

Revised Standard Version Bible Sells as Reference

By LOUIS CASSELS
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Washington—When the Revised Standard Version of the Bible was published five years ago, there was widespread expectation that it would supplant the King James Version as the basic Bible of American Protestants.

The "RSV" has been a phenomenal success. More than five million copies have been sold, and it is still on the best-seller lists. Scholars have acclaimed it. Tests have shown it easier to read and understand. On its fifth anniversary, the RSV is already firmly established as the best of all modern translations, an invaluable aid to any serious student of the Scriptures.

But it has NOT taken the place of the 346-year-old King James Bible. And it begins to seem doubtful that it will ever do so.

The King James Version still outsells the RSV by a ratio of about 8 to 1. And the RSV share of total Bible sales has shown a tendency to decline rather than increase in the past two years.

Current sales figures are not, of course, conclusive. The National Council of Churches, sponsor of the RSV, recognized from the start that it would take a long time for any new translation to rival the long-loved King James in popular acceptance.

Clergy, Scholars First

It assumed that the swing to the RSV would begin with clergymen and other Bible scholars qualified to compare the two translations, and that the Bible-buying public would eventually follow suit.

This assumption recently received a rude jolt in the form of a survey conducted by the Living Church, weekly Protestant Episcopal magazine.

The magazine polled more than 400 Episcopal clergymen whose names were taken at random from a denominational roster. It asked them which version or versions of the Bible they customarily used for public worship, for private reading, for sermon texts, for serious study of scriptural passages.

The responses showed that the RSV was very highly regarded as a reference, and that it surpassed all other modern translations combined in favor as a "second Bible."

But it was also clear, the Living Church reported, that "the RSV is not by any means taking the place of the King James," even in a denomination which has been notably sympathetic to the new translation.

For example, 262 clergymen said they "always" read from the King James Version at public worship, compared to only 32 who regularly use the RSV as a pulpit Bible. The rest use both versions for worship, but the vast majority—109—"usually" choose the King James.

Lopsided Favorite
The old translation was similarly a lopsided favorite for private devotional reading, for sermon quotations and texts.

The one question on which

Church of God Youth Attend Ashland Rally

The youth of the First Church of God will attend a fall Rally at the Ashland church Saturday, Oct. 26, at 2 p.m. Six youth groups will make up the body of the Rally. The theme, "Look to the Harvest," will be presented in a sermon by the Rev. Herman Harris, pastor of the First Church of God in Grants Pass. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gallo-way, local youth advisors, will accompany the Medford group to the Rally.

The Medford Youth Fellowship is also sponsoring a Halloween fun night in the youth room of the local church at Haven and Holly st. on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Guyer will be in charge of this social activity.

First Christian To Show Colored Film

The sound color movie, "The Greatest of These" will be shown in the morning service of the First Christian church Sunday. This film is a portrayal of the lives of those whose circumstances have placed them in the care of The National Benevolent association.

A mixed quartet composed of Mrs. Robert Reaves, Mrs. Ralph Matlack Jr., C. Warren Fairbanks and Neal Curry will sing "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer" for the morning worship service. The choir directed by Fairbanks will sing, "When We Lift Our Eyes to Pray," at the same service.

SERMON TOPICS
Central Point—Time to Think will be the sermon topic for the 10:45 a.m. service at Central Point Church of Christ Sunday. At the evening service Our Marriage Relationship will be the topic at 7:30 p.m. Sermons will be by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Jean M. Shelley.

the RSV won a majority was: "What version do you use for serious study of Holy Scripture?" The responses indicated that the average clergyman often consults several translations, including the original Greek, in serious Bible study; but if only one Bible is used, it is more likely to be the RSV than the King James.

The magazine said the reasons given by a majority of Episcopal ministers for their choice of Bibles were well summarized in these two replies:

"I trust the scholarship of the RSV, and therefore I rely quite heavily on it for accurate translation. However, as sacred scripture for the use of the people, the RSV loses much that only the King James Version has—the dignity and beauty of great prose; familiarity and the warmth which that familiarity can give; the tremendous wealth of biblical reference, allusion and quotation which pervades the English language, all of which comes from the King James."

"Unless the meaning of a particular scriptural passage is actually obscured in the King James Version, I use it because its beautiful language still has hallowed associations for this generation of Christians, which are not to be taken lightly."

Mr. Lorbeer, Congregational Christian educational missionary, who spent more than 40 years working in the schools in South India, will speak at the annual meeting of the Southern Oregon Fellowship of Congregational churches which convenes at the Congregational church, Medford, Sunday at 4 p.m.

Mr. Lorbeer will also speak at the 11 a.m. worship service of First Congregational church, Ashland, Sunday.

Other speakers at the afternoon session in Medford will be the Rev. Fred G. Plocher who will speak on The Other Half of the United Church of Christ. Mr. Plocher was until recently a member and minister of the Evangelical and Reformed Church with which the Congregational Christian churches merged to form the United Church of Christ.

The session will conclude with a dinner with Emmett Bullard, Medford, toastmaster. Talks will be given by Dr. Paul A. Davies, minister and superintendent of the conference; and Mrs. F. L. Van Doozer, president of the state women's fellowship.

Mr. Lorbeer in his work in India had helped train more than 5,000 elementary school teachers. He was one of the first missionaries in India to cooperate with the Government of India's basic education committee which is striving to introduce Mahatma Gandhi's basic education program (training through crafts) into all schools.

He has also translated devotional literature in the Tamil language.

Church Receives \$200 Award, Plaque

Cave Junction—Immanuel Methodist church, Cave Junction, has received a first place award, a plaque and a cash gift of \$200, in the Oregon Town and Country Church Improvement Project for the year 1956-57.

Presentation was made to Mrs. Lester Archer, chairman of the Women's Society of Christian Service, at the Awards banquet of the Oregon Town and Country Church conference at Oregon State college last Thursday.

Immanuel church, which was completed this year and is still receiving finishing touches, was built through the efforts of members who had formerly met at Evergreen school. From a nucleus of only a handful of interested persons three years ago, it has grown to a membership of 140, with 119 enrolled in the Sunday school classes. Under the guidance of the Rev. Robert Kingsbury, who was graduated from the Boston University school of Theology in 1955, and with the help of his wife, Shirley, the church has become a meeting place not only for Sunday worship, but for youth groups, study classes, the WSCS and other fellowship organizations.

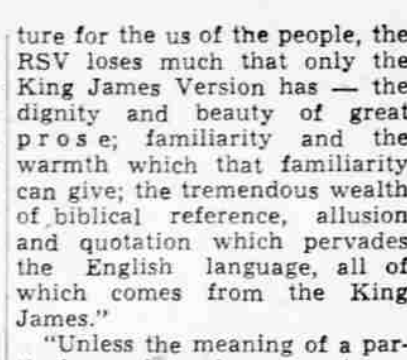
The scrap book which showed church improvement was made by Mrs. Lester Archer and was compiled by Mrs. Robert Kingsbury. Mrs. Ralph Burns did the art work. Mr. Kingsbury points out it was through cooperation of all members that the honor was won.

Holy Communion To Be Observed During Week

Holy communion will be observed at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran church Monday, Oct. 28, at 7:30 a.m. in observance of Saints Simon and Jude day. It will also be observed at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, during the Reformation day service with sermon, Friday, Nov. 1, at 6 a.m. holy communion will again be served on All Saints Day.

Sunday at 2:30 p.m. a voters meeting will be held at the church and that evening at 7 p.m. a Halloween party will be held at the Hendersons. Thursday a potluck supper will be held at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Reformation day service.

SERMON SUBJECT
"Probation After Death" will be the subject of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, sermon at 11 a.m. Sunday.



THE REV. R. V. LONG
New Minister

Church of Christ Pastor Arrives From California

The Rev. Rosse V. Long has assumed duties as pastor of the West Main Church of Christ, 1701 West Main, Medford.

Mr. Long comes to Medford just as the church starts its eighth year. The seventh anniversary will be observed Sunday by an all day meeting including fellowship dinner in the church hall following the morning worship services.

Mr. Long, who was accompanied here by his wife, Cecilia, and their three children, was formerly at Palmdale, Calif.

He received his college training at Harding college, Searcy, Ark., and has been in the ministry for the past ten years. He did mission work in Arkansas and Mississippi and has served churches in southern California at Torrance and Lancaster in addition to Palmdale.

While at Palmdale he served as technician and physiotherapist in a medical center and also did marital counseling at the medical center. He served with the U. S. Navy during World War II in the South Seas area.

Activities Told For Week By Brethren Church

This weeks activities for the Church of the Brethren in Medford will begin Sunday morning with the dedication of the painting by Warner Salman in the morning worship hour called, "In His Presence."

The large full length painting of "The Christ" which will have a central place in the church sanctuary is being presented by the members of the Roy Tompkins family in his memory.

Three grandchildren will participate in the service of worship and dedication. Phyllis Tompkins will play a violin solo accompanied at the piano by Linda Nelson, and Ida Marie Bolz will lead the congregation in the scripture reading. The sermon by the pastor will be, "We Measure Our Dedication."

In the evening sessions the youth fellowship will meet at 6:30 p.m. and continue their discussion of the subject "Choosing Your Recreation" under the leadership of Karen Christensen, fellowship chairman. A fellowship hour is planned following the lesson.

The adult fellowship meeting at 7:30 p.m. will continue their discussion on "The Doctrine of Future Things."

On Monday evening the Board of Administration will meet under the direction of the moderator Lyle Paul. The church calendar will be adopted and the program of activities for the year will be planned.

On Friday evening the Women's Work Council will meet at the Ray Pence home at 101 Kenwood ave. and schedule the activity program for the women of the church. All women and girls above the age of 12 years are included in this council.

Zion Lutherans To See Film Sunday Morning

A Living Church, a black and white documentary film about the work of the United Lutheran church, will be presented in the sermon period of the 11 a.m. worship service of Zion Lutheran church, corner of Fourth and Oakdale, Sunday. At the center of the film-story is the congregation.

A Living Church has no professional actors. The leads are Pastor William J. Hamann and the members of St. Paul's Lutheran church, New City, N. Y., ULCA college faculty members and students, synodical and board leaders, and Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the United Lutheran church.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

At 12:15 p.m. a meeting of the Sunday school staff will be held.

PHOENIX SERMONS
Phoenix—The Almighty Looks at Humankind will be the sermon topic at 11 a.m. Sunday by the Rev. Perry M. Johnson, pastor, First Baptist church, Phoenix. That evening he will speak on By Faith Alone. Dr. R. E. Milam will conduct revival services during Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the church.



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Medford MYFs Plan Activities For Coming Week

Dr. George G. Roseberry, minister of the First Methodist church, will preach Sunday, at both the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services of worship. His subject will be, "Over His Signature." A potluck fellowship dinner, will follow the 11 a.m. service for all members and friends of the church.

The Methodist Youth fellowship of the church will be host to the Rogue Subdistrict MYF for a rally at 5 p.m. Sunday at the church. Approximately 100 high school young people are expected to attend.

The fellowship time will be directed by Miss Karen Sloniger with Miss Karen Paschke in charge of the program entitled On The Flip of a Coin. It will include a panel of three, Medford Police Captain Clyde Fichtner, Dr. Roseberry, and E. H. Mann.

The Rev. Robert Kingsbury, minister at Cave Junction, will conduct the singing. The dinner, provided by the Medford group, will be under the direction of Mrs. Jerry Igo, counselor.

The Junior high MYF will also have a party at the home of Bill Thompson, Hillcrest drive, starting at 5:30. The Rev. George Trough, associate minister, is acting counselor for the group.

On Nov. 3, at 5:30 p.m. the second series of the School of Christian Living will start. Interest groups will be led by Dr. Roseberry on the Apocrypha; Mr. Trough, on Christ, the Church, and Race; and the Religious Drama group, which will produce the Wesley drama, directed by Mrs. Ernest Ludwig.

A Halloween carnival will be held by MYF Saturday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. at the First Methodist church. The carnival will be for all age groups of the Methodist church and interested persons.

Many booths and refreshment stands will be included at the carnival, according to Winton Worth, MYF president.

Church Membership Gains in Oregon

Corvallis—A 20 per cent increase in Oregon church membership during the past five years was reported at the 11th annual Oregon Town and Country church conference, Oct. 15 to 17, at Oregon State college.

"Ringing doorbells instead of church bells" was credited for much of the increase by Dr. Mark A. Talney, Portland, executive director, Oregon Council of Churches. Churches are no longer waiting for people to answer the church bells but are "carrying the church to the people" through contacts and visitations, the church leader said.

Some churches are adding an extra service and others have revived Sunday evening services to meet the increased attendance. Dr. Talney reported. He added that youth programs of churches are particularly gaining.

Meetings And Sermons Told By Presbyterians

Sunday morning at the First Presbyterian church, Dr. D. Kirkland West, pastor, will preach on the subject "A Revolutionary Church in a Revolutionary World." At the 9:45 a.m. service the Westminster choir, composed of high school students, will sing the anthem "The Church's One Foundation." The church choir will sing at the 11 a.m. service the anthem "For All The Saints."

At the 9:45 hour there will be a recognition and award service for all who entered the sermon-writing contest recently sponsored by the church. Sermons were written on the theme "The Simplicity of the Christian Gospel," and 13 members of the church entered the contest.

First prize will be awarded to Mrs. George Flanagan, second to Wilson Slater, third to Mrs. Kenneth Newland, and fourth to James Johnston.

At 7 p.m. Sunday the young people of the church are inviting all adults to view the film "Sara Perkins—Prisoner Triumphant." This film is the story of Miss Sara Perkins who was a prisoner of the Chinese communists for four and a half years after having spent most of her life as a missionary nurse in Peking, China.

The Westminster fellowship for high school young people will meet after the film for a discussion on church vocations which will be led by Jim Lacy. The Junior High fellowship will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the junior room for the installation of new officers: Peter Bowman, moderator; Joel Gregory, vice moderator; Ruth Milligan, secretary treasurer. Junior high choir rehearsal will follow the meeting.

Phoenix—James Johnston of the Medford Presbyterian Men's club will speak at the 11 a.m. worship service at Phoenix First Presbyterian church.

Immediately following the service the budget will be presented by the committee.

Tonight at 6:30 p.m. a family night dinner will be served at the church.

Sunday, Nov. 3, Carroll Cones, student at Southern Oregon college, Ashland, will speak for the church service.

Ashland—The Rev. B. J. Holland, minister, Ashland First Presbyterian church, will preach on Breaking the Self Barrier at the 9:45 and 11 a.m. services Sunday.

Eastwood Baptists Continue Program

The Rev. Richard M. Jones of the Eastwood Baptist church will be speaking on the seventh commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," as the eighth in a series of sermons on the Ten Commandments. The service begins at 11 a.m. and the church is located at North Keene Way dr., and Ridgeway.

At 7:30 p.m. the second session of the Lay Development program will be held. The program designs to enlist lay participation in the life of the church and to consider the needs and strengths of the church program.

The pastor will lead one workshop for all who attend on "A Primer for Baptists." The topic Sunday evening is "Who is a Baptist?" Following this will be five workshops on communications, community witness, a pattern for a Baptist church, the music program, and the pastor and the people.

Eastwood Baptist church is located north of Hedrick Junior High school and is affiliated with the Oregon Baptist convention and the American Baptist convention.

Missionaries, Former Pastors Here, To Speak

The Rev. and Mrs. Harry Downey, former pastors in Medford and missionaries to Africa, will tell of their missionary work in that land tonight at 7:30 at the Bethel Assembly of God church, 1729 North Riverside ave. A missionary film will also be shown depicting Christian persecution, Communistic terror and pagan worship in Africa. The sound film is in color. The public is invited to attend the service.

TEACHERS MEET

Shady Cove—Church school teachers of St. Martin's Episcopal church will meet Tuesday, Oct. 29. Vicar of the church, the Rev. W. B. MacHenry, will conduct a holy communion at the 9 a.m. service Sunday.

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Reformation Sunday Observed October 27 In Medford Churches

The 440th anniversary of the day Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of Wittenberg cathedral will be observed in Protestant churches throughout the country on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 27. It is sponsored annually by the National Council of Churches and denominational departments of evangelism.

Tribute to the "long procession of heroes and martyrs who prepared the way for Luther and continued after him" are a part of the observance," the Rev. Dr. H. H. McConnell, acting executive director of the council's department, emphasized. "Reformation Sunday is one day in the year when the churches dramatize the significance of the roots of their faith."

Bible Conference Ends Today With Worship Service

The conference on the use and understanding of the Bible will conclude today at 5 p.m. with a worship service at the First Presbyterian church. The conference, first of its kind held in Medford, will also be held in seven other Oregon cities.

Several hundred persons attended the Bible hymn festival Thursday evening at the high school auditorium. In addition to choirs from Medford, Ashland, and Jacksonville churches the high school choirs sang two selections.

Dr. J. Carter Swaim, executive director of the department of the English Bible, division of Christian education of the National Council of Churches, spoke. His talk reviewed the many errors that have been found in Bible translations, stating that each hand written edition of the Bible of long ago was slightly different—handwriting was not always legible.

Dr. George G. Roseberry, First Methodist church, presented the oldest Bible and the most unusual Bible awards. Mr. and Mrs. C. Olin Rice, 147 North Ivy st., submitted the oldest Bible, one published in 1793, to win an illustrated edition of the new testament and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sides, 926 Murray ave., received the other award. Their Bible was a replica of the Great Bible published in English in 1539.

Bibles Displayed

The winning Bibles as well as many others are on display at the Jackson county Federal Savings and Loan association, 126 East Main st.

Approximately 300 persons attended the workshops held during the two day conference at the First Presbyterian church. Most popular classes, according to officials, were on Bible and recent archaeological finds taught by Dr. Gerald A. Larue, director of the western division, committee on the use and understanding of the Bible, and the use of the Bible with children, conducted by Miss Josephine Lillemoe, director of Christian education, First Baptist church, Grants Pass.

Approximately 75 men attended the Thursday noon luncheon at the First Methodist church.

Hearing System Given Ashland Presbyterian

Ashland—An electronic hearing aid system has been installed in First Presbyterian Church, Ashland, as a memorial to the late William N. Wycoff. The hearing aid device is complete with amplifier, microphone and four phones with individual volume control. Additional phones can be installed as needed.

Contributions to the Memorial Fund from the Wycoff family and from friends have made this gift possible. Mr. Wycoff died June 24, 1957, after living in Ashland for 12 years. Among his survivors is his widow, Mrs. Mae L. Wycoff.

MAN AND PIGS
Ashland—A Crazy Man, Some Pigs, and Ourselves will be the sermon topic at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday at First Methodist church, Ashland, by the Rev. Ross Knotts, pastor.

LIVING IS GIVING

Talent—The Rev. A. Clark Smith, pastor, Talent Friends church will speak on Living is Giving at the 11 a.m. service Sunday.

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Bible School—9:45 a.m.
Morning Service—10:50 a.m.
Youth Meeting—6:30 p.m.
Evening Service—7:30 p.m.

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APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH
North Central ave. at Third st.
Loyce Carver, pastor

Sunday:
8:15 a.m.—Radio broadcast KMED
9:30 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
3 p.m.—Young people's meeting
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic service
Tuesday and Friday:
8 p.m.—Evangelistic service
Saturday:
7 p.m.—Prayer meeting

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
ELC
Plymouth Bldg. Fifth and Grape sts.
Elvin S. Tollefson, pastor

Sunday:
9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Divine worship
Tuesday:
7:30 p.m.—Church council, Fred Hinz home.
9 a.m.—Junior confirmation class, Fred Hinz home, 27 South Keene Way.
10:15 a.m.—Senior confirmation class, home of Richard Melum, 832 Marshall ave.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
1220 North Riverside
L. D. Krause, pastor

Sunday:
9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship service
6 p.m.—C.A. youth service
7 p.m.—Evangelistic service
Wednesday:
7:30 p.m.—Bible and prayer hour

CHURCH OF CHRIST
1056 Court Street

Sunday:
8:30 a.m.—Radio program, KMED
10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.—Worship services
Wednesday:
7:30 p.m.—Bible study

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
648 South Ivy st.
D. E. Nelson, bishop

Sunday:
9 a.m.—Priesthood
10:30 a.m.—Sunday school
7 p.m.—Sacrament meeting
Tuesday:
10 a.m.—Relief society
7:30 p.m.—MIA
Wednesday:
4:30 p.m.—Primary

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
345 North Mary st.
Escil Hiser, pastor

Sunday:
10 a.m.—Church school
11 a.m.—Worship
6:30 a.m.—CBVF
7:30 p.m.—Adult forum

COMMUNITY CHURCH
West Main at Oregon
Joseph A. Bowdoin, pastor

Sunday:
9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning service
7:45 p.m.—Evening service
Wednesday:
7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting and Bible study

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
(United Church of Christ)
300 Oakwood dr.
1 block south of East Main on Grove-land ave.
Thomas McCamant, minister

Sunday:
9:45 and 11 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Church worship
4 p.m.—Annual meeting Southern Oregon fellowship
Tuesday:
7:30 p.m.—Membership class

EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
(American Baptist)
North Keene Way dr. at Ridgeway
Richard M. Jones, pastor

Sunday:
9:45 a.m.—Church school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
7:30 p.m.—Baptist youth fellowship
6 p.m.—Workshops on communications
Tuesday:
7:30 p.m.—Teachers and workers conference
Wednesday:
7:30 p.m.—Hour of prayer

FAITH ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1329 Saling ave.
C. E. Lee, Minister

Sunday:
10 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship hour
Wednesday:
7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
1108 West Main st.
Robert E. Cull, pastor

Sunday:
9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship
6:30 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors meeting
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic service
Tuesday:
6:30 p.m.—Orchestra practice
7:30 p.m.—Choir practice
Thursday:
7:45 p.m.—Prayer and praise service

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
(Conservative)
North