

## Notes From Cheryl Continued:

not included in the current article on various English translations. I've included some information about this version here:

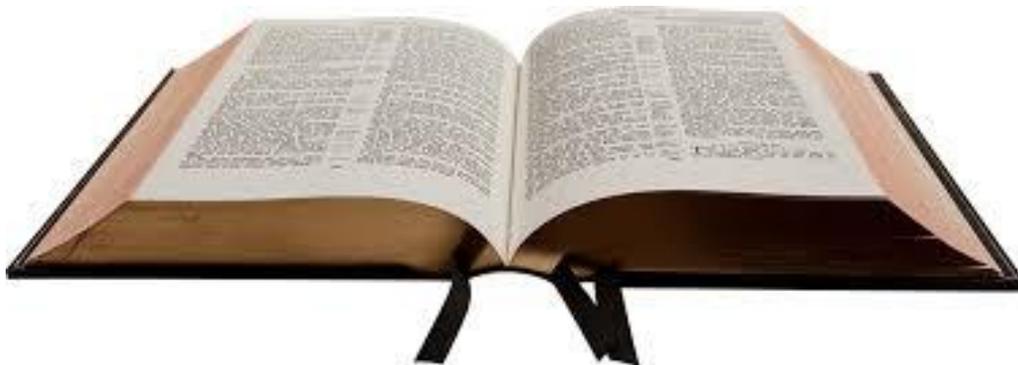
*The Common English Bible* is committed to the whole church of Jesus Christ. To achieve this, the CBE represents the work of a diverse team with broad scholarship, including the work of over 120 scholars—men and women from 24 faith traditions in American, African, Asian, European and Latino communities. These include Disciples of Christ (Chalice Press); Presbyterian Church U. S. A. (Westminster John Knox Press); Episcopal Church (Church Publishing Inc.); United Church of Christ (Pilgrim Press); and United Methodist Church (Abingdon Press). Abingdon Press is the sales distribution partner for the CBE.

As a result, the English translation of ancient words has an uncommon relevance for the broad audience of Bible readers—from children to scholars.

Translation Philosophy: Translators use external evidence (manuscript frequency, age, and distribution) and internal evidence (style, vocabulary, and doctrine) to decide whether to include or exclude certain verses.

The Common English Bible (CEB) is more than a revision or update of an existing translation. It's an ambitious new translation designed to read smoothly and naturally without compromising the accuracy of the Bible text. A key goal of the translation team is to make the Bible accessible to a broad range of people; it's written at a comfortable level for nearly all English readers. As the translators do their work, reading specialists working with 77 reading groups from various denominations review the texts to ensure a smooth and natural reading experience. Easy readability can enhance church worship and participation, and personal Bible study. It also encourages children and youth to discover the Bible for themselves, perhaps for the very first time.

Readers are encouraged to explore multiple translations to deepen their understanding of Scripture.



Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School was a huge success. We averaged between 40-50 kids each day with our kindergarten/1st grade group being the largest. We learned that "When we are afraid we can put our trust in GOD. Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you" Psalm 56:3, and let me tell you, our campers had that down pat by day 2!

I want to thank EVERYONE that helped make my job as the director easy. I can plan and put together something amazing but it is nothing without the volunteers. They came with a smile, ready to welcome our rambunctious campers each day. Thank you also to all the teenagers who got out of bed oh so early during summer break to come hang out with the underclassmen and be the best helpers our team could ask for. Thank you also to those who cheered from the sidelines and donated the funds and the snacks, (the kids loved the snacks).

I would be lying if I said I wasn't already thinking about next year's VBS.

Sincerely,  
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aka Counselor  
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