

## ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE

- June 20th is Father's Day!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ VBS will be taking place on **August 21st**. The theme is Fishers of Men— more information to come!
- ◆ There is a sign-up on the back bulletin for summer card distributors/greeters.
- ◆ Reminder— There are card baskets in the back of the auditorium labeled alphabetically if you would ever like to drop off a letter to somebody in the congregation. They will be delivered by the “card distributor” that month.

# WVCYC 2021



- \* Camp has shifted to an online registration this year!
- \* You may now begin pre-registering. Due to Covid, space is limited so sign up soon!
- \* For more information, go to [wvcyc.com](http://wvcyc.com)
- \* Young Adult Week - June 20 to June 25
- \* Senior Week - July 4 to July 9 (Ages 14-18)
- \* Intermediate Week - July 11 to July 16 (Ages 11-14)
- \* Junior Week - July 18 to July 23 (Ages 7-11)
- \* All Age Week - July 25 to July 30 (Ages 8-18)
- \* Singing Week - August 1 to August 6 (Ages 12-18)

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## Bridgeport Church of Christ

June 6th, 2021



### So Many Translations!

Have you noticed how many English Bible translations are on bookstore shelves these days? I used to have a goal of owning a copy of every printed English Bible translation but in recent years I have given up. There seems to be one or two new translations every year! It is notable to consider in the major bookstores there are always entire sections dedicated to just the Bible. But why are so many bible translations needed for just one language?

First, the Bible is the most unique book in the entire world *and* English-speaking peoples place a high priority on the freedom of the press (no, not the news media, the ability to freely print and publish any thought or idea). The Bible has always been highly published. Ancient Bibles are discovered at rates of tens to hundreds to even thousands more times than any other written works of antiquity. So the fact that there are so many English Bible translations has some to do with freedom and much to do with the unique nature of the word of God.

Second, there are many English translations of the Bible because it is a translation. The Bible does not change much in its original tongues, meaning, through the course of time, the Hebrew and Greek speaking people did not adapt the Old and New Testaments (respectively) all that much to their modern tongue. The point of a translation, however, is to understand a different language in the language common to you. The King James translation of the Bible was a masterpiece of seventeenth century English speech. Four hundred years later the English language has evolved some and the King James translation, like Shakespeare, is difficult to follow today, so new translations are written to suit today's language. Additionally, knowledge of

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### Times of Service

#### Sunday:

**Bible Study 9:30 am**

**Worship 10:30 am**

**Evening Worship 6 pm**

#### Wednesday:

**Bible Study 7 pm**

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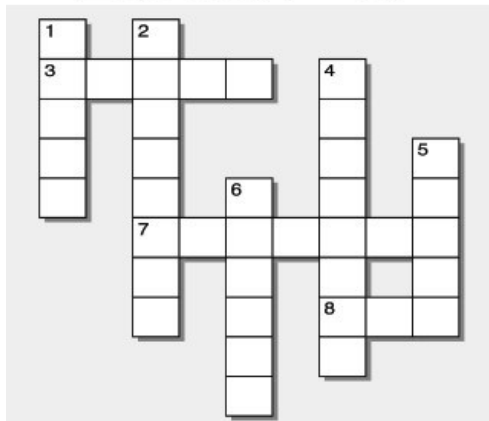
original Bible languages has increased over the last four hundred years giving translators a greater understanding of the Hebrew and Greek.

Third, translation is an art just as much as it is a science. At the tower of Babel God confused the languages and we see the result of that confusion not only in words differing from language to language but thoughts behind those words differ as well. Not to mention grammatical structure and definitions vary from language to language. Thus, in translation, one can focus on a word-for-word translation, like the American Standard Version, said to be "strong in Greek, but weak in English". The King James Version was written in a thought-for-thought method which gives the translator the freedom to use the strength of his own language to tell the message of the Bible. Then there are the translations that attempt to combine word-for-word and thought-for-thought, like the English Standard Version, giving both the strength of the original language with the flow of a modern English tongue. This has very little to do with changing the scriptures, rather improving our understanding of the Bible.

The reading of many English translations of the Bible aids in finding the richness of the original languages that are sometimes lost in translation. While some versions of the Bible push (false) doctrinal biases, those instances are few and easily identifiable. Overall, the many translations of the English Bible are a testament to the uniqueness of God's word, a dedication of the Bible's publication, and a care for both the modern reader and the ancient text.

-Mark Jones

## CrossWORD



## "In the Beginning..."

Genesis 1

### Across

- 3) "Let us make Man in Our..."
- 7) Dark side of a day.
- 8) Allow

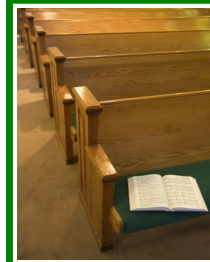
### Down

- 1) Day God created light.
- 2) God called this "night."
- 4) God told Adam and Eve to do this.
- 5) The first "Let there be..."
- 6) What God called the firmament.

**June Card Distributor:** Heather Blizzard

**June Baptismal Garments:** Debbie Anderson

**June Greeters**— 16—Need Greeter 23—Need Greeter 30— Need Greeter



## Our Record: May 30th

### Sunday Morning Assembly

62

### Sunday Bible Class

42

### Sunday Evening

40

### Wednesday Bible Study

29

### Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$2,810

## June Birthday / Anniversary List:



1-Cyan Nichols 2-Miranda Kerns

(Carpenter) 3-Cheyenne Harper 6-Rodney Vilain/

Debbie Anderson 8-Austin Richmond 12-Gene

Wright 13-Jessica Pigott 15- Barry & Cindy Buffing-

ton (A) 16-Phillip Seyler 21-Natalie Seyler 24-Susan

Hartman 24- Robbie & Micah Nichols (A) 25-Lori

Baxter 29-Lois Jenkins

## Prayer Concerns

### For Our Congregation:

- **Our Shut-in's:** Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, and Brenda Fortney
- **Ed & Louis**— health issues
- **Bill & Loverine**— transitioning into their new home in Florida.
- **Becky Britton**— Difficulty balancing
- **Joyce Wright**— healing
- **Debbie Mowbray** - recovering from broken shoulder
- **Helen Potts**— Broken hip
- **Jerry Maxwell**— waiting for test results

### For Our Family & Friends:

- **Bill Kelly**-(Ronnie Holbert's neighbor) in the hospital for Covid and in critical condition
- **Lemoyne Dotson**— (Caretaker at WVCYC) Pnamonia

(If you have a prayer request or need to put something in the bulletin— Please email it to [bgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com](mailto:bgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com) or write it down and give it to Natalie Seyler before Thursday of that week.)