We continue to rejoice in the good work of the members at Getwell. Each week there are reports of those who have visited the sick, sent cards to the shut-ins, taught others, led the singing, watched over the flock, took care of the speaker system, updated our outside sign, prepared the communion, prepared the bulletin and other publications for mailing, watched the parking lot during services, worked to repair the building, helped with the radio work, and many other things. These go about their work quietly but surely make a great difference.

2009 is off to a good start! No doubt there will be times in this year when it seems things happen but not as we would desire. But, faithful Christians do have an advantage over the world because of our faith. The beloved John wrote, “…and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith” (I Jn. 5:4).

One of our Texas friends, Kris Groda, wrote recently about the problems of God’s people. He said,

1. “God uses problems to DIRECT us. Problems often point us in a new direction and motivate us to change (Prov. 20:30).
2. God uses problems to INSPECT us (Jas. 1:2-3).
3. God uses problems to CORRECT us. Some lessons we learn through pain and failure (Ps. 119:71).
4. God uses problems to PROTECT us (Gen. 50:20).
5. God uses problems to PERFECT us (Rom. 5:3-4).”

Let us all put our trust and confidence in the God of our creation throughout this new year! Live each day as if it might be your last, and yet plan, living faithfully, as if you might live a thousand years!
New Translations
“What Is Wrong With Them?” (I)

Gary Colley

The infestation of new “translations” has come by storm. Since the dry clouds of denominationalism have made them popular, many unsuspecting souls and those with financial desires have adopted them without question. However, the “7,000 who have not bowed” to error, even though it is the popular thing, do want some answers. In this examination, we will present, as briefly as possible, a ready reference of help in answering the question “What Is Wrong With Them?” Hopefully, you will want to keep this information handy for future use.

“What Is Wrong with the Living Bible Paraphrase?” (1971)

1. It is not a translation; it is a paraphrase; the term Bible should not be associated with this book.
3. It teaches the false theory of Total Depravity. Ps. 51:5; Eph. 2:3.
4. It refuses to translate I Kings 20:11.
5. It teaches the Kingdom has not been established. II Tim. 4:1.
6. It teaches the “faith only” theory. Rom. 4:9, 12.
7. We are not saved by baptism as taught by I Peter 3:21.
8. The Holy Spirit speaks directly to man. Rom. 8:16; Gal. 5:16.
9. One can be saved without keeping the laws of God. II Cor. 3:17.
10. It refuses to use the term churches of Christ. Rom. 16:16.

It is easy to understand why Billy Graham and Calvinists gladly embrace this book as the “Bible,” but it is not easy to explain why some others do the same. We strongly believe that friends of the Bible will put it where it belongs … Acts 19:19.

In the interest of safety and the eternal welfare of the soul, anything found unfaithful and unreliable is to be rejected. The recent translations are found guilty of false teaching and fatal doctrinal error. Being unfaithful translations of God’s Word, they are to be rejected as unreliable guides. The perversions, omissions, changes, deformations, and theological wanderings suggest them highly inaccurate to the sincere seeker of Truth.


1. That Jesus did not come to do away with the Law of Moses. Matt. 5:17
2. That all the believers on Pentecost received the baptism of the Holy Spirit as the apostles. Acts 1:26-2:1.
3. Taking out some words and injecting others to teach that we receive the Holy Spirit as a gift at baptism. Acts 2:38.
4. Mutilating many passages of scripture such as Acts 3:19.
5. That an alien sinner is saved “by faith alone, from the beginning to end.” Rom. 1:17.
7. A bumbled rendering of Matthew 6:1 that would exclude all public worship services.
9. Teaching that Peter is the Rock on which the church of Christ was built! Matt. 16:18.
10. Denies the virgin birth by removing from John 3:16 the correctly translated words “only begotten.”

Though many other errors could be pointed out, more evidences could not convince one not convinced by the above that Acts 19:19 needs to be applied, again.

(These articles are excerpts from the tract, “New Translations, What Is Wrong With Them?” These tracts can be ordered from Gary Colley.)
Creation Fact #68
Evidence from Chemistry

Even in the plant world, there is no such thing as “simple life.” The voodoo lily, for example, was designed to raise its temperature by 25 degrees while it releases a scent that attracts beetles to pollinate it. There are many complex chemical reactions that take place within the lily. Some are specifically designed to raise the lily’s temperature. The elevated temperature then increases the rate of evaporation of other chemicals designed to attract pollinating insects.

The chemicals which evaporate from the lily happen to be the same ones found in rotting meat. The smell of rotting meat is what attracts the pollinating beetles to the flowers. As the attracted beetles crawl around inside the flower looking for food, they get covered with pollen and spread the pollen to the next lily. How did the lily “learn” to make this exact scent? It could only have happened by design, possibly after the Fall of mankind, when radical changes occurred throughout the plant and animal kindgoms.

Specific chemical reactions with a specific purpose require careful design and planning. It does not make logical sense to assume the voodoo lily’s complex chemical reactions evolved by chance.

Creation Fact #69
Evidence from Archeology

Archeologists and Bible critics claimed that the biblical account of King David’s capture of Jerusalem by entering through water tunnels was in error, since these tunnels could not have existed this early in Jerusalem’s history. The critics also implied that the existing water tunnels must have been built by unsophisticated people, because they are inefficient and poorly designed. These critics have been proven wrong on both accounts.

A more detailed study of the tunnels beneath Jerusalem has revealed that a cleverly designed dual water system served the ancient city. Nearly 3,000 years ago, engineers modified a natural network of channels and tunnels under Jerusalem to create this unique water supply system. New tunnels were dug to link existing natural tunnels so that it took the least amount of work to complete this ambitious engineering project. Two natural openings to the system were also found outside the walls of Jerusalem. It was through one of these natural openings that David conquered Jerusalem. As always, the Bible has proven to be a 100% accurate account of both history and science. Therefore, we can trust it to be a 100% accurate source of spiritual truth as well.

— A Closer Look at the Evidence
by Richard & Tina Kleiss
Scott Shepherd has returned home from the hospital.

Please remember with your cards, calls, and prayers those of our number who are confined at home or in nursing homes: Hazel Bizzell, 356 Calle Escada, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459-3698; Nell Brandon, Quince Nursing and Rehab Center, 6733 Quince Rd., Room 2006A, 38119; Emma Brotherton, Landmark of DeSoto, 3068 Nail Rd. W., Room 310B, Horn Lake, MS 38637; Frances Collins, 4779 Amboy Rd., 38117, 682-6917; Mary Haynes, 274 S. Highland, Apt. 808, 38111, 327-2127; Addie Nelms, 4007 Dunn Ave., 38111, 743-7554; Skipper Schulz, 139 Magnolia Dr., 38117, 683-3049; and Minnie Wayne, Gallaway Healthcare Center, Room 106, 435 Old Brownsville Rd., Gallaway, TN 38036, 317-4590.

**SYMPATHY**

We extend our love and sympathy to Rodger and Charles Shappley and family in the passing of Carolyn Shappley on January 14.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Doug Miller on the recent birth of his first grandchild, a boy.

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

January 25, 2009

Welcome: George Cloys
Lead Singing: Pat Phillips
Opening Prayer: Tom Harris (a.m.)
Doug Miller (p.m.)
Sermon: Gary Colley
Closing Prayer: Tracy Smitherman (a.m.)
Stanley Wallace (p.m.)

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Colossians 1:12-13

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