

The Glovier Messenger

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From the Desk of Pastor Bill

What Is a Good Translation?

When you go into a bookstore looking for a Bible, you will likely find numerous translations on the shelf. Which one should I choose? Which translation is the right one? Unless you can read ancient Hebrew, Aramaic, and koine Greek, you must depend on translations to read biblical texts, but translation is a tricky business. There is no perfect translation. Furthermore, all translation involves interpretation on some level or other; and no translation can claim to be authoritative for all time, since our own language is always changing.

The translation many people know the best, commonly known as the King James Version, was commissioned by King James of England in 1604. Though other translations preceded it, this Bible translation project drew on the finest scholarship of the time, reflecting new developments in knowledge about biblical languages and culture. It was completed in 1611. It soon became the Bible for English-speaking Protestants. And it continues, centuries after its introduction, to have unparalleled authority.

By the end of the 19th century, the original KJV's English had become quite archaic, and biblical scholarship had undergone a revolution of its own. Since that time, various translations have been produced, reflecting modern conventions of English and discoveries of older manuscripts, including the Dead Sea Scrolls found hidden in caves in Qumran in 1947 (dating from the 3rd

century BC to the 1st century AD). Meanwhile, biblical scholarship continued to blossom.

The KJV informed several revisions, including the Revised Standard Version (RSV), which was completed in 1957, and was the Bible I received in my sixth grade Sunday school class. Since that time other translations have been produced, such as the New American Standard Bible (NASB), which is much more literal and theologically conservative than in the RSV. Translations have exploded over the last three decades, including the New Revised Standard Version in 1990. The NRSV has been updated recently, and is referred to as the NRSV Updated Edition (NRSVue).

In the more than thirty years since the first publication of the NRSV, hundreds of ancient manuscripts have been studied in exacting detail. The NRSVue is informed by the results of this research. Laboring through this material has deepened scholarly insight into Jewish and Christian sacred texts and advanced understanding of ancient languages. With new textual evidence, historical insights, and language understandings (which include exploring the meanings of ancient texts in light of the cultures that produced them), the NRSVue brings greater precision in interpreting Scripture today.

A member of our congregation here at Glovier Church has generously offered to donate copies of this new translation for use in our worship services. We plan to place these Bibles in the pews in August, with the goal of having a "Blessing of the Bibles" during our 76th

Anniversary Worship Service on August 17th. We are deeply grateful for this gift and God's wisdom we will receive through the reading and understanding of God's holy word.

Though there is no perfect translation, I believe the NRSVue is a good translation for Christians in our time and will be a valuable tool in further helping us to discern God's will as the people of God in the 21st century.

We must always remember that Christian faith is not in the book but in the God we learn to know in it. It is God, not the Bible, who rules and judges, helps and saves, in whom we trust. I am reminded of the words of my favorite teacher of preachers Dr. Fred Craddock: "It's possible to get an 'A' in Bible and still flunk Christianity."



AT HOME MEMBER FOR AUGUST

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Polly would love to hear from you. Send her a card, text or give her a call. We appreciate our at home members as they support us each Sunday with their prayers and love.

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

John & Jan Bottemiller

Becky Miller

Pauline & Tobi Broyles

Jean Pittman

Do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything, by prayer and
petition, with thanksgiving, present
your requests to God. Philippians 4:6



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2nd - Bob Jordan
2nd - Bill Spencer
8th - Chad Ellinger
11th - Karen Wright
12th - Danetta Hartman
12th - Pete Phillips
15th - Benjamin Fields
16th - Kay Hanger
22nd - Dianne Thorne
22nd - Eddie Fisher
23rd - Samuel Phillips
24th - Judy Mead
24th - Mary Roadcap
27th - Bill Dulaney
29th - Pam Craig



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

3rd - Steve & Naomi English
6th - Ed & Jacenta Tutwiler
7th - Bill & Linda Jones
8th - Eckehardt & Gail Rupp
8th - Chuck & Dottie Wiest
13th - Chad & Kascie Ellinger
16th - Ryan & Erin Schaeffer
18th - Archie & Kimberly Kestner
31st - Richard & Sharon Rodgers

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 5 (Tues)	4:00pm	Plummer's Bible Study
August 12 (Tues)	5:30pm	Choir Practice
August 17 (Sun)	10:45am	Anniversary Worship
Sept. 2 (Tues)	1:30pm	Choir
Sept. 3 (Wed)	6:00pm	Bible Study
Sept. 4 (Thurs)	6:00pm	United Methodist Men
Sept. 9 (Tues)	1:30pm	Choir
Sept. 9 (Tues)	6:00pm	United Women in Faith

Making Sense of Revelation: Its Controversies and Meaning

The book of Revelation, this most wonderful and puzzling of biblical books, has inspired great works of art and music, and has also fed social upheaval and speculation about the coming end of the world. I have been studying this last book of the Bible since I first led a Bible Study, while a student pastor at Arcola-Ryan UMC in 1978, using The Vision of Patmos, a United Methodist Women mission study. It has fascinated me ever since.

In this study, I propose to explore an overview of the book of Revelation as both prophecy and a pastoral letter – the context in which the book was composed. Along the way we will look at the images that have fascinated and bewildered Christians. We will ask what such images as the four horsemen, the red dragon, and the seven-headed beast might mean. As we follow the plot, with its vivid sense of struggle among God and evil and outcome in a world made new, I believe we can see more clearly that this book offers a compelling vision of hope. We will also look at topics that include disputes about the antichrist idea and whether time would culminate in a 1,000 year period of peace on earth. We will ask why some religious groups have used Revelation to set the dates for the end of the world, while others have seen the book as a call for a better society. This study begins on **Wednesday, September 3rd**, from 6 to 7 pm in the JOY classroom. You are welcome to join us In-Person or on Zoom.

– Pastor Bill



Greetings from Glovier!

What a wonderful blessing it is to invite you to the 76th Anniversary of Glovier Memorial United Methodist Church! 76 years of serving our Lord on this hill in Waynesboro, VA. It is a wonderful time to come celebrate the blessings and faithfulness with which we have been blessed.

You are invited to come on Sunday, August 17, 2025, at 10:45am. We are blessed to have Rev. Paul Glovier deliver our morning message. We are extremely excited about what Rev. Glovier will share with us. After the service, there will be a covered dish luncheon in the Social Hall. Meat, bread, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share as we celebrate this 76th Anniversary.

We will be taking up an anniversary offering. As our church has aged, we have found some projects (painting, heating, cooling, etc.) that we need to do. If you would like to contribute, make a check to Glovier Memorial UMC with anniversary written in the memo line.

Come and join us as we look to “fill the church” with friends, family, and guests, during this joyous occasion in which we celebrate our 76th Anniversary and look ahead to our promising future in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ. We look forward to seeing you!

In Christian Love, *Your Family at Glovier*

Our Church Bulletin Board

Glovier has a bulletin board in the hall beside the sanctuary. It is a special place where we display church news, the calendar for the month, notices about dinners, and yard sales.

It has another very important purpose that we need to be aware of. When there is a special program coming up, we make the bulletin board a place to advertise that. We have a very special event coming soon--our 76th Anniversary Sunday. It will be held on Sunday, August 17, and we want to start celebrating now.

We will be putting several displays on the bulletin board and we want YOUR participation. The first one will be about past church events that we have enjoyed. Please take a moment to add an event to our list on the bulletin board, and we will try to find pictures to illustrate them. Thank you all for helping us start our celebration.

Choir Practice: The next choir practice will be held on Tuesday, August 12, at 5:30pm. The choir starts back on its regular schedule on September 2nd, Tuesday at 1:30pm.

Just a reminder: The United Methodist Men and the United Women of Faith will not meet during the month of August.

CASA de Amistad needs your help!

We are gathering back-to-school supplies and we need the following items:

- Loose leaf paper
- 3 ring binders (2 inch)
- Pencil pouches
- Post-it notes
- Packs of highlighters (4 per pack)

There will be a clear plastic tote in the front pew in the sanctuary labeled, CASA de Amistad School Supplies. We plan to give them away on August 4th. We are asking Main Street UMC for different items.

Thanks so much! *Cheryl Summers*



Rise Against Hunger 2025

The third annual Rise Against Hunger event in Waynesboro is set for Saturday morning September 13th at Kate Collins Middle School. We will seek to prepare 30,000 to 40,000 meals – in two hours or less! – which are sent around the world to those who are in chronic food need. There is a focus on families and children receiving this food.

We will fill bags with rice, soy protein, dehydrated veggies and a nutrition packet, weigh, seal and pack those bags, with a lot of activity, fun and something to do for ALL AGES (we've had folks aged 6 – 96 take part). We had 22 congregations/ groups take part last year. This will be Glovier's third year. Sign up on the bulletin board or call the office at 540-943-3071. Stay tuned for updates.



One day, a police officer pulls a car over and sees the backseat is full of penguins. The officer tells the driver, "You can't be doing this, you need to take these penguins to the zoo!"

The next day, the police officer pulls the same car over again, and says, "Hey! I told you to take these penguins to the zoo!" The driver says, "I did, and today I'm taking them to the movies!"