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FROM THE PASTOR

When it comes to Bible translations, making a choice among them can be confusing. There are several options on the market today. Being aware of the differences in the translations can be extremely helpful when deciding which one (or ones) you'll use. This article will provide a summary of the subject.

There are two general categories of Bible translations, word-for-word and thought-for-thought. Word-for-word translations are more accurate to the original words of the Hebrew and Greek languages, hence the name "word-for-word." Thought-for-thought translations are not as accurate but are easier to read. They provide the gist of passages, or the overall thought, hence the name, "thought-for-thought." Popular word-for-word translations include the King James Version (KJV), the New King James Version (NKJV), the New American Standard Bible (NASB), and the English Standard Version (ESV). Popular thought for thought translations include the New Living Translation (NLT), Christian Standard Bible (CSB), and the New International Version (NIV). Both word-for-word and thought-for-thought translations are generally reputable but serve different purposes. Thought-for-thought translations are helpful for reading quickly through passages to grasp their basic meaning. Word-for-word translations are best for extensive study to dig deep into passages and to apply their truths to one's life.

The NIV has a history that's important to note. The NIV New Testament first came into existence in 1973. The entire NIV Bible was released in 1978. It was intended to be an entirely new translation from the original languages that would appeal to evangelicals. It grew in popularity quickly, being seen as an ideal balance between a word-for-word and a thought-for-thought translation. A minor update was released in 1984. Then in 2005 a significant revision was released entitled, Today's New International Version (TNIV). The TNIV went out of print in 2009. In 2011, a slightly modified edition of the TNIV was released as the new NIV. The NIV84 is now out of print. The NIV2011, or the new NIV, is clearly a thought-for-thought translation. In other words, the NIV of the 21st century is quite different from the NIV of the 20th century. It's not a bad translation, but it no longer possesses the accuracy of word-for-word translations.

There are a few other Bibles circulating that should be mentioned. The Living Bible and The Message are not translations at all, but paraphrases. A paraphrase is one individual putting the Bible into his own words. Paraphrases provide a different perspective on the Scriptures but are not reliable for teaching, preaching or doctrine. One widely advertised new Bible currently on the market is the Passion Translation. This "Bible" is not even a paraphrase, but a dubious rendering of the Old and New Testaments based on personal dreams and revelations. It should be avoided at all costs.

As for me, I grew up with the KJV. As a young teenager, I read heavily from the popular Living Bible. I then used the old NIV for years but in the early 2000's switched to the ESV. It's still my translation of choice. I believe it offers the most readability of word-for-word translations. It's published by Crossway and is available in a wide variety of formats and study Bibles.

"But pastor, I really like the translation I have now!" That's fine. This article was written to inform, not to compel. One author has wisely said, "The best Bible translation is the one you'll read."

I do hope and pray that you'll put serious thought into whatever Bible translation you use, then read it, study it, and grow in it. Churches today are plagued with Biblical illiteracy. Only by being grounded in God's truth can you be equipped to be a faithful, fruitful Christian servant. As the Apostle Paul wrote to young Timothy, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV).

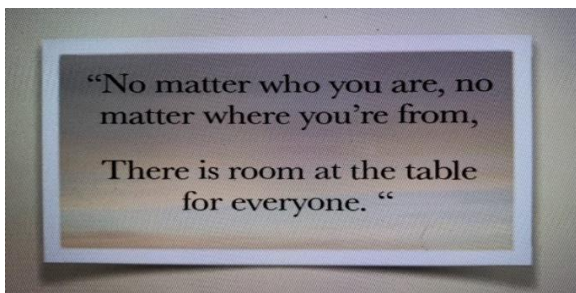
With a shepherd's heart,
Pastor David

Radio Ministry

First Baptist Church's worship service is on WANB Radio each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. The cost of the weekly broadcast of the service is \$50. If you would like to sponsor the broadcasts either in total or in part, please contact the Church office, 724-627-6444, office@fbcwaynesburg.org, or place in the offering plate with the notation for Radio Ministry. Thank you!

"Room At The Table"

"Room At The Table" fellowship dinner will be on Friday, Oct. 20, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Thank you to all those who have volunteered in the past and to all those who are so willing to give of their time to help. Everyone is welcome!



Scripture Readers

Oct. 1 Peyton Cowell
Oct. 8 Wade Cowell
Oct. 15 Addison Cowell
Oct. 22 Michelle Cowell
Oct. 29 Rachel Fox

Greeters

Oct. 1 Deanie Rameas
Oct. 8 Jim & Susan Gregorich
Oct. 15 Jonathan & Addonae Johnson
Oct. 22 MaChal & Camden Forbes
Oct. 29 Vicky Devore

October Dart Ball Schedule

Oct. 2 FBC vs. Bible Baptist
Oct. 9 FBC vs. Wbg. Methodist
Oct. 16 FBC @ Wbg. Bible Chapel
Oct. 23 FBC vs. Crosspoint
Assembly of God
Oct. 30 FBC @ Oak View Methodist

Children's Message Volunteers

Oct. 1 Jake Restanio
Oct. 8 Dawn Mankey
Oct. 15 Wade Cowell
Oct. 22 Pete Rameas
Oct. 29 Walter Killingsworth

Ignite: K-5th 3:15-5pm

Oct. 4
Oct. 11
Oct. 18



Friday @ Farley's

Friday, October 6 at 6pm!

Community Christmas Program

Created by
Celeste
Clydesdale
Arranged by David T. Clydesdale

Practice Info:
 Where: Waynesburg First Church of The Nazarene
 When: Tuesdays/Thursdays 6-7pm Beginning Oct 3rd
 Contact: Tracy Echegaray 724-366-7031 or Jennifer Lash 724-986-8388
 Who: **EVERYONE** is welcome to join!

Two shows in December!

Community Christmas Program

Practices begin October 3 and will be every Tuesday/Thursday 6-7 pm

Nazarene Church in Waynesburg will be where practices & performances will be. This year's program is entitled "Angel Alert".

Any questions can be directed to Jennifer Lash @ 724-986-8388.

Jennifer Lash

First Baptist Church

Children & Family Ministry Director

The Christian Sandbox Preschool

Director



Fall Festival

**Sunday, October 22, 4 pm
 Nacho Bar, Trunk or Treat,
 Pumpkin painting & MORE!**

Young Adult
Cup of Grace Coffeehouse

Anyone is invited to attend Wednesday Night Coffeehouse from 7-10pm when Waynesburg University is in session. Find us in the Fellowship Hall for free coffee, fun, and fellowship.

Wednesday, October 4
Wednesday, October 11
Wednesday, October 18
Wednesday, October 25

For the most current information, find us at fbcwaynesburg.org

Follow us on instagram
@cupofgracecoffeehouse

Youth

Illuminate

During the school year, anyone in 6th-12th grade is invited to attend Illuminate- our youth program! We meet every Sunday evening from 6pm to 8pm. You can find us downstairs in The Well. Bring your friends and join us as we play Games, get to know each other, and learn what it means to be a follower of Christ together!

Kennywood Phantom Fall Fest

October 21st is a trip to the haunted houses at Kennywood! This trip is recommended for students ages 13 and up. We will depart from the church at 5pm and return around midnight. No cost to you, simply sign up online!

Youth Sunday School

Anyone 6th-12th grade will meet Sunday mornings at 9am in the prayer room (beside the first floor bathrooms) for Sunday School!

Youth Praise Team

Anyone 6th-12th grade is invited to participate in their own praise and worship team! We are looking for singers and instrumentalists. This team will meet every Sunday (during the month that they lead worship) at 5:00pm and provide the music for worship any month there is a 5th Sunday.

Fall Retreats

This year we are offering two fall retreats to Laurelville. One is for middle schoolers (6th-8th grade) and will run November 10-12th. The other is for high schoolers (9th-12th grade) and will run November 17-19. Both are \$130 per student. Spots are limited for both weekends! Register online to save your spot at fbcwaynesburg.org/youth!

For the most current information, find us at

fbcwaynesburg.org/youth

Follow us on Instagram

@illuminate

Blessings,

Mandi Restanio

First Baptist Church Waynesburg
Director of Youth, Young Adult, and

Technology

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OCTOBER

- 1 James Gregorich
Lauren Strelick
- 7 Ember Weber
- 9 Zach Gaskill
- 12 Ava Fox
Sadie Fox
- 14 Susan Gregorich
- 15 Rylei Rastoka
Mary Anne Cumberledge
- 18 Mark Fox
- 22 Dustin Cowell
- 31 Elaine Cumberledge

NOVEMBER

- 3 Brad Edgar
- 5 Chera Strelick
- 6 Karen Behm

- 9 Wade Cowell
- 13 Carl Brooks
Carly Stewart
Marilee Martin
- 14 Ayden Judy
- 17 Emily Rockwell
- 21 Bryan Cumberledge
- 23 Dale Gaskill
Diesel Weber
- 24 Amanda Gansor
Jessica Majewski
Logan McNay
- 25 Anna Gansor

Remember Our Shut-Ins

- Rolling Meadows: Geraldine Calvert
- Evergreen Assisted Living: Marilee Martin
- At Home: Loreen Dukate, Nancy Wilson, David Baker (foot problem)