



## Kannapolis Church of Christ

### Can You Trust Your Bible?

“You can’t trust your Bible because it’s been translated so many times.”

It’s always been popular to criticize the Bible and try to diminish or destroy its influence. Some do so because they are unbelievers while others are looking for a less stringent form of the Christian faith. In either case, it is an effort to “loosen” moral restraints/responsibility so the individual can be “free to explore” their own distinctiveness.

It has been said that we cannot trust the Bible because it has been translated so many times. This misconception assumes that there is no manuscript evidence in Biblical languages and that all we have today is simply a copy of previous copies that have been edited and altered through the years.

In reality, we have thousands of manuscripts of the Bible in the Greek and Hebrew languages in which it was originally written. The Dead Sea Scrolls, found in 1947, date back to the period we most commonly call “the Intertestamental Period” between the end of Malachi and the beginning of Matthew’s gospel. Most New Testament manuscripts date from the second century AD, though a few have been dated to the period of the apostles. The remarkable thing about this is that these manuscripts for both the Old and New Testaments confirm the Bible as we have it today.

Not only do we have manuscript evidence for the Bible, we also know the languages in which it was written and can easily translate these into our modern English language. Through studies of ancient, non-biblical writings, we are able to understand the idioms of Biblical times, historical settings, and the wide range of meanings given to some words and phrases. There is actually more evidence for the Bible than there is for the writings of the ancient Greek philosophers! In fact, much of what we have from the ancient philosophers are copies of copies handed down through the years. Yet, some will accept their writings without question while disputing the genuineness of the Bible.

Yes, you can trust your Bible. It is not merely a copy of translations. It is the product of many tedious hours of studying, examination, testing, and cross referencing in order to give us God’s word as it was delivered to the authors!

--Gary Knuckles preaches for the Briensburg Church of Christ Church of Christ in Benton, KY. He may be contacted through the congregation's website: <http://www.briensburgcofc.com/>

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Sunday Morning Worship: 10am  
Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7pm

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If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact  
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To submit an announcements or reserve the building, please send an e-mail to info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org

For our members and guests that may have hearing impairments, we ask that everyone use the microphones when speaking in a public manner.

Monthly/Weekly Assignments				
Month	Date	5/1/2016	5/8/2016	
		Presiding Elder		Frank Crunk
	Announcements		Frank Crunk	
	Lord's Table	Preside		Joe Huddleston
		Servers - Table		Ben Scruggs Alex Zirkle Bob Lemasters Chris Lankford
		Servers - Sides		Derrick Nix Dallas Long
	Ushers		Brad Fortson Derrick Nix Jr	
	AV Room	Sound Board Computer	Robert Higbee Commie Pendergrass	
	Food for Families		Karen Clary & Kimberly Zirkle	
	Weekly	Date	5/1/2016	5/8/2016
Hospital Baskets		Judy Lambert	Eileen Lemasters	
Baptismal Clothes		Frank Crunk	Janet Watts	
Security Duty		Robert Higbee Joe Eagle	Mark Gray Pete Lovell	
Sunday Morning	Date	5/1/2016	5/8/2016	
	Lead Singing	Elliott Lawing	Bryson Gray	
	Opening Prayer	Tom Whitaker	Doug Campbell	
	Scripture Reading	Lance Lemasters	Pat Smith	
	Closing Prayer	Chris Shuping	Derrick Nix	
	Greeters	Lisa Winchester Brad Fortson	Pam Sams Kelly Craddock	
	Prepare Communion	Frank Crunk	Angela Mobley	
	Shut Down Building	Kirk Sams Jeff Deason	Tom Whitaker Chris Shuping	
	Nursery Attendants	Marie Gunter	K & J Zirkle	
Sunday Evening	Lead Singing	Pete Lovell	Elliott Lawing	
	Opening Prayer	John Lewis	Jeff Hall	
	Closing Prayer	Chris Lankford	Ben Tipton	
	Shut Down Building	Joe Huddleston Chris Riebold	Dalton Lankford Brad Fortson	
Wednesday Evening	Date	5/4/2016	5/11/2016	
	Lead Singing	Bob Lemasters	Joe Eagle	
	Opening Prayer	John Lewis	Tom Whitaker	
	Closing Prayer	Chris Lankford	Brad Fortson	
	Shut Down Building	Tom Whitaker Joe Eagle	Robert Higbee Kirk Sams	

#### For Our Guests

- We will not ask you to stand and then focus our attention on you
- We do not expect you to give money when we take a collection from our church members, however any gifts will be graciously received.
- We partake of the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day (Acts 20:7). You have the option of participating, or not, in the communion when it is served. Read 1 Cor. 11:23-29
- For those who have small children, the following options are available.
  - Your child may stay in the auditorium with you
  - We have a staffed nursery for children 0 - 2 years old during Sunday morning Worship
- Please stay around following services and let us get to know you. Thank you for being our guest and come back soon.

## JESUS: THE BREAD OF LIFE

(John 6:22-35)

Introduction: Feed the Hungry

1. He takes 5 small loaves, and 2 small fishes and feeds a multitude that probably neared 15,000 people.
2. After all the people were satisfied the disciples took up 12 baskets filled with the fragments of this miracle.
3. One basket for every doubting disciple

### I. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF HEAVEN'S BREAD

- A. V. 34-35 **Heaven's Bread Is A \_\_\_\_\_.**
- B. V. 35b **Heaven's Bread Has \_\_\_\_\_.**
- C. v. 47-51 **Heaven's Bread Has \_\_\_\_\_.**
- D. V. 53 **Heaven's Bread Has A \_\_\_\_\_.**

### II. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF HEAVEN'S BREAD

- A. V. 1-13 **Illustrated By The \_\_\_\_\_.**
- B. V. 30-33 **Illustrated By The \_\_\_\_\_.**
  1. **It Was Small**
  2. **It Was Round**
  3. **It Was White**
  4. **It Came At Night**
  5. **It Was Misunderstood By Those Who Found It**
  6. **It Was Sufficient For Every Man's Need**
  7. **It Was Sweet To The Taste**
  8. **It Was To Be Kept And Passed On To Others**
- C. V. 52-58 **Illustrated By The \_\_\_\_\_.**

### III. THE P \_\_\_\_\_ OF HEAVEN'S BREAD

- A. V. 51 **It Grants \_\_\_\_\_.**
- B. V. 35 **It Gives \_\_\_\_\_.**
- C. V. 37-40 **It Guarantees Our \_\_\_\_\_.**

**"Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will in Christ Jesus." - 1 Thes. 5:16-18**

### Prayer List

- Serving in the Military: **David Jones (Dan Payne's nephew), James Schriever (friend of Merrill's), Victor Falorian (friend of Amy Riebold), Timothy O'Bryant (Amy Riebold's cousin), Brian Mullins (Northview Church of Christ), Kyle Behrens (friend of Kevin Simoneaux), Michael J. Lovell (Pete & Karen Lovell's son), Ricky Ardrey, Teresa Clowney's son-in-law, and Ryan Ellis, son of Tom and Lynn Ellis.**
- Shut-ins: **John Grandy @ St. Andrews , Lee Davis, Barbara Norris @Lancasters, and Judy Middleton (Transitional Care)**
- **Jean Bagwell, member and secretary of the church at Gastonia,** is very weak but still battling cancer.
- **Bobbie Seabolt's cousin's granddaughter, Trinity,** continues to recover from a serious head-on car accident last weekend in Florida.
- **Dolly Lankford, Chis' mom,** is still on a blood thinner for treatment of a blood clot in her lung.
- **Retta Kirby, Lil's mom,** is still very weak but very appreciative of all the continued prayers.
- **Chris Lawing, Elliotte and Elaine's son,** as he goes through the appeal process.
- **Charles Lemasters** was at CHS Northeast last week for treatment for atrial fibrillation and had a echo-cardiogram and stress test with good results. He was able to go home on a new medication to help with his heart rate.
- **Tommie Lucas, John Rowden's aunt,** she lives in Chattanooga and hospice has been called in to assist.
- **Bob Miller, Bobbie Seabolt's dad,** had further treatments on skin cancers last week.
- **Larin Patton, Larry Gregory's daughter,** had successful surgery last week with the removal of nearly half of her thyroid. She is recovering and in quite a lot of pain and awaiting the pathology report.
- **Debbie Sapp, Pat Putnal's niece,** has requested prayers for health and personal struggles.
- **Markita Sherk, Robert Higbee's sister,** will have her third round of chemo this week.
- **Mary Jane Simoneaux, Bret's mom,** continues to recover from her recent shoulder surgery.
- **Jackie Stearsman, Amy Riebold's uncle,** has been diagnosed with AMI, a very aggressive form of Leukemia. He will start his chemo this Monday.
- **Fran Wehe** has requested prayers for her grandchildren as she cares for them and tries to make the best decision for them.
- **Our thoughts and prayers go to the family of Peggy Williams, Scott's mom,** who went to sleep in Jesus last week. Her memorial was conducted on Saturday in Monroe, NC.

### News & Upcoming Events

- **Stop Hunger Now sign-up sheet in FCR** and brochure explaining the day in your mailboxes.
- **Kannon Creek Devotional on Thursday, May 5 at 7 P.M.**
- **"Stop Hunger Now" on Sunday, May 15. Signup in FCR, donations still being accepted.**
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- If you need an **updated picture,** please see **Bret at any time.**

**>> Please send any bulletin announcements, calendar or website updates to [info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org](mailto:info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org)**