by the committee, ensuring accuracy and thoroughness.

All of the criticism of the KJV on intellectual grounds is pseudo-academic nonsense. The KJV is hated because it stands as the preserved Word of God, starting in Antioch and then spreading all over the world, only to be gathered together by the brilliant Pope-defying, Catholic scholar (the Reformation has not happened yet) Erasmus in the 1500s. Luther, Tyndall, Coverdale, the Geneva Bible translators, the Great Bible translators, the ancient Wessex Gospels translators, and many more used the same Greek manuscript

family as Erasmus (known as the Textus Receptus, Byzantine Text, Majority Text or Traditional Text), and since satan couldn’t burn all of the copies...he decided to change the Bible from the inside, using proud men, far too “enlightened” to believe many of the “superstitions” of God’s word. Noted occultist/ theosophist Helena Blavatsky (a favorite of Adolph Hitler, and publisher of the periodical “Lucifer”) and her disciple Alice Bailey, have openly discussed satan’s ultimate plan to infiltrate the church from the inside...and the Bible was a perfect place to start.

I understand that the language of the KJV is old fashioned at times, and most seminarians and Bible college graduates will have a dismissive attitude towards it. Why? Because the vast majority of seminaries and Bible schools are part of the ecumenical, watered-down gospel machine. Yes...satan, the father of pride, works everywhere – ***but especially in academia.*** Men love to know better than other men because they went to this school or that school and studied under this professor or that one. Satan was and is counting on the pride of men to weaken God’s word by imparting to them limited, but “scholarly” knowledge, in order to proliferate his altered Greek manuscripts and thus, his modern Bible versions. The apostle Paul specifically noted that he was well aware of satan’s **c l e v e r s c h e m e s t o d e c e i v e m e n** (II Corinthians 2:11), and he warned the church specifically about those who were already corrupting the Word of God (II Corinthians 2:17).

As for the new versions having older manuscripts...that is technically true in a general sense, because the Alexandrian manuscripts were written on higher quality papyri/vellum at their well-funded gnostic schools, and because they weren’t frequently handled for over a thousand years...since almost no one took them seriously outside of Vatican City until the 1800s. The early Antiochan manuscripts (Textus Receptus/TR) were true to the teachings of Jesus Christ and the apostles, yet were on lower quality papyri, because the early church wasn’t wealthy – and they were sent all over the world by foot and by ship, which exposed them to the elements. They were also worn down due to constant usage and thus, were recopied time and time again...unlike the gnostic manuscripts, which were hardly used at all. Despite those facts, the earliest surviving Bible today is an Antiochan (TR) Syrian translation, called the Syrian Peshitta, circa 145 AD... which necessitates multiple earlier TR Greek manuscripts (since the concept of a bound manuscript codex had not yet been created). The famed TR “Itala” Bible (a Latin TR translation) also dates to the 160s AD. There are also approximately 10,000 old Latin Majority text Bibles in existence, which date from 157AD- to circa 400AD. So...even the “oldest biblical text/manuscript” argument, often used to support the corrupt Alexandrian Greek texts, fails...and does so with extreme prejudice.

Kurt Aland, co-author of several late editions of the Nestles & Aland Greek New Testament text, and a vigorous KJV detractor, admits that early copies of Textus Receptus (TR) manuscripts are almost non-existent (again, the very early Syrian Peshitta, Old Latin, and Itala Bible versions *did* survive) because they were intentionally destroyed by Rome during the brutal Diocletian persecution (303-311 AD), along with unfavorable weather conditions in Asia

Minor and Greece. However, once the Roman persecution of the church ended circa 311 AD, there was, naturally, an explosion of new Textus Receptus manuscript copies inside the Roman Empire, prepared by actual Bible believing Christians, and proliferated over the centuries by brave communities such as the Itala Church in Italy, the Donatists in Africa, The Paulicians/ Albigenses/ Bogomiles/ Cathars, etc. throughout Europe the Balkans and even into Asia, the Waldenses in the Italian and French Alps, the Gallic church in France, Ulfilas in Northern Europe (who translated the Bible into Gothic), the Vaudois in Switzerland, the Anabaptists, and the Huguenots.

The Itala church and Waldenses were two of the communities of faith that worked feverishly in the early 300s to reproduce TR Bibles in order to make up for all of the copies which had been burned by Diocletian. This easily explains the concern textual critics have with the sudden appearance of a large number of Textus Receptus manuscripts in the 4th Century, and beyond.

It’s funny – I often hear the question: “Where was the KJV before 1611??” Well, that question should be reversed. Where, exactly, was the critical Greek text before 1881? The answer: in caves in the Egyptian desert, and of course, in the Vatican. Meanwhile, as I have noted above, the source text for the KJV had spread all over the world – from Antioch to Ethiopia to Armenia to The mountains of western Europe, beginning in the 2nd century.

Even KJV rejecting scholars agree that well over 98% of all ancient Greek manuscript evidence *agrees* with the KJV, while **less than 2%** agree with the new versions (the last official count I have seen was 5,702 to 44, which is more like 99% to 1%). ***Any claim that the new versions are superior is patently false from both a spiritual and scholarly standpoint.*** Yes, they are easy to read, but they have many **deep heresies** intended to draw mankind away from many of the simple yet profound truths of God. As Jesus said to his Father in John 17, “Thy word is truth” – but not if His eternal Word has been edited by wicked and deceitful heretics, who, like Satan in the garden, boldly and proudly cast doubt on God’s voice to mankind by proclaiming to the world – “yea hath God said?” The question is: ***Are you believing that very same lie today?***

This is by far the most divisive topic I have ever written about because we all love our modern Bibles, and cannot possibly believe that so many people have it wrong. My beloved seminary professor is wrong?? My distinguished and learned pastor?? My youth group leader?? Yes...even him – or her. Everyone talks about this issue as if they understand it, but usually they just understand one side...the anti-KJV side, the side I was once steadfastly on. It took a trusted friend about 8 months to finally shake me out of my NIV 84 stupor with hard, raw evidence. Then I decided to take the time to study the history of the Greek and Latin manuscripts (that form the foundation of our Bibles) for myself. Once I had a grasp of manuscript history, and reviewed many of the specific changes (deletions and additions) in the actual biblical text...I was done with all of my new versions forever (A few of the hundreds of passages with substantive changes: The removal of the compassion of Jesus four times in Matthew (NIV 84), Genesis 30:27, Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV 84), Matthew 9:13, Mark 9:44,46,48 and 10:24, Luke 4:4, Luke 9:55-56, John

7:8-10 {is Jesus a liar??}, Acts 8:37, 1 Corinthians 1:18, Galatians 5:12 (did Paul really want his enemies to castrate themselves??), Colossians 1:14, Romans 8:1b, 1 Timothy 3:16, 1 Timothy 6:5,20 (warning about prosperity preachers and false science), James 5:16, 1 John 5:7, and Revelation 1: 6, 8, 11). Sadly, I discovered that my dear NIV – even the one written back in 1984 – was the worst of the lot (the Message doesn’t count because it cannot seriously be called a Bible due to multiple ridiculous and even occultic additions). It was hard to read the KJV at first...but I prayed for help from the Holy Spirit...and now I can’t live without it.

I am not one of those people who believe that one can only be saved via the KJV Bible, or that the KJV is perfectly written (I believe it is perfect in substance but not necessarily in form). I simply believe that the KJV, whose Greek foundation lines up with approximately 98% of all ancient manuscripts, according to the most recent studies, is the preserved Word of God for this English speaking generation per Psalm 12:6-7. That passage, which I have quoted at the top of this article, was (not surprisingly) edited heavily in the new versions (Septuagint Greek), so that it’s meaning is entirely different. Did God truly say in Psalm 12 that His Word would be preserved forever?? Not according to your new version (check that verse in your Bible).

After much study (hoping desperately that I would come to a conclusion that allowed me to keep my NIV, my NKJV or even my brand new MEV), I determined, along with countless other men and women far smarter than I am, that the only legitimate Greek manuscript used as a foundation for a Bible is the Textus Receptus – and despite the claims of the NKJV and MEV editors, the only true Textus Receptus Bible in English is the KJV.

Unlike the new versions’ Egyptian/gnostic roots, the Textus Receptus flows from the Spirit-fed spring of the early believers in Antioch...all the way to London in the 1600’s. Do the new versions have many things right? Of course. What satan does best is weave darkness and light together, so that the two cannot be distinguished. He has done a brilliant job with the new Bible versions...yet with an open heart and mind, along with a willingness to exchange comfort and familiarity for truth, his scheme can be defeated. I challenge everyone who reads this, to study the actual textual changes for themselves, in context, ignoring ad hominem attacks on those who have exposed this scheme...for there are many, and they are often nasty. John 15:18-19 warned us that if we were of Jesus Christ, the world would hate us...and nowhere is that more evident than in the battle for God’s eternal voice to mankind. The very truth of His preserved word to this and every succeeding generation is at stake. Yea hath God said? Yes. He did actually, and you can read his words to the world, preserved for eternity, in your King James Bible.

Revelation 22:18-19 says -

“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”