

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of July 25, 2021 -

Sunday Morning Service	29
Sunday Evening Service	24
Wed. Evening Service, 07/28/21	12

AND THE PEOPLE "TUNED IN"...

- Week of July 25, 2021 -

- Number of people who connected with our services on Facebook -

Sunday Morning Service:

50 Views 63 Engagements 68 People Reached

Sunday Evening Service:

49 Views 43 Engagements 63 People Reached

Wednesday Evening Service:

37 Views 52 Engagements 48 People Reached

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of July 25, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings

TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 07/25/21: \$ 634.06

- Week of July 18, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings

TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 07/18/21: \$ 1,085.00

- Week of July 11, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings

TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 07/11/21: \$ 806.15

- Week of July 4, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings

TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 07/04/21: \$ 3,519.78

- Week of June 27, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings

TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 06/27/21: \$ 360.00

- Week of June 20, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings

TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 06/20/21: \$ 630.47

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



PLEASE BE FAITHFUL TO GIVE.

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.



THANK YOU For Your Continued Faithfulness In Giving!

During the early part this pandemic, we were unable to meet in the church-house. But - that did not mean that the expenses of having a church-house were suspended. We still had bills to pay - electricity, gas, water, trash pickup, phone, internet, facility insurance, copier lease, office supplies, etc., and, praise the Lord, His people kept praying, watching online, & supporting their church with their giving.

Sadly, some people only give when they are in attendance at church - sort of like paying for "services rendered" - but the truth is that they are robbing THEMSELVES of God's blessings when they withhold their tithes and offerings and only give when they are here (see Malachi 3:10). Thankfully, most of our people have remained faithful, in so many ways, during this crisis, including financially.

WE HAVE 3 WAYS YOU CAN GIVE:

1. By mail - 23 East Wells Blvd., Sapulpa, OK 74066
2. Drop it off - call the Church Office to arrange it. 224-1924
3. Online - Go to the link below and give electronically:

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=433047>

WE ARE GLAD WE CAN NOW GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD & STUDY HIS WORD TOGETHER IN THE CHURCH-HOUSE!
YOUR FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS GIFTS WILL HELP US KEEP UP WITH THE BILLS AND CONTINUE OUR RENEWED OUTREACH EFFORTS!

Church Directory

Todd W. White	Pastor
Lois Mae Floyd	Pianist/ Organist
Mickie Shatwell	Evening Pianist
Derek Quinnelly	Greeter
Larry Byars	S.S. Teacher
Larry & Mary Byars, Susan Strain	Outreach
Bertha Segebarrt	Custodian
Flowers	Shirley & Brenda White
Sound/Video	Seth White

CHURCH INSURANCE FUND



Monthly Premium, Due 08/05/21----- \$ 537.92
Amount Received For August ----- \$ 0.00

AMOUNT STILL NEEDED FOR AUG., 2021: ----- \$ 537.92

Thank You For Your Faithful Help With This Need!

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY REMINDER

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AREN'T ALL BIBLES THE SAME?

Why Are There So Many English Versions Of The Bible?
Does It Matter Which Bible Version You Are Reading?

JOIN US THIS WEEK FOR OUR -

BIBLE VERSIONS EXAMINED CONFERENCE

with Special Guest Speaker



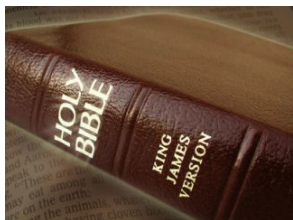
Dr. Phil Stringer
Vice President at Dayspring
Bible College & Seminary

TOPICS COVERED:

- Sunday Morning, 11 AM: *"The Absolute Imperative Of Witnessing"*
- Sunday Evening, 6:30 PM: *"How Anyone Can Witness For Christ"*
- Monday Evening, 7:00 PM: *"Where The Modern Bibles Came From - Who Were The People Behind Them?"* Included in this message will be a look into the occultic background of Wescott and Hort - the two men on whose work the modern translations are based.
- Tuesday Evening, 7 PM: *"Aren't All Bibles Basically The Same? - Major Doctrines That Are Changed In The Modern Versions"*
- Wednesday Evening, 7 PM: *"How The Acceptance Of The Modern Translations Are Preparing Unsaved Churchgoers For The One-World Religion Of The Antichrist"*

PLAN NOW TO BE HERE FOR EVERY SESSION!

AND - BRING A FRIEND!



The King James Only Baptist Civil War Over Inspiration by Dr. Phil Stringer

Actually, I don't like the term "**King James Only.**" It is a name given to us by our critics. I want everyone, in every language, to have the pure Word of God in their own tongue. But in this case, I use the term so that it is clear who I am talking about.

A civil war rages among independent Baptists about the "inspiration" of translations. I am not talking about the debate over which text of Scripture to use. Prominent preachers who preach the King James Bible and who defend it against its critics, are vigorously debating one another over the use of the term "**inspiration**" in describing the King James Bible. Sometimes the conflict is much hotter than a "vigorous debate." Good men, with deep loyalties to the King James Bible, are at odds with one another. Key terms are defined many different ways, motives are called into question and the doctrinal soundness of men is questioned.

Over the last few weeks I have been in many verbal conversations and email discussions over this issue.

I have been asked how these discussions are going. I have answered that I feel like a man trying to stand on an ice flow, in an ocean full of sharks while juggling baby elephants. A debate over the nature of the Bible generates deep emotions.

Good men are trying to defend the King James Bible the best way that they know how. They are tired of the evangelical and fundamentalist critics of the King James Bible. They are tired of self-absorbed, pseudo-scholars. They are tired of people with slander language skills mocking the scholars who were used of God to translate the King James Bible. ***I completely agree!***

Let me be crystal clear! I believe that the King James Bible is God's Word kept intact in English. There is not one word in the King James Bible that I would change. I would not change an italicized word.

I believe that the American republic was created by the influence of the King James Bible. I believe that the modern missions movement was created by the preaching of the King James Bible. I believe that both the fundamentalist movement and the independent Baptist movement were the product of the King James Bible.

I am not one of those preachers who believes that it is Christian liberty to attack the King James Bible but divisive to answer those attacks.

I believe that the evangelical and fundamentalist critics of the King James Bible should be answered. When I heard Elmer Fernandez say that the translators of the King James Bible were evil and wicked men, I knew that he had to be opposed. When I

read Calvin George's desperate attempts to belittle the King James Bible (in order to defend the Critical Text readings of the Reina Valera 1960), I understand that he has to be answered.

When I realize that the method of Bible teaching practiced by the professors of Bob Jones University and Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary is to go verse by verse and say "*a better translation would be. . .*," I understand that they are pseudo-scholars. The **least** of the Kings James translators was a greater scholar than any of them.

When I read that the translations sponsored by Charles Keen won't be King James equivalent (his term), I understand what he is up to and that he must be answered by those loyal to the Received Text.

When I see the long-ago disproven criticisms of the King James Bible on the various Trinitarian Bible Society websites—I realize that those loyal to the King James Bible must answer the Trinitarian Bible Society's foolish attacks on the King James Bible.

I believe that the King James Bible is pure, perfect and inerrant!

However, I do **not** believe that the King James Bible is "inspired". That is not because I believe that there is any weakness or any inferiority in the King James Bible. There is nothing about the King James Bible that needs to be corrected or improved.

The Bible tells us what "inspiration" is! It defines itself. Many of my brethren use the term "inspiration" as a synonym for inerrant. But it means much more than that! Many of my brethren use the secular definition of the term "inspiration"—"to motivate or cause by supernatural influence" (Webster's Illustrated Contemporary Dictionary). But this definition falls far short of what the Bible says about its own "inspiration".

Many of our most famous doctrinal books offer a weak definition of "inspiration."

One prominent advocate of the King James Bible defines "inspiration" this way: "*By inspiration we mean the supernatural control by God over the production of the Old Testament and New Testaments.*" Another King James advocate defines "inspiration" as "*divine influence.*" These men would consider themselves as great advocates of the King James Bible and would describe most other teachers as weak or modernist.

Yet, their doctrine of "inspiration" is very weak. It was invented by modernists and spread by neo-evangelicals. Inspiration is much more than what they say it is.

If "inspiration" is really "divine influence" then many sermons, songs and books are "inspired." However, "Biblical inspiration" is much more than that.

"Inspiration" took place when God took control of a person and spoke His words through them or caused them to write down His words. "Inspiration" took place when God dictated His words to a person or even through an animal (Balaam's donkey).

You can't defend the King James Bible by weakening the doctrine of "inspiration." In their zeal to advance the King James

Bible, some men have adopted a liberal position about "inspiration."

Many of the brethren are quick to quote **II Timothy 3:16** - "**All Scripture is given by "inspiration" of God.**" This is, of course, true. God gave His words to men through the Greek, Aramaic and Hebrew languages. This verse means exactly what it says - **and nothing more.**

However, the verse does **not** say that the words that God gave are preserved, transmitted, or translated by "inspiration". The verse means everything that it says but we have no right to add anything to it.

No matter how pure and proper our motives are - we do not help the cause of the King James Bible by defining incorrectly a Biblical term or by inventing a new Biblical doctrine. Actually we help the critics of that King James Bible by using an argument that they can easily refute.

Virtually everyone in our movement, including me, has used the term "inspiration" carelessly at one time or another. It is time to start being careful.

Recently, I was communicating by email with the head of a translation project in a foreign country. He assured me that his translation was "inspired". I told him that I didn't think so.

He was just finishing ten years of his translation effort. Men who were "moved by the Holy Spirit" (II Peter 1:21) of God wrote down the Words as God gave them. They didn't need ten years. Can you imagine John spending ten years figuring out what to write down in the book of Revelation?

The translator had a team of sixteen national helpers - men who are "inspired" don't need a "team" of helpers. Can you imagine a team of sixteen helpers helping King Saul figure out what to say when the Holy Spirit took him over?

This gentleman is getting ready to release his second edition. Men who are "inspired" of God don't need a second edition. Can you imagine Balaam's donkey issuing a second edition of his words to Balaam?

The response of this translator was to call me a modernist!

The Words of God have been settled forever in Heaven. God gave some of them to Moses to record on earth. He gave some to Jeremiah, some to Paul, some to Peter and so on. They recorded the *exact* words that God gave them. God finished delivering His words to men as John finished the Book of Revelation. *That is how "inspiration" works!*

The translators of the King James Bible did not need to be "inspired". They already had God's "inspired" Words in front of them. They simply needed to faithfully and accurately translate the Words that had already been given by "inspiration". Translators today do not need to be "inspired." They already have God's "inspired" words available. They simply need to translate them correctly.

John Selden described the method of the King James translators. "*The translation in King James time took an excellent way. That part of the Bible was given to him who was most excellent in such a tongue (as the Apocrypha to Andrew Downes)*

and then they met together and one read that translation the rest holding in their hands some Bible either of the learned tongues or French, Italian, Spanish, etc. If they found any fault they spoke, if not, they read on."

This was not the method of King Saul, Malachi, Isaiah, Matthew or Balaam's donkey when they were being "inspired" of the Lord. It is an example of men being used of God to *preserve and transmit* His Word.

I know that many men use the word "inspired" to describe the King James Bible because they want to defend it against its many attackers. But the King James Bible doesn't need that kind of help from us. It stands up to its attackers just fine. They always fade away and the King James Bible goes on. It doesn't need us to invent a new definition of "inspiration" or to weaken the doctrine of divine "inspiration" the way that the secular writers do.

There seem to be three prominent positions among those who use the term "inspired" to describe the King James Bible:

1. Some teach that God repeated the miracle of "inspiration" in 1611. They believe that the English language is the only language that currently has an "inspired Bible." Their concept of missions is to preach and teach from the English Bible to the whole world. This destroys most mission works.

This is an easy doctrine to maintain, if you are only concerned for white, Anglo-Saxon people.

Of course, there is not the slightest hint of any such doctrine anywhere in the King James Bible.

2. The second group teaches the miracle of "inspiration" took place in 1611 in English and continues to take place in other languages today. They teach that you can recognize an "inspired" Bible if it is used by large "soul-winning" churches.

For those brethren, soul-winning is not based upon doctrine, doctrine is based upon soul winning. Since most of the Bibles in use around the world are Critical Text Versions and contradict the King James Bible, they assume that God gave one set of words in English and differing words in other languages. Their doctrine of "inspiration" justifies liberal translations.

They usually teach that only a Bible produced by a modern miracle of "inspiration" can be used to lead someone to Christ. Consequently, they would put their stamp of approval on hundreds of modernist translations.

But you can't protect the King James Bible by undermining the basis for Scriptural revelation.

Interestingly enough, both groups spend a lot of time attacking fundamental Baptists who explain "inspiration" in any way different than themselves. But you can't imagine them refuting modernists or liberal Bible societies. Their venom is reserved for the English speaking brethren who use the same Bible that they do.

3. There is a third group that teaches what they call "**derivative inspiration.**" They are often very good brethren, devoted to the Bible. They understand that the miracle of "inspiration" only took place with the original earthly Scriptural penmen.

They teach that the Bible today has all the authority, influence, Holy Spirit power and purity of the original “inspired” Words of God. ***That is exactly what the Bible teaches about itself.***

Faithful copies of the Words given by “inspiration” have all the authority and Holy Spirit power of the originals. Faithful copies of Scripture ***are Scripture.***

Faithful translations of the Words given by “inspiration” have all the authority and Holy Spirit power of the originals. Faithful translations of Scripture are Scripture. However, the Bible calls this ***preservation*** not “derivative inspiration” (try finding that term in the King James Bible).

At least the teachers of “derivative inspiration” describe the original act of inspiration correctly, they describe the current state of the Bible correctly and it is possible for them to translate the Bible into other languages correctly. They are good brethren and I do not want to be separated from them.

However, their terminology is not Scriptural. Their teaching is easily confused with the other more dangerous teachings about “inspiration.”

You do not defend the Kings James Bible by weakening the Bible’s teaching about preservation. One Bible teacher called preserved words “cold, dead museum words.” ***What an insult to a sovereign God!***

Nothing could be a stronger statement about words than to say these words are ***“God’s preserved words.”*** God’s preservation maintains all the authority and Holy Spirit power that God originally placed on and in His words.

The doctrine of preservation is not a weak doctrine - it is a doctrine filled with Holy Spirit power! It does not need to be upgraded, improved or strengthened. It is the power of God in practice.

I am for everyone that preaches, practices and defends the words of the King James Bible. If my brethren do not use the exact terminology that I think reflects the teaching of Scripture, I will be a little disappointed in them, but I will not reject them. I do not expect perfection from men. I wish to be the friend of all those that honor the words of the King James Bible.

However, I do believe that this discussion has important consequences:

Using a Biblical term in a non-Biblical way opens a new avenue of attack for the enemies of the King James Bible. There is no reason to make it easier for them to make their unholy attacks.

Secondly, this debate is creating unfortunate confusion about the matter of Bible translations. Around the world dozens of projects are taking place. Believers are concerned about getting a faithful translation of the Bible in their national language. There is a revival of understanding the issue of the Received Text.

However, too many men are producing a first edition of a translation, calling it “inspired” and stopping right there. A proper translation requires a rigorous purification process (such as the one that took place with the King James Bible). A weak or

secular definition of “inspiration” is hindering the most important work of Bible translation.

Thirdly, this debate causes people to miss the genuinely important debate going on about Scripture today. Some men who are loud advocates of the “inspiration” of the King James Bible are also strong *proponents* of a Critical Text Bible for the Spanish people and for other language groups.

It may be expedient politics to advocate a Received Text Bible for the English speaking world and a Critical Text Bible for the Spanish speaking world, but it is horrible doctrine. Why would a “King James man” want the Hispanic world to use a Bible that conflicts with the King James Bible in hundreds of places and thousands of words?

This is hypocritical and it has a great price attached to it. If you promote the Critical Text in *any* language you can no longer consistently oppose Critical Text Bibles in English. Sooner or later, your hypocrisy will catch up to you. There is simply ***no*** doctrinal or textual foundation to prevent such a change. No matter how loudly a man or a ministry proclaims their loyalty to the King James Bible today, if they advocate the Critical Text in other languages they will probably be using a Critical Text Bible in English in a few years.

No one can consistently claim to be a “King James preacher” and support the Reina Valera 1960 or the TBS Spanish Bible. No one can consistently claim to be a “King James preacher” and support the French Louis Segond Version (either the Bible Society version or the TBS version). The same is true for the Chinese Common Union Version (CUV) and a host of other foreign translations.

Some of the people influenced by Dr. Ruckman have called me a modernist and a Bible corrector (even though they can’t identify one word of the King James Bible that I would change). Most recently, some have called me “a King James Bible hater.” Other men influenced by Dr. Ruckman have been much kinder to me.

I have also been called a Ruckmanite by advocates of the Critical Text. However, I have never been influenced by the writings or teachings of Dr. Ruckman (in the interest of full disclosure I met him once when I was fifteen).

Some Hispanic preachers refer to me by their pet nickname, “The Antichrist.” I am sure that they mean that in Christian love. However I am grateful to have many Hispanic preacher friends who love me in spite of my faults and limitations.

I am used to being called names. Somehow, I doubt that this article will end that experience. If you preach, practice and defend the words of the King James Bible, ***I am for you!***

I hope that we will all preach, practice and defend those blessed words wisely.

One missionary wrote, “As I understand the Scriptures, ‘inspiration’ is the process by which God directed and controlled the recording of His exact words for mankind. But after those words were recorded, God ceased to “inspire”. The process was completed and the message was recorded. God, from that point on, perfectly preserved exactly what He gave so that we would

have every word exactly as He gave it. This is called preservation. So if you were to ask me if I believed the Bible is inspired, I would answer by saying, ‘Yes, however, to be more theologically accurate, it was inspired and is now preserved.’” ***Amen and Amen!***

Actually, it seems that much of the “civil war” today is not really about doctrine at all. It seems to be about who is going to “speak for fundamental Baptists.” Again, let me be crystal clear. I am an independent Baptist. I do not recognize a pope, bishop, church councils or a Baptist Sanhedrin. I don’t believe in model churches or that anyone pastors to pastors. I have no headquarters! I have a Bible and that is my sole authority.

Finally, let me appeal for grace for and from all of us. The founders of fundamentalism, for all their wonderful accomplishments, were not clear or consistent on their definition of “inspiration” or their identification of the Biblical text. ***We are paying for that confusion now!***

Most of the leaders of the independent Baptist movement can be quoted several different ways on both the definition of “inspiration” and on textual issues.

Vigorous debate is appropriate and even beneficial. A “civil war” is not. Let us all find some grace in our hearts for those who love the Bible and strive to reach the souls of men!

Verbal, plenary “inspiration,” verbal, plenary preservation, verbal, plenary translation: any other doctrine of Scripture is just not enough. ■

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

□ ***ANGLICAN PASTOR FIRED FOR SINGING “THINE BE THE GLORY” WITHOUT MASK*** - The following is excerpted from “Church Authorities,” Christian Concern, July 20, 2021:

“Rev. Charlie Boyle, vicar of All Saints Church, Brankscome, Dorset, is facing disciplinary action and potential dismissal for allegedly not following strict Covid guidance at his church. ‘The fact that someone would report me to the [church] authorities over this is quite upsetting,’ he confides. Following a complaint made on Easter Sunday about him walking down the aisle singing the hymn ‘Thine Be The Glory’ without wearing a face mask, Charlie was visited by the Archdeacon of Dorset, who told him that he should leave his post and the vicarage by the end of July.”

□ ***BIGGEST LOCKDOWN IS COMING*** - Lockdowns have dominated the news for 2020 and 2021, but the truly big lockdown is in the future.

Bible prophecy was fulfilled literally and precisely in the first coming of Christ, and it will be fulfilled in the same manner in His second coming. As a precursor, the Antichrist will lockdown the whole world with his worship program and economic control scheme, backed up by the death penalty. It will be a global North Korea.

“And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and

poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name” (Revelation 13:15-17).

The Covid pandemic is child’s play compared with the trouble that looms on the horizon. Billions of people will die during the Great Tribulation from wars, famine, pestilence, earthquakes, and totalitarianism on a scale that will make Stalin and Mao seem like choir boys. It is all described in the book of Revelation for those who are interested. It is called “the day of the Lord” because it will spell doom for “the day of man.”

□ ***JOYCE MEYER SAYS YOU HAVE THE POWER TO SPEAK THINGS INTO CREATION LIKE GOD*** - Joyce Meyer is well-known for her Prosperity Gospel preaching. The Prosperity Gospel - also known as “Health and Wealth Gospel,” “Name it and Claim it,” and “Word of Faith” - is a perversion of the biblical gospel that teaches that the primary purpose of Jesus’ death and resurrection is to create material gain for those who have enough “faith.”

But Joyce Meyer is also a proponent of the “little god” heresy that teaches that being indwelt by the Holy Spirit makes us both God and man at the same time, just like Jesus.

On July 22, 2021, she posted the following:
“Words are like containers for power. Your mouth can be filled with creative power that you speak out over your own life, the people you love, the city, the world. You can speak against the enemy and stop his action in your life by speaking the Word of God!”

This heresy places man on equal grounds with God, giving them the power to speak things into reality, which is a power reserved only for God.

The charismatic movement is absolutely littered with these kinds of heresies that elevate man to the status of deity. *Steven Furtick*, for example, repeatedly reads himself as Jesus into the Scriptures. Once, he preached that ***HE*** was “crushing the serpent’s head” while “the serpent bruised his heel.”

“TOW’RING O’ER THE WRECKS OF TIME”

