



Bible-based. Christ-centered. Family-focused. Mission-minded.

Welcome! We're glad you are here!
 Sunday - September 24, 2023

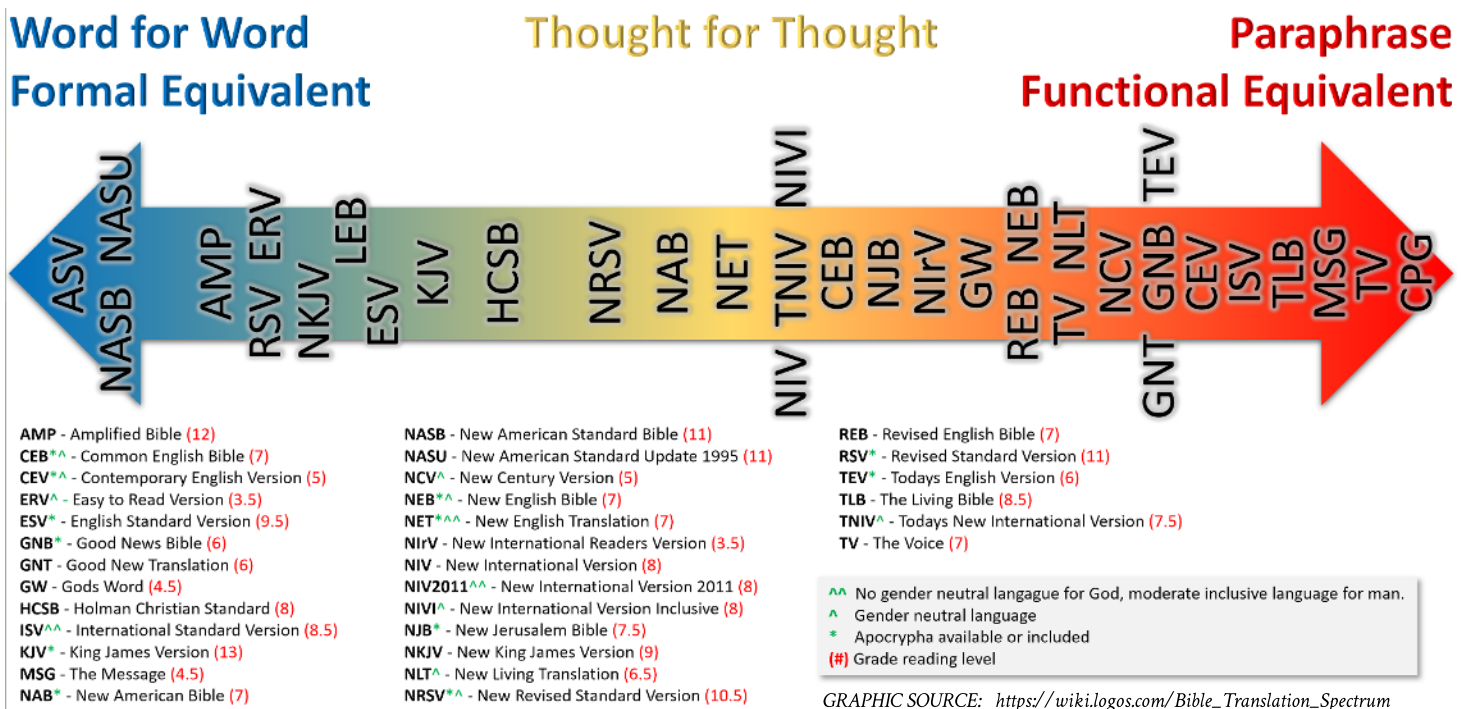
Bible Versions

by Troy Spradlin

I frequently get asked what Bible version I recommend or what translation I prefer. The truth is, it's a rather tricky question to answer because one's personal preference plays a huge part in the choice. Many simply prefer the tried-and-true standard, the King James (KJV), because it is the most common and easiest to memorize. Others like the ESV, the NKJV, or the NASB because they are easier to read than the old English of the KJV or ASV. Still others like a more simple, paraphrased-type Bible. Even trying to classify Bible types is not an easy task, as indicated in the graphic below, which attempts to demonstrate the spectrum of Bible translations. As you can see, there is a wide variety of options. I recommend looking at a few different versions before deciding on one. Read several familiar passages in each one and note how the translators deal with the text. In reality, there is also nothing wrong with owning multiple versions (I have about 20 different versions in my office library and 25 on my phone).

I have also heard several people mention they wanted a Bible that is a "literal translation." The only problem with such a desire is that if we were to actually translate every single word of the Hebrew and Greek manuscripts directly into English, in a literal word-for-word order, it would be nearly impossible to understand. This is because other languages have different word orders and grammatical structures vastly different from English. To see what I mean, pick up an *Interlinear Bible*, which translates the text in an almost entirely literal format, and you will see just how difficult it is to read and understand the English portion. That said, several versions are available that strive to be as "literal" as possible, but still have to make exceptions for the sake of coherency in translation.

The bottom line is, there is no perfect Bible version. Each has its strengths and weaknesses. Each deals with the text a little differently and none get it 100% right. So, the best advice is, ***pick a version that you will read!*** Then, when you have questions about a particular verse, compare it with a few other versions.



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



UNSTOPPABLE

GULF COAST
AREAWIDE 2023-2024
SCHEDULE

- AUG 13 / AZALEA CITY COC
- SEPT 17 / GULF SHORES COC
- OCT 15 / SCENIC HILLS COC
- NOV 10-12 / FUEL RETREAT
- JAN 7 / SPANISH FORT COC
- FEB 18 / EASTERN SHORE COC
- MAR 10 / UNIVERSITY COC
- APR 21 / MARGARET ST. COC

Afternoon SNAC SUNDAY AFTERNOON BEFORE CHURCH

October 1 | Makar / King's

BIG EVENT REMINDERS



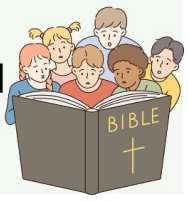
FUEL Retreat @ GCBC
November 10 – 12
6th – 12th grade
Sign-up & pay \$55 by
October 1st



Exposure Youth Camp
December 27 – 30
All ages are welcome
Sign-up & pay \$175 by
October 1st

Teacher Appreciation Dinner

October 7 @ 5:30 PM
Sign up at Info Station



2023 - 2024

Upcoming Workshop Dates

- October 22
- November 5
- December 3

*Puppets & Oral Bible
Reading begin in November



MARGARET ST
KINGDOM KIDS
ARE GOING TO

SWEET SEASONS FARM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH
2:00 - 5:00

TICKETS = \$14.00
CHILDREN 2 & UNDER ARE FREE

PARENTING SEMINAR

DECEMBER 1-3

JANUARY 12 - 14

MARGARET STREET MARRIAGE RETREAT

"How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes! With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth. In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word." - Psalm 119:9-10

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Sherryn Canniff* - health, pain
- Cory Gilreath - hospital, tests (Longmire*)
- Sarah Goldman - car wreck, surgery (Frahm*)
- Terry Jennings* - Olive Branch Rehab
- Eddie Longmire* - COVID
- Richard McCool* - blood clot removed, stent
- Mary McGriff* - recovery, sciatic nerve
- Claudia Smith family - loss of Claudia
- Glenn Price* - triple bypass surgery, recovery
- Ruth Williams* - recovery, healing

Grieving a Loss

- Terry Baxley* - passing of Darlene
- Brooklyn Bostwick* - loss of mom, Kandi
- John Hart Ellis* - loss of wife
- Hatcher family* - loss of mom, Rachel Sullins
- Linda Loftin* and family - loss of Jim*
- Elsa Nunes* - loss of brother, Guillermo Deir
- Scott Shanahan - loss of Scott's father, Kevin
- Gloria Vonada & family - loss of Troy*

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Dennis Brice - hospice (Gary Coleman*)
- Sherry Davis* - The Blake (Davis/Napier*)
- Donna Dudley - Life Care Center (S. Davis*)
- Annie Favorite - Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia* - Fort Walton Beach
- Betty Lee - homebound (D. Lee's mom*)
- Linda Mann* - Shut In
- Larry McDaniel* - Santa Rosa Rehab
- Ina Ruth Miller*
- Ruth Phillips* - Shut In
- Jim Pitts - Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines* - Victorian Manor
- Mary Salinas* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith - Shut in (JEnglish mom)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)

Students in College

- Seth Crider
- Stephen English
- Caitlyn Frizzell
- Jackson Lash
- Caleb Owens
- Savannah Smith
- Nick Webb
- Lily Weathersbee
- Reed Wilson
- Lexi Wildes

Mission Works

- Shanahans* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Sharon Ates - upcoming surg. (Gallagher*)
- Patricia Ann* - prayers, health (MZL)
- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Bob Black - health (Lipford*)
- Max Bowers - prayers, final stages (S.Temple)
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health
- Mike Brown - stroke, recovery (former mem)
- Robbie Bullard - aneurysm/defect valve (Lee*)
- Winston Burnham* - back surgery soon
- Janice Carter* - mobility, prayers
- Robert Collins - foot problem (J.Pace cousin)
- Sherry Davis* - health
- Renee Decker - final stage /kidney (Lester*)
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee* mom)
- Myrna Fuller* - pulmonary fibrosis
- Steve Fulton - pain, health difficulties
- Gary Good* - tests (Frahm*)
- Dixie Gorham - recovery - heart failure
- Donald Hamilton - surgery, recover (McGriff)
- Daphne Hamilton - surgeries, health
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Steve Hartzog - health issues (Alonna's friend)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- Marcia Jones - loss of cousin (Kenya's* friend)
- Joe King* - spine issues, PT therapy
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes*)
- Martin family* - prayers
- Vicente Martinez - kidney transplant
- Donald McGriff* - health, prayers
- Ron Miller - esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes*)
- Elsa Nunes* - fell/recovery, arthritis
- Patsy Prince - (Burnham*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia*)
- Rodger Schwitzerlett - (Gallagher*)
- Gloria Vonada* - health
- Jan Whitney* - heart procedure, recovery

Military

- Nick Bartell - Ft. Walton Beach
- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer England - Japan
- Spencer Gable - New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kansas
- Cole Weathersbee - Great Lakes, Illinois

Cancer

- Darrell Bozeman*
- Max Bowers - (S.Temple)
- Misty Bray* - (Bird*)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott*)
- Mark Carlson - (C.Davis*)
- Tish Clark - (Hatcher*)
- Jack Davis*
- Pat Deforest*
- Eddie English - (R.English*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley*)
- Ricky Jenning - (McGriff*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)
- Marie and Jeff Lorentz - (J. Bartell*)
- Peter Machon - (Torpey*)
- Darrel Mason - (D.Hill*)
- Connie Moore - (Fulton*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin* friend)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Al Sherdan - bladder/prostatic cancer (Coen)
- Brooks Ann Singley* - waiting on results
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff*)
- Donnie Turner - (Helms*)
- Reynold Voeltz - (Boughton's friend)
- David Walther - brain (English*)
- Kellie (Wiggins) Ward - (former mem.)
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

2023 Recently Baptized / Restored / Identified

- Jada Crider* - Baptized
- Brittany Parker* - Baptized
- Dawson Hitchcock* - Baptized
- Matthew & Ashley Gingerich* - Baptized
- Olivia Gingerich* - Baptized
- Lanie Scott* - Baptized
- Ashley Scott Buckley* - Baptized
- Sharon Parker* - Baptized
- Scott Graham* - Baptized
- Gary and Sherian Good* - Identified
- Jan Holmes* - Identified
- Mike and Addie Frahm* - Identified
- Terry & Judy Jennings* - Identified
- Josh & Stephanie Jennings* - Identified
- Jeremy & Amber Dunaway* - Identified
- Allen & Heather Overton family* - Identified
- John & Holley Raley family* - Identified
- Philip and Lanya Lester family* - Identified

Expectant Mothers

- April Estain - January 2024



SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, SEPT 24

MORNING

Opening Prayer Casey Bearden
 Song Director Elliot Wilson
 Sermon Nick Bartell
 "Daniel in the Lion's Den"
 Scripture Reading Philip Lester
 Daniel 6:25-28
 Closing Prayer Phillip Webb

Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Darrell Bozeman Judsen Jennings
 Gabriel Lee Brody Crider
 Pat Mense (Balcony)
 Comments Josh Owens

EVENING

Opening Prayer Jak Gallagher
 Singing David English
 Scripture Doug Lee
 Various Scriptures
 Comments Josh Owens

Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep Elsa Nunes
 PowerPoint Matt McReynolds
 Greeters John Pace
 Secure Building Rick Bird

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Elliot Wilson
 Opening Prayer Jeff Scott

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 176
 AM Worship 191
 PM Worship 116
 Wed. Night Bible Class 158
 Contribution \$7,892

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class 9:00 am
 Sunday AM Worship 10:00 am
 Sunday PM Classes, Worship . 6:00 pm
 Wednesday PM Bible Class 6:30 pm

Visitors:

Thank you for coming!

You are our honored guest!

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience.

Or, ask any member for assistance.

Please take a moment to fill out a visitors card, or sign our guest book so that we might have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

- Deadline for all bulletin items is **Thursday, by noon.**
- If interested in utilizing the library, please reserve with Blisse or Lisa.
- Apologetics Press Study Bibles available for purchase - see Blisse.
- **Reminder:** If you use online giving, please consider covering the processing fees as part of your contribution.

BENEVOLENCE



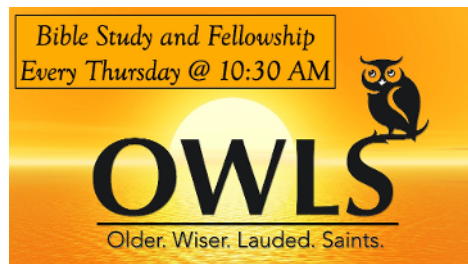
Margaret Street CHURCH of CHRIST

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pickup : 10/10 @ 9:30 AM
 Preparing Boxes:
 10/11 @ 5:30 PM
 10/12 @ 9:30 AM
 Distribution : 10/12 @ 2:30 PM
Please consider donating travel size toiletries!!

EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!



Bible Study and Fellowship
 Every Thursday @ 10:30 AM

OWLS

Older. Wiser. Lauded. Saints.

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