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The Making of the English Bible

On October 6, 1536, just outside Vilvoorde Castle, William Tyndale was tied to a post, a cord was placed around his neck, and after announcing the charge against him, the executioners pulled the cord until Tyndale died. Subsequently, his body was burned as he remained tied to the stake. His charge? Translating and printing the Bible in the English language.

For centuries the Roman church had brutally persecuted and terrorized those who would dare try to divert from the revered Latin Version. Many were put to death. The church had joined hands with the King to prevent any attempt to place the Word of God in the hands of ordinary citizens.

Tyndale's work is the single most significant step in giving the world access to the Word of God today. His goal was to make Scripture available and understandable to everyone, whether he was a farmer behind a plough, or a King on his throne.

Eighty-three (83) percent of Tyndale's translation is duplicated verbatim in the King James Version of the Bible, printed less than a hundred years after Tyndale's death. Since that time the most published book in the world has been an English version of the Bible.

The Bible has survived centuries of abuse, neglect, and attempts to destroy it. Many have predicted its disappearance, while others have challenged its relevance. It remains today as the Guide to countless millions around the world. It is indestructible, irrefutable, and constantly relevant to men of all ages. Jesus Himself promised, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away" (Mark 13:31).

There have been many translations of the Bible since Tyndale's death. Most of the ancient manuscripts which we have available to us today were not discovered prior to Tyndale's translation, or the printing of the King James Version. These are excellent translations, but there are also many other very good translations available today. We must not become guilty of "deifying" one translation above all others. The test of authenticity, or accuracy, should be determined by comparing each version with the ancient text, and not with other translations. We owe much to men like William Tyndale who gave their lives in their efforts to produce readable translations of the Bible and make them available to ordinary men.

— Al Behel

Special Collection for Bibles—for schools in Ukraine, Russia, and Romania Now at \$5,662.77. Our thanks to all who have given so liberally.

Other News & Sick:

Otis Hawkes— in room 306, LeConte Medical Center with pneumonia. The entire family has been sick but others are now better.

Ladies Bible Study—1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Polly Cline is leading a study entitled, "Hunger In My Soul."

Fall Festival—October 31. Sign up in foyer for food items. See Mark if you would like to plan and host a game for children. Fun, food, and good fellowship.

Food Contact For Month: Beverly Fennell and Linda Goodnight.

Elder Contact for Month: Marc Hayes. Phone: 731-608-4148

Sermon Topics: A.M. — "Upon This Rock—Who Do You Say I Am?"

P.M.— "The Aroma of Christ" - Part 2

Interpreter for deaf and hearing impaired available for AM and PM worship

Our Known Sick

-Dez Anderson— still suffering with multiple health issues. Keep praying. God is listening and answering. It was good to see Dez at services recently.

-Sheryle Elkins— received good news from her scan. No trace of tumor in one lung and greatly reduced in the other. Will continue periodic chemotherapy.

-Bill Valentine is battling esophageal cancer. Surgery is scheduled for October 21. Please keep Bill and Gail in prayer.

-Marti Cantrell—doing well after completing radiation treatment.

-Bill Green—still struggling with health issues

-Jean Compton—is recovering at home.

-Kathy May battling ongoing health issues. She is still in Baxter.

-Keely Chambers is recovering at home with her grandmother.

-Pauline Swallow is dealing with cancer. Keep praying for her.

-Bill England— is now home after being hospitalized with a staph infection at the surgical site. He recently had lung surgery for lung cancer. Keep praying.

-Glen Skelton is recovering from retina surgery.

-Dwight Grizzell is recovering from prostate cancer surgery.

Friends and Family News

-Howard Yates' mother is now in assisted living in Soddy Daisy following surgery to repair a broken hip.

-Ben Lachica, Mariejane's dad—in the Philippines—had been experiencing internal bleeding. Transfusions seem to be helping.

-Sue Hayes sister, Joyce, had a fall resulting in a small fracture to her leg and a serious foot drop issue. Home care and rehab planned to assist in healing.

-Judy Watkins, Rick's sister in Texas, is slightly improving.

-Richard Nichols, Nick Nichol's brother—cancer surgery in Illinois.

-Tom Behel, Al's brother is in serious condition in Alabama. He continues to weaken. Al and Linda visited him yesterday.

-Barbara Copley, friend of Bill England and Sheryle Elkins—cancer.

-Ginny and Rick—prayers for their daughter-in-law's grandmother, Anna, in Argentina. She is very ill from a persistent infection.

-Dee Lewis, friend of the Clietts, stage four cancer (6th occurrence)

Deployed to Stuttgart, Germany: Lt. Col. Jim Vance, Jr. (USAF), son of May and Jimmy Vance.

Special Events

Men's Prayer Session

Monday mornings at 8:30

Wednesday Night

Rick Cliett is leading a study on the Book of Hebrews

Sunday Adult Class

I Thessalonians—Al Behel

Times of Services

Sunday A.M.

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Sunday P.M. 6:00 PM

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Building Fund

Loan balance as of 09/01/15 is **\$1,058,800.25**. Extra contributions to reduce the loan debt are needed and appreciated. Envelopes are available in the pews.

Nursery

Located across main foyer. Closed circuit TV allows viewing and participation in worship.

CDs and DVDs of Sermons are available free at sound booth. Also available on the website at: www.greatsmokymountainschurchofchrist.com.