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Roseburg, Oregon Seventh-day Adventist Church Newsletter



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Events.

Jaime Jorge
Worship Hour
11am April 18,
2015

Food as Medicine
2:30pm BLC
April 19, 2015

RJA Constituency
6:00pm RJA
April 30, 2015

Family Life
Marriage and
Family Counseling
May 8-9, 2015
RSDA

Men's Breakfast
May 10, 2015
8:30am - BLC

2 Timothy 3:16
*All Scripture is
inspired by God
and is profitable
for teaching, for
reproof, for cor-
rection, for
training in
righteousness.*

“Which Bible is Right for You.?” By Pastor Thomas Bentley

As a Seventh-day Adventist Christian you are fortunate to be among a group that still holds to the Protestant belief of Sola Scriptura, that our beliefs and practices must be determined by “by Scripture alone.” Even the way that we interpret the Bible has been determined by the way the Bible writers interpreted it themselves. For example: Among these are the following. First, regarding the Origin of Scripture, “The Scriptures are an indivisible union of human and divine elements, neither of which should be emphasized to the neglect of the other.” Second, “The Bible is its own best interpreter and when studied as a whole it depicts a consistent, harmonious truth.” Third, “Although it was given to those who lived in an ancient Near Eastern/Mediterranean context, the Bible transcends its cultural backgrounds to serve as God’s Word for all cultural, racial, and situational contexts in all ages.” (Wahlen, BRI, April 2015)

With this in mind, selection of a Bible translation becomes important for those who wish to conduct serious study of the text. As you are aware there are many types of Bible translations out there, and some are better for serious study while others for use perhaps in devotional time. Bible translations fall into

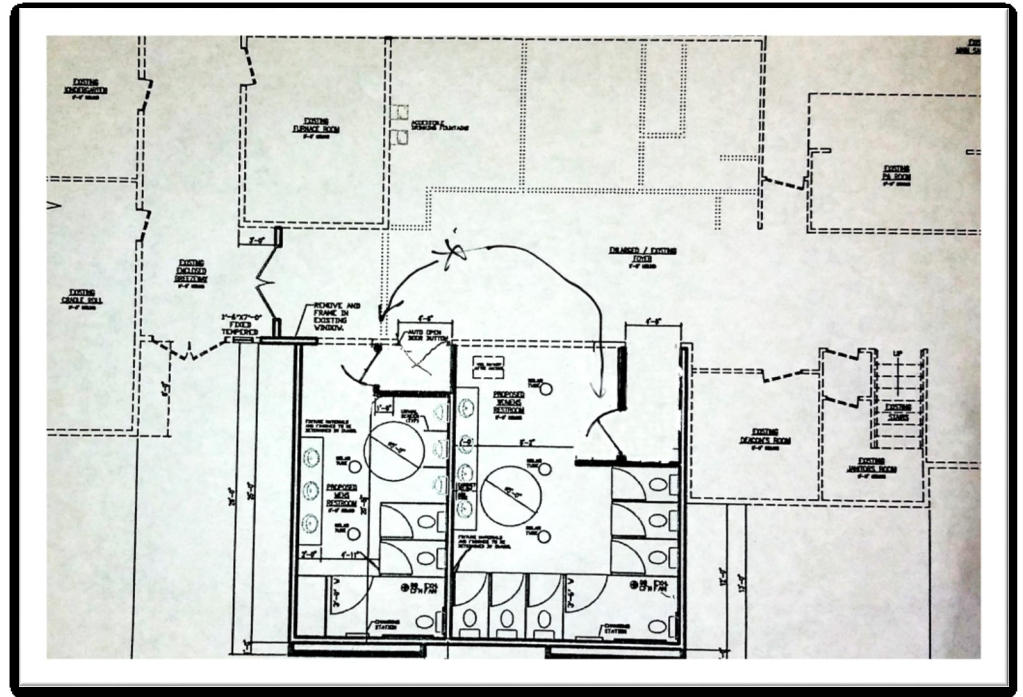
three basic types. The first is called “Formal equivalence.” Formal equivalent versions are quite literal and attempt to preserve word order, sentence structure, and grammar of the original language. Furthermore, the translator tries to translate a term always with the same word in the document. If words are added, they are normally shown in italics. A formal equivalence approach is basically a word-for-word translation theory. (Mueller, BRI, April 2015) Because a word-for word, translation will sometimes seem hard to understand in certain places, Bible translators attempt to bridge the gap with a translation style called “Dynamic equivalence.” In this style the translator will try to create a thought-for thought instead of using the literal words found in the Greek original. This can make the reading easier, however, the translator must be more careful since they will may use a verb instead of a noun, or change the entire passage to make it more readable to the modern reader. Finally, there is the paraphrase. A paraphrase, can be like the dynamic equivalence method, but only more so. Instead of changing a few words, a paraphrase attempts to reflect the meaning of the text with entirely new words.

You might ask, “Pastor, which one would you choose?” In my experience I have tended to choose Bibles where the translators used formal equivalence. These types include the New American Standard Bible, (NASB), the English Standard Version, (ESV), the New King James Bible, (NKJV). Sometimes, in devotional time I have read from Bibles where dynamic equivalence is used such as the New Revised Standard Version, (NRSV), or the New International Version, (NIV), and the New American Bible, (NAB). If you are someone brand new to the faith, these might be good choices, but I know that formal equivalence will also help you.

Finally in the paraphrase translations we have the New Living Bible, The Message, the Good News Bible, and the Clear Word Bible. I have read some of these occasionally as devotional choices or just to see how they translate a passage from my formal equivalence Bibles. guess you might say that my choice is to have a selection, rely on the formal equivalence, and then season with the other types of translation categories. pray this helps in your study of God’s amazing testimony to humanity.

New Restrooms Project has begun!

The much anticipated "New Restrooms," part of the "Repairing the House of the Lord" Project, has begun with the removal of pavers and site prep for the addition to the church. The plans have been reviewed and modified multiple times by the Building Committee. The building permit was just issued in the last week of March. Thank you for your support through prayers, financial, and physical labor for the improvements to the "House of the Lord!" We praise God for His many blessings to all of us!! Here is a recent print of the plan. Men's on the left, women's on the right



*2 Chronicles 24:13
So the workmen labored, and the repair work progressed in their hands, and they restored the house of God according to its specifications and strengthened it.*

A couple new to our area are in need of temporary housing while a home they are purchasing is prepared for occupancy. If you are able to provide a room to rent please contact Joan at the church office for more information.

Sandra Haynes' newest poetry book "Contemplation" has just arrived and features one of her recent paintings on the cover. The books can be purchased for \$10 at the church secretary's office and will be available at the upcoming Craft/ Hobby Show and Sale. The book can be used as a morning watch book or an occasional gift book.

RSDA Youth Outreach...



The young people put together treat bags with Valentine candies, granola bars, scripture cards and tracts. On Sabbath afternoon (Valentines Day) February 14, 2015 they walked from the church to Stewart park handing them out to people, mostly children. They handed out approximately 75 bags, and brought smiles to a lot of little faces!

Upcoming Event: Youth DINNER THEATRE Fundraiser. Watch for details.



Youth outreach: A group of our youth heading to the Duck Pond/Skate Park to hand out free donuts and scripture cards on March 7, 2015.

Once a month from April to Sept., the Youth Dept. will be giving out fresh fruit and scripture cards at the Duck Pond/Skate Park. If you would like to donate fruit, please call [541 643-0174](tel:541643-0174).

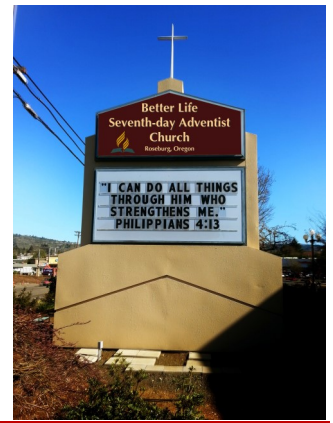
Church Business Meeting, March 28, 2015

The Church Board called a Church Business Meeting on March 28, 2015 to present an opportunity for improving our church's identity in our community.

As you may have noticed our sign that identifies our church is faded and hard to read. The church board brought a proposal to the church in business session to repair the church sign with a new name identifying the church as the Better Life Seventh-day Adventist Church. Prior to the recommendation, Better Life Broadcasting Network was contacted and they enthusiastically approved the proposal.

After some good discussion, the Church in Business Session approved the proposal to change our church sign to Better Life Seventh-day Adventist Church, to add the SDA Church Logo and the church webpage to the sign. The official church name for legal purposes will remain Rose-

burg SDA Church. Here are two photos of the church sign as it currently is and what it may look similar to after the changes.



Lyle Albrecht Series Baptisms

The Roseburg Seventh-day Adventist Church has a mission, to share the Good News of Jesus love with bible prophecy about the signs of our times. Our church was blessed to host a Prophetic Signs Seminar with Pastor Lyle Albrecht beginning on February 14, and concluding March 14, 2015. The series began with a full house including about 79 community guests. Midway through the meetings this number dropped to about 35, however new people continued to appear throughout the meetings. We baptized 25 people with one profession of faith. We are following up the series with a bi-weekly series called Prophecies of Hope. Many of the people who attended the meetings were those who had seen Lyle Albrecht on 3ABN or Better Life TV. The format of the meetings began with a travelogue of various places in Europe and the Bible lands, followed by the subject Pastor Lyle chose for that night. We praise God for leading these souls to attend the meetings, responding to the Holy Spirit and requesting baptism!



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Here are several sources of excellent information. For a full Prophecy Series, check out **Pastor David Asscherick's Discover Bible Prophecy Series** that is viewable online and has downloadable Study Guides. The site also has the option of purchasing the entire series in DVD format. Here is the link: http://www.hopevideo.com/david_asscherick.htm

A second source for an excellent bible study series is **Pastor Tim Rosenberg's "Islam & Christianity in Bible prophecy"**. This series is 10 meetings and is availa-

ble online at <http://www.islamandchristianity.org/>

A third source is by our own **Pastor Thomas Bentley** and is entitled,



Jesus, the light of the world!

"Have You Swallowed the Hook?" This 6 part series is a 21st century challenge to a 19th century worldview. The series is viewable online at this link: <http://www.roseburgsda.org/have-you-swallowed-the-hook>

Also, **April 17,18,19, 2015**, the "Have You Swallowed the Hook?" series will be presented **LIVE** at the **Glide Seventh-day Adventist Church**. For more information about this presentation, view the Glide SDA Church webpage: <http://glide.adventistnw.org/>

God Bless your study!

3ABN Television:

Local UHF Channel 47

Better Life LLBN:

Local Channel KTVC 36.1

DishNet & DirecTV: Channel 36

Local Cable: Channel 21

Online Streaming Computer, iPod, & iPhone— 24/7

www.betterlifetv.tv

KLLF-LP 3ABN Radio:

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HOPE Channel:

DirecTV Channel 368

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