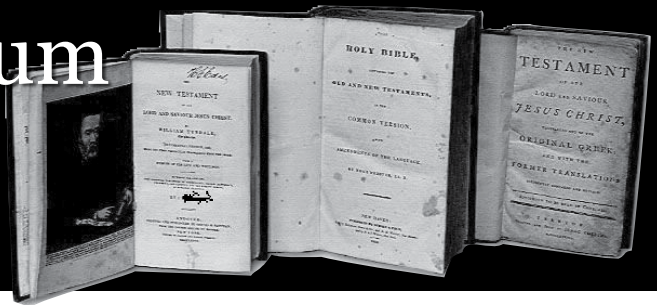


Dunham Bible Museum News



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Celebrating a New Beginning

The Dunham Bible Museum has an exciting year ahead. Installation of the new exhibits is nearing completion, and numerous special events are planned to celebrate the Bible Museum's inaugural year in the new Morris Cultural Arts Center.

September 4, 2008

Dr. Charles Ryrie will be the guest lecturer at the open house for the new exhibits on September 4. Ryrie is professor emeritus of systematic theology at Dallas Theological Seminary and adjunct professor at Philadelphia Biblical University. He is the author of numerous books, most notably *The Ryrie Study Bible*. For many years Ryrie has been a collector of rare Bibles and manuscripts. His collection was the basis of SMU's Bridwell Library's major exhibit "Formatting the Word," available online at www.smu.edu/bridwell. In 2004, Ryrie, along with David Price, published *Let it Go Among our People: An Illustrated History of the English Bible from John Wycliffe to the King James Version*. On September 4, Dr. Ryrie will lecture at 3 p.m. in the Belin Chapel, with a reception and open house of the **Bible Museum** to follow.



September 17, 2008

Dr. Daniel Dreisbach will lead HBU students, faculty, and friends in reflecting on Constitution Day, September 17. Dreisbach teaches at the School of Public Affairs at the American University in Washington, D.C. He is the author of numerous books, including *The Founders on God and Government*, and is currently writing a book on the Bible and America. At the morning student convocation, Dr. Dreisbach will speak on "How the Founding Fathers used the Bible in their Political Rhetoric." At the evening lecture in the Belin Chapel, the topic will be "How the English Bible Shaped American Public Culture." The **Bible Museum** will be open before and after the 7 p.m. lectures in the Belin Chapel.



October 2008

In October the **Bible Museum** will host the annual meeting of the International Society of Bible Collectors (www.biblecollectors.org). Two lectures by featured speakers will be part of the **Dunham Bible Museum's** inaugural year lecture series.

Thursday, October 9, Naseeb Shaheen, professor at the University of Memphis and author of *Biblical References in Shakespeare's Plays*, will speak on "Shakespeare's Bible." Over a lifetime of researching biblical references in Shakespeare, Shaheen has amassed a large collection of Geneva Bibles and other works contemporary with Shakespeare.



Friday, October 10, Dr. Donald Brake will speak on "Greek Texts used in Bible Translations." Dr. Brake is Dean of Multnomah Seminary and will be available to autograph his soon-to-be-released book, *A Visual History of the English Bible*. Dr. Brake also has been a collector of rare Bibles and manuscripts, many of which are currently on loan and displayed at the **Dunham Bible Museum**.



October 18-November 15, 2008

The **Bible Museum** will also host a special exhibit on soldiers Bibles from the collection of Dr. Rusty Maisel. Among the 80 artifacts on display will be Bibles from the American Revolution through the present wars. Dr. Maisel noted, "This is an exhibit about America and its relationship with God. It is an important part of all of the wars Americans were involved in. Many people don't even know how prevalent Bibles were or realize millions and millions of Bibles have been distributed to soldiers – each telling its own story." The Soldiers' Bibles display will be here for Veteran's Day, November 11.

"Of all the sentences pronounced by our Saviour Christ in his whole doctrine, none is more serious or more worthy to be borne in remembrance than that which he spoke openly in his gospel, saying 'Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think to have eternal life, and those they be which bear witness of me.' . . . Christ calleth . . . not only to the single reading of the Scriptures, but sendeth to the exquisite searching of them, for in them is eternal life to be found."

— Archbishop Matthew Parker,
preface to the Bishop's Bible (1568)

February 26, 2009

To celebrate the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, renowned Lincoln scholar Dr. Ronald White will be speaking in the Belin Chapel February 26. Dr. White has spoken at the White House and for members of Congress. At HBU he will speak on "The Bible and Abraham Lincoln."



March 12 and April 16, 2009

The **Bible Museum** will host an exhibition of works from the St. John's Bible.

We hope you, your family, and your friends can visit the **Dunham Bible Museum's** newly designed exhibits and be a part of many of these inaugural year celebrations. The Bible is the greatest book in the world, lighting our path by revealing God's redemption through Jesus Christ. The **Bible Museum** tells the story of this matchless Book's origin, transmission, and influence in individual lives, in the Church, and the culture of civilizations.

Thank you

to a Special Friend

A generous donation by a special friend of the **Dunham Bible Museum** made possible the completion of key elements of the new museum facilities. The friend's donation provided for

- the cave flooring near the Museum's entrance,
- the Word Wheel on the Bible's influence on the English language,
- the large pictures of "Jesus the Light of the World" and the "Pilgrim Embarkation" at the entrance and exit of the theater,
- the three wall cases on the American mural wall, and
- the video equipment for the theater

A visit to the **Bible Museum** is greatly enhanced by these additions, and we are deeply grateful.

Contributions of all sizes support the **Bible Museum's** mission. Support includes specific naming opportunities in addition to funding the acquisition of new collections (such as the Brake/Hellstern collections now displayed on loan at the Museum), special exhibitions, lectures, programs, educational outreach activities and ongoing operations. Donations can be made online (see www.hbu.edu/biblemuseum and click "Giving Opportunities") or by mail. For more information, contact Rick Ogden at 281-649-3355 (rogden@hbu.edu) or Diana Severance at 281-649-3287 (dseverance@hbu.edu).

Volunteering

at the Bible Museum

During the last five years we have had a small cadre of excellent volunteers who have helped keep the Museum going in a number of ways – giving tours, cataloguing, shelving books, and simply keeping the glass on the cases clean. With the new facilities and expanding programs, even more volunteers are needed.

A training session for volunteers will be held Saturday, August 16, from 9 a.m. – noon at the **Dunham Bible Museum**. To register or for more information, contact Diana Severance at dseverance@hbu.edu or 281-649-3287.

Bible Links

The Library of Congress contains over 1500 editions of the Bible in over 150 languages, spanning an 800 year period. A virtual tour of the Library of Congress Bible exhibit can be found at:

myloc.gov/Exhibitions/Bibles/Pages/default.aspx.

Two of the Library of Congress's most famous Bibles are especially featured – the Giant Bible of Mainz and the Gutenberg Bible. The Giant Bible of Mainz is one of the last great handwritten giant Bibles of Europe. The manuscript was written in the same German town and during the same years as Johann Gutenberg was printing his Bible, the first great book printed in Western Europe from movable metal type. The Library of Congress' exhibit allows a comparison of these two 15th century Bibles. Also included in the exhibit are sixteen other Bibles from the Library's collection.

A Bible study lesson from *Christianity Today's* "Current Issues" series deals with questions of the Bible's trustworthiness. "The Undiminished Accuracy of Scripture" can be downloaded from: christianitytoday.com/special/rediscoveringthebook/.

Included in the study is an article by J.I. Packer on "Text Criticism and Inerrancy."



What is Ben Franklin's great, great, grandfather doing in the Dunham Bible Museum?

... Come and see!

Join the Dunham Bible Museum Friends

In this inaugural year of the new Dunham Bible Museum, the Dunham Bible Museum Friends is being organized to support the programs and collections of the Museum through annual contributions and participation in Museum events. Dunham Bible Museum Friends help spread the word about the exhibits and activities of the Dunham Bible Museum. Friends also have the satisfaction that their tax deductible gift will benefit the Dunham Bible Museum and enable it to achieve its goal of being a premier museum dedicated to the Bible, its message, history, and influence. All Friends will receive year-long benefits of a printed subscription to the Dunham Bible Museum News, invitations to exhibit openings, a membership certificate, and a discount on Museum store purchases. Additional benefits are available for those wishing to contribute at a higher level. Won't you consider becoming a charter member of the Dunham Bible Museum Friends?

Annual Membership Levels and Benefits

King James Level - \$50 (Student \$30)

- Membership card/ certificate
- Invitations to exhibit openings and announcements of public programs
- Printed copy of Dunham Bible Museum News
- 10% discount on Museum store purchases

Geneva Level - \$75

- King James Level benefits
- Autographed copy of Donald Brake's *A Visual History of the English Bible*

Coverdale Level - \$250

- Geneva Level benefits
- 20% discount on Museum store purchases

Wycliffe Level - \$500

- Coverdale Level benefits
- An original 1611 King James Bible leaf, quarto size
- Private reception with Dr. and Mrs. Robert Sloan

Tyndale Level - \$1,000

- Wycliffe Level benefits
- An original 1611 King James Bible leaf, folio size
- Private tour with director for 30 persons or less from donor's friends, business, church, club, or other organization.

Gutenberg Level (Corporate Benefactor)- \$2,000+

- Tyndale Level benefits
- Recognition notice in each quarterly Dunham Bible Museum News

St. Jerome Level (Life-time Individual Membership) - \$10,000

- Tyndale Level benefits
- Framed original 1611 King James Bible leaf

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“The foundations of our society and of our government rest so much on the teachings of the Bible, that it would be difficult to support them, if faith in these teachings should cease to be practically universal in our country.”

— Calvin Coolidge

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Moses and the Ten Commandments, from the opening mural in the new Dunham Bible Museum

“The fundamental basis of this nation’s laws was given to Moses on the Mount. The fundamental basis of our Bill of Rights comes from the teachings we get from Exodus and St. Matthew, from Isaiah and St. Paul.”

— Harry S. Truman, 1950

“We must commit our lives to God, and the moral and spiritual truths that have made this nation great. Think how different our nation would be if we sought to follow the simple and yet profound injunctions of the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount.”

— Bill Graham, 1996

Visiting the Museum And Coming Events

The Dunham Bible Museum is open 10-4 Tuesdays through Thursdays and Saturdays. To make an appointment at other times, for group tours or for further information, contact **Dr. Diana Severance** at 281-649-3287 or dseverance@hbu.edu.

Mark your calendars for coming lectures and exhibits:
(the Bible Museum will be open before and after all lectures):

September 4 – Dr. Charles Ryrie lecture at 3 p.m. in Belin Chapel, with Dunham Bible Museum Open House to follow until 7 p.m.

September 18 – “How the English Bible Shaped American Public Culture” by Dr. Daniel Dreisbach, School of Public Affairs at American University and author of *The Founders on God and Government*.

October 9 – “Shakespeare’s Bible” by Dr. Naseeb Shaheen, University of Memphis, author of *Biblical References in Shakespeare’s Plays*, 7 p.m., Belin Chapel

October 10 – “Greek texts used in English Translations” by Dr. Donald Brake, author of *A Visual History of the English Bible*, 7 p.m., Belin Chapel.

October 9-November 14 – Special exhibit on Soldier’s Bibles

February 26 – “The Bible and Lincoln” by Ronald C. White, author of *Lincoln’s Greatest Speech, The Eloquent President: A Portrait of Lincoln Through His Words*, 7 p.m., Belin Chapel

March 12-April 16 – Special exhibit on St. John’s Bible