

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ELMER

Bible Versions Use

The motion adopted by the congregation at the Business Meeting of August 18, 1993, designating The King James Version of the Bible as the translation of choice was directed toward the preaching and teaching from the pulpit as the main text. The motion further directed that all visiting speakers be notified of this policy.

Discussion of that motion/policy emphasized the need for consistency in following this policy throughout the church, even to the point of making sure that Bibles given to our third grade children by the Sunday School be King James Versions.

The Pastor and Deacons have subsequently discussed this need for consistency and unity on this matter within the church and have determined that The King James Version should be the translation of choice for all ministries within the Church, Sunday School, Youth Groups, etc. This will expedite the public reading, study and memorization of Scripture.

The implementation of this motion/policy, however, is not intended to rule out the use of other translations by preachers or teachers for the purpose of comparison, elucidation, etc. We are not becoming a "King James only" church. Nor are we declaring as heretics those who prefer other translations. We are declaring that The King James Version is an accurate translation of the Massoretic Hebrew text of the Old Testament and the Majority Text (Textus Receptus) of the New Testament and that this translation is our translation of choice. It is a policy that has long been held by the leadership of this church.