



Office Hours: Monday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 and Friday: 9 am - 1:00

translation try in various ways to make a translation that accurately reflects what the meaning of the original languages would be, but it can never be word for word exact. Some translations seek to come as close to word for word as possible while others seek to translate based on equivalency of meaning. An example of the variation could be that in Greek, as in English, the word "heart" is often used to mean something like the core of our being. Hence we say that we ask Christ into our "hearts" not to mean a physical organ but something deeper and spiritual. Among some Indonesian people, it is the throat, not the heart, that represents that inner core, and so in that language, people are taught to ask Jesus into their throat, not their hearts. And yet, the meaning is clearly the same, wouldn't you agree? And after all, isn't that what we all are after, wanting to understand what Jesus actually meant when he spoke, or what Paul actually meant when he wrote his letters? We are out of room now, so let us defer the discussion of a paraphrase until next month...so stay tuned...



JULY 2024



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PASTOR'S NOTES

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' --Matthew 25:21

A lot of things have changed in our world in the last few decades, haven't they? Things in society (see George Washington quotation elsewhere in Chimes), and in churches. Some changes we really, really like (for example, I am very grateful to have indoor plumbing in January!) and some changes are less comfortable (such as my frustrations with touch-screen phones). A few years ago, Tom Brokaw's book, *The Greatest Generation*, highlighted characteristics of the men and women who lived and fought their way through the Great Depression and the battles of World War II. Many of their characteristics were far different from what we often see in people today. Of course, generalizations don't apply to everyone, but with that caveat, I'd like to mention some overarching themes. I have sometimes noticed how different the various generations of believers are in the churches I have been part of down through the years, sometimes in good ways, sometimes in not so good. Faithfulness, mentioned by Jesus in today's passage and in the Galatians 5 description of the fruit of the Spirit of God, is an example. One of the evidences of faithfulness is found in our church in involvement. The church folks from that "Greatest Generation" were highly faithful people; they attended worship every Sunday, rain or shine, summer and winter. In addition, many of them were also present Sunday and Wednesday evenings as well, plus meeting nights for their committee meetings. When away on vacation or business over a weekend, they attended worship at another church wherever they were, because Sunday is the Lord's Day and should be treated as such. In addition, if they were away, they mailed in their weekly offering, because that was an important part of their commitment to God, to their church and to worship. When taking on a leadership role, task or asked to attend an event, they followed through, because they honored keeping their word as a priority. They also avoided work on Sundays, and avoided situations that required others to work, such as movies or shopping, although sometimes they would eat Sunday dinner out, which did require restaurant owners to work. These folks were what I observed as the example of what it means to be "faithful." Come down a generation or so, and you find individuals who attend worship at their church regularly and were regular in their giving...however that commitment applied only

to Sunday morning services; Sunday and Wednesday evenings soon became optional. These folks also took their responsibilities to committees and tasks seriously...and were, therefore, very careful not to get committed into something bigger or of longer term than they felt sure they could carry through. When out of town, attending worship at a strange church may or may not happen. Giving was usually tied to attendance, so when not in attendance they did not donate...although they might make up the difference upon return if they had a specific plan and goal of giving. Sunday was part of "the weekend," so they attended worship, and then found other ways to relax, enjoy their time off, and catch up on work around the house. "The Lord's Day came to mean Sunday morning worship;" the rest of the day was simply part of the weekend off. The definition of faithfulness shifted, and now applied primarily to a marriage, not church. Moving forward another generation, and while you will find people who believe worship is important and attend as often as possible, though also important is catching up on sleep and other activities such as going to Chiefs' games or out to the lake for a "needed break" from a stressful week at work. So, they will often attend worship if they feel it benefits them personally, and as long as a better opportunity doesn't come along. They donate to the church, but often have no specific plan or goal in their giving and prefer to donate to specific things they think are important, such as missions and relief funds for the needy....as opposed to the church's electric bills, staff salaries or office supplies. They commit only to the things they think are their special abilities and that have specific time limits involved, lest they become stuck in some kind of decades long activity they didn't intend to sign up for. The concept of the Lord's Day has shifted, and they have come to believe that the way to honor the Lord's Day is to identify it as "Family Time," because God wants them to be good husbands, wives and parents. In this scenario, one could conclude that faithfulness now means being faithful to one's own "true self." As time moves on, the things of God seem to be becoming more and more merely one of the options available to people, not a priority of commitment. What does being faithful in your relationship with God and to your church mean to you? How is it evidenced in your lifestyle? How do "other opportunities" take precedence? Maybe attending worship isn't everything, but in Jesus's words, "he who is faithful in little is faithful also in much." How are you doing with the "little"?

 *Richard*



Mark those Calanders! During John C. Fremont Days we are moving our worship times to enjoy an opportunity to

WORSHIP IN THE PARK.

Join us Sunday, July 14th!

Traditional Service - 9:15 a.m. - Main Sanctuary
Casual Service - 10:00 a.m. - John C Fremont Park



Translation---Version---Paraphrase. Centenary Translation. The Message Bible—a paraphrase. New King James Version. When you consider purchasing a new Bible, do you pay attention to these three words? Should you? Do you know what the difference is? (Or perhaps I should say, what the difference was?) In the world of translating the Bible, these words have meaning. And knowing the difference matters. For a quick summary, historically "translation" refers to a Bible that has been brought into English by one or more individuals, but without reference to who all was involved in doing the translation. The Centenary Translation I mention above is a translation done by an American Baptist woman, Helen Barret Montgomery in 1924, published by the American Baptist Publication Society, (which makes it pretty unique, by the way...I have a copy if you'd like to see one...she was also the first female president of our denomination back in 1920). This New Testament was translated by Montgomery from the Greek original. Note, it was done by HER. To clarify my point, let's move on to the word Version. The word "version" when used of the Bible, historically has indicated the manner in which the process of translation was done. Whereas a Bible referred to as a translation may have been done by a single individual, such as the Centenary Translation, the term version has generally be reserved for Bibles translated by a larger team of individuals, usually from a variety of denominations and/or theological perspectives. This means that when there are alternative ways to understand the meaning of a Greek or Hebrew passage or word, individuals will have to convince others which wording should be used in the translation, and which relegated to footnotes. That is a huge advantage for the English reader, because it means such wordings have been debated and very likely the best understanding has been selected. For that to happen, it requires not just multiple individuals on the translation team, but individuals with different perspectives. A case in point to illustrate would be that the Watchtower Translation... produced and used by the Jehovah's Witnesses, translates John chapter one in a way that supports their doctrinal denial of the divinity of Jesus. That translation does not say, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God," as the reputable translations say, but instead supports their theology by saying, "the Word was a god." A huge difference, right? The process used in translation does make a difference. Anyone involved in translations of anything will acknowledge that there is no way to make a "literal" translation from one language to another, because grammatical structure, nuance, verbal tones and emphases vary from language to language, and a word that has multiple meanings in one language may have completely different meanings in another. So those doing Bible

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Weaving for Good to be held August 10th, 2024. A silent auction will be held to benefit Weaver Hall remodeling at MMCCC and we are looking for donations of items to be put in baskets/packages to be auctioned off. Possible themes could be Tailgate Gift basket, Car detailing, Game night, Bookworm Gift basket, etc. If you feel led to donate a themed basket and/or any other items that maybe used for the auction, please contact Shelly Bowen at 402-720-4559.

Inviting everyone across Nebraska to weave mats for the unhoused!

WEAVING FOR GOOD

Saturday August 10, 2024
 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

A 10 hour Weaving Marathon sponsored by ABWM of FBC Fremont
 8th & C Streets - Fremont, Nebraska

Silent Auction to benefit Weaver Hall Remodeling Project at Moses Merrill Camp and Conference Center

Snacks and Lunch provided
 (free will offering)

Come for the day, or come for an hour - leave with the skills to develop your own weaving ministry

9:30 a.m. - Workshop Presentation
 "Missions to the Unhoused and Friends of Isaiah"
 Rev. Steve Neal - FBC Turner, Kansas
 Founder of Friends of Isaiah

One Great HOUR OF SHARING

(OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery.

American Baptist Women's MINISTRIES

ABWM
JULY 4, 2024
@ 1:30PM

Meetings

Esther - July 8 - 11:30 am
 Hannah - July 9 - 1:30 pm
 Naomi - July 25 - 12:30 pm

July
 Bible Book of the Month:
Philippians

FBC Fremont
 Saturday Women's Bible Study



Joanna

July 27, 2024
 9:30 a.m. - Third floor, Green Room

Blessed is the nations whose God is the Lord - Psalm 33:12



Vision Team Meeting: No Meeting in June

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.



– Galatians 5:1 [NKJV]

Prayer Room Available During Office Hours and by Appointment



As we approach Independence Day, it might be fun to learn a little about the people who won it for us. In one of Washington's "General Orders" in 1775, he wrote the following:

"That the troops may have an opportunity of attending public worship, as well as to take some rest after the great fatigue they have gone through, the General in future excuses them from fatigue duty on Sundays, except at ship-yards, and on special occasions, until further orders. The General is sorry to be informed that the foolish and wicked practice of profane swearing—a vice heretofore little known in an American army—is growing into fashion. He hopes the officers will, by example as well as influence, endeavor to check it; and that both they and the men will reflect that we can have little hope of the blessing of heaven upon our arms if we insult it by our impiety and folly. Added to this, it is a vice so mean and low, without any temptation, that every man of sense and character detests it."

July's Bible Puzzle:

Revelation 21:19-20 describes 12 different precious stones that are the foundations of the heavenly Jerusalem. Where else in the Bible does one find discussion of 12 precious stones? Bonus question: What stones are the same, and which different?

July's People Puzzle

If you go to Big Red restaurant you will see people gambling at Keno. This individual used to gamble occasionally...not a Big Red...but in the town of Los Banos.

June Bible Puzzle Answer

The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119 with 176 verses, and the shortest is Psalm 117 with only 2 verses. The well-known shortest verse is John 11:35—"Jesus wept," which is one that speaks to those of us who have also wept in grief at the loss of a loved one.

June People Puzzle Answer

The congregant who as a teenager met his future wife at camp was Terry Woodman, who met Linda at the original Moses Merrill camp when he was just 15 years of age.



July

SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Seeking the Truth

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| Day 1: Psalm 15:2-5 | Day 17: 1 Corinthians 2:12-13 |
| Day 2: Psalm 25:5 | Day 18: Ephesians 1:13-14 |
| Day 3: Psalm 51:6 | Day 19: Ephesians 4:15-16 |
| Day 4: Psalm 86:11 | Day 20: Ephesians 4:25 |
| Day 5: Psalm 119:160 | Day 21: Ephesians 6:13-15 |
| Day 6: Proverbs 12:17 | Day 22: 1 Timothy 3:15 |
| Day 7: Isaiah 45:18-19 | Day 23: 2 Timothy 2:15 |
| Day 8: Zechariah 8:16-17 | Day 24: 2 Timothy 4:3-5 |
| Day 9: John 1:14, 17 | Day 25: Hebrews 10:26 |
| Day 10: John 4:23-24 | Day 26: James 1:18 |
| Day 11: John 8:31-32 | Day 27: James 5:19-20 |
| Day 12: John 14:5-7 | Day 28: 1 Peter 1:22 |
| Day 13: John 14:15-17 | Day 29: 2 Peter 2:1-2 |
| Day 14: John 17:13-19 | Day 30: 1 John 3:18-19 |
| Day 15: John 18:37-38 | Day 31: 3 John 2-4 |
| Day 16: Romans 2:6-8 | |

Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.

Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.



FBKids | FB Youth

Rocky Mountain Mission Conference - Estes Park Co.



What a great experience it was to go to Rocky Mountain Mission Conference. We are so thankful for this great opportunity! We got to gather with fellow young Christians and learn about mission work, hear stories from Burma refugees, and are anxious to learn what God has in store for us. We are forever changed! Thank you FBC and our sponsors!!!
Sincerely grateful, FBYouth - Gabby Burt, Aubrey Burt, Allie Jones, Ryan Thompson and Asa Summers.



**SATURDAY
JULY 13
VAN LEAVES @
11:30 AM**

We are heading out to the community for a Prayer Tour, where we will go to areas of Fremont and say a word of prayer for that specific part of town...join us as we pray for our Community, our Friends, our Family, and Strangers alike. Spread the LOVE of Jesus Christ

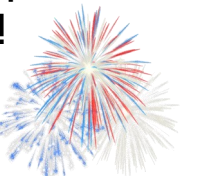
Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

1 Peter 2:16



We are looking forward to our annual Fremont Days Booth and Hotdog Stand. We are asking for donations of cookies/bars/desserts individual wrapped. If you have any questions, please reach out to Eileen Cash, Marcia Hill or Mary Weldon. Thank you!!

FBYouth - Thank you to Ryan Thompson and Asa Summers for washing all 26 of my windows plus glass in my doors. What a job! I was glad to help with your trip to Colorado and it helped me too! Thanks Again!!
Mary Weldon



July 2024

*It's always a good idea to verify times and places
Thanks!*

Prayer Emphasis

Praise God that we can worship Him freely, without fear of being persecuted. Pray for our brothers and sisters around the world who are not as fortunate. Pray for God to strengthen and sustain them.

Cookies & Coffee
7-Esther
14 - Naomi
21 - ABM
28 - Hannah

John C Fremont Days Volunteers Needed

July 12th | 5:00 pm
Set up Tents
@ Midland

July 13th | 7:30 am
meet @FBC to
bring
Tables & Supplies
to Midland

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9am - Men's Coffee 7pm - Woodcarvers	2 7pm - AA Meeting	3 9:30am - Women's Coffee 7pm - Bible Study	4 OFFICE CLOSED 1:30 ABWM  <i>Happy 4th of July</i>	5 9am - Men's Coffee	6 7am - ABM Bible Study 8am - ABM Breakfast 9am - Property Team 6pm - Food & Fellowship
7 COMMUNION 9:30am - Traditional Service 11am - Casual Service	8 9am - Men's Coffee 11am - Esther Circle	9 11:30am - Hannah Circle 7pm - AA Meeting	10 9:30am - Women's Coffee 7pm - Bible Study	11 9:30am - Pastor Led Bible Study @ FBC and via ZOOM 5:30pm - Kay Circle Mat Weaving	12 9am - Men's Coffee 	13 8:50am - Personnel Team 9:30am - Vision Team 11am - Prayer Tour
14 9:15am - Traditional Service 10am - Worship in the Park 	15 9am - Men's Coffee 7pm - Woodcarvers	16 7pm - AA Meeting	17 9:30am - Women's Coffee 7pm - Bible Study	18	19 9am - Men's Coffee	20
21 9:30am - Traditional Service 11am - Casual Service 6pm - Brown Bag Fellowship 6:30pm - Movie Starts 	22 9am - Men's Coffee	23 7pm - AA Meeting	24 9:30am - Women's Coffee 7pm - Bible Study	25 9:30am - Pastor Led Bible Study @ FBC and via ZOOM 12:30 - Naomi Circle 5:30pm - Kay Circle Mat Weaving	26 9am - Men's Coffee	27 9:30am - ABW Bible Study on Joanna
28 9:30am - Traditional Service 11am - Casual Service	29 9am - Men's Coffee 7pm - Woodcarvers	30 7pm - AA Meeting	31 9:30am - Women's Coffee 7pm - Bible Study			