

# Safford Church of Christ

3888 S Hwy 191, Safford, AZ 85546

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## Topics

### A.M. Bible Class:

Preaching as worship (Acts 20:7)

### A.M. Lesson:

Looking forward (2 Corinthians 5:1-10)

### P.M. Lesson:

God provides a way out (1 Corinthians 10:11-13)

### Wednesday:

Slaves to righteousness (Romans 6)

### Pulpit Evangelist

Ken Knowlton: 428-3494

### Elders

Greg Briggs: 428-8756

John Cunningham: 428-0895

Sunday Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:30 P.M.
Wednesday Evening Class	6:30 P.M.
Thursday Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Psalm 122:2*

## Some key events in the history of the English Bible

**William Tyndale** was the Captain of the Army of Reformers, and was their spiritual leader. Tyndale holds the distinction of being the first man to ever print the New Testament in the English language. Tyndale was a true scholar and a genius, so fluent in eight languages that it was said one would think any one of them to be his native tongue. He is frequently referred to as the "Architect of the English Language," (even more so than William Shakespeare) as so many of the phrases Tyndale coined are still in our language today.

**Myles Coverdale** and **John "Thomas Matthew" Rogers** had remained loyal disciples the last six years of Tyndale's life, and they carried the English Bible project forward and even accelerated it. Coverdale finished translating the Old Testament, and in 1535 he printed the first complete Bible in the English language, making use of Luther's German text and the Latin as sources. Thus, the first complete English Bible was printed on **October 4, 1535**, and is known as the **Coverdale Bible**.

In October 1536, Tyndale was convicted of heresy. He was strangled and his body was burned.

**John Rogers** went on to print the second complete English Bible in 1537. It was, however, the first English Bible translated from the original Biblical languages of Hebrew & Greek. He printed it under the pseudonym "**Thomas Matthew**", (an assumed name that had actually been used by Tyndale at one time) as a considerable part of this Bible was the translation of Tyndale, whose writings had been condemned by the English authorities. It is a composite made up of Tyndale's Pentateuch and New Testament (1534-1535 edition) and Coverdale's Bible and some of Roger's own translation of the text. It remains known most commonly as the **Matthew-Tyndale Bible**. It went through a nearly identical second-edition printing in 1549.

In 1539, **Thomas Cranmer**, the Archbishop of Canterbury, hired Myles Coverdale at the bequest of King Henry VIII to publish the "Great Bible". It became the first English Bible authorized for public use, as it was distributed to every church, chained to the pulpit, and a reader was even provided so that the illiterate could hear the Word of God in plain English. It would seem that William Tyndale's last wish had been granted...just three years after his martyrdom. Cranmer's Bible, published by Coverdale, was known as the **Great Bible** due to its great size: a large pulpit folio measuring over 14 inches tall. Seven editions of this version were printed between April 1539 and December 1541.

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The ebb and flow of freedom continued through the 1540's...and into the 1550's. After King Henry VIII, King Edward VI took the throne, and after his death, the reign of Queen "Bloody" Mary was the next obstacle to the printing of the Bible in English. She was possessed in her quest to return England to the Roman Church. In 1555, John "Thomas Matthew" Rogers and Thomas Cranmer were both burned at the stake. Mary went on to burn reformers at the stake by the hundreds for the "crime" of being Protestant. This era was known as the Marian Exile, and the refugees fled from England with little hope of ever seeing their home or friends again.

Most of this information came from <http://www.greatsite.com>.

## News

Ken Cocke is suffering from a great deal of back pain.

Tatyana Knowlton is in treatment for Macular Degeneration.

Tatyana Knowlton has family in the troubled areas of Ukraine. Please pray for their safety and family cohesion.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6	7 Singing night Orthodox Christmas	8	9	10
11	12 Kaetlyn Kramer birthday	13	14 Orthodox New Year Sharon Cunningham Birthday	15	16	17
18 Fellowship meal	19 ML King Day	20	21	22 Ukrainian Unity Day	23	24
25 Tatiana Day	26	27	28	29	30	31 Ky Kescoly birthday

Joy Gibson is being treated for cancer.

Bryan Miller, a very close friend of Mark

Cavasos, has a painful condition called neurofibromatosis. His treatment requires frequent surgeries.

## Prayer List:

Joy Gibson, Tatyana Knowlton,  
Ken Cocke, Janet Radar, H.L.  
Boling, Mike and Sandy Cavasos,  
Nic and Ani Self.

