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Any Church, Any Sunday . . .

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news.**

April Notes

Despite T. S. Elliott's gloomy poem, April is not "the cruelest month." I celebrated Easter with my older daughters in Houston, following Palm Sunday at my home church in Dallas. I went to Kingfisher, Oklahoma, the weekend of April 19th, staying in the home of **Rev. John and Helen Bloss** and teaching at First Christian Church in that city. **Rev. Marilyn Merle** pastors that church.

On the 26th, I brought the wife and younger children to First Christian in Rockwall, Texas, where it was good to see **Rev. Mark Irons, Dr. Donna Faulk, Rev. Ron Sumter, and Dr.**



**Rev. Marilyn Merle
FCC-Kingfisher, OK**

Don Mackenzie. I'm looking forward to more and better things in the months ahead, as well.

Travelogue

Here are the places I've been and the ones I'll be visiting soon.

April 2009

5th - Central Christian, Dallas, Texas.

12th - Easter Sunday! With my daughters in Houston.

19th - FCC-Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

26th - FCC-Rockwall, Texas.

May 2009

3rd - Community Christian Church, Aledo, Texas.

10th - FCC-Houston.

17th - FCC-Grand Prairie, Texas

24th - Eastridge Park Christian, Mesquite, Texas.

**I'd love to come to your
Sunday School class!**

For information on the programs I do, please see my website, www.JohnCunyus.com.

Reviewers' Comments

"I welcome the translation of the Vulgate . . . The Latin language and particularly the Vulgate have had an enormous impact on the Christian Church and our liturgical and theological formation."

– **Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston**

"John, thank you for Psalms! What a refreshing work! I appreciate your point about Christ in the Psalms being key to the early church . . ."

**Rev. Dr. Larry Ross,
Area Minister, North Texas Area
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in the Southwest Region,
Dallas, Texas.**



**First Christian Church
Kingfisher, OK**

Frequently Asked Questions (About This Ministry)

Who: John Cunyus, an ordained Disciples of Christ minister, is translating the Old Testament from *Biblia Sacra Iuxta Vulgatam Versionem*, The Vulgate, the Latin-language Bible, into contemporary English. John, a graduate of Rice, Texas Christian, and Pacific Western Universities, is the author of several books. He publishes the website, www.JohnCunyus.com.

What: The Way of Wisdom: Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, the Song of Solomon is a translation of the wisdom literature from the Bible, shared in common by Jews, Protestants, Catholics, and Orthodox.

When: Saint Jerome translated the Bible into Latin from the original languages, Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek, between 382 and 405 of the Common Era.

Where: Jerome's translation, done in Jerusalem, became The Bible of Western Christianity for over 1,000 years.



**My beautiful daughters,
Martha and Grace**

Outreach Notes

Since the project began in September 2008, we've distributed 355 copies of Bible translations. I've given 95 away and sold 260. Some things are too important NOT to give away, when its possible to meet a genuine need. Your gifts help make this possible.

Current Needs

This ministry, sponsored by Central Christian Church of Dallas, must be self-sufficient. My goal is to go to "Any Church, Any Sunday," regardless of the congregation's size or ability to pay.

\$150 subsidizes a day of ministry in a smaller congregation that can't afford it. To support this work, please make a check payable to "Central Christian Church, Ministry at large," and send it to:

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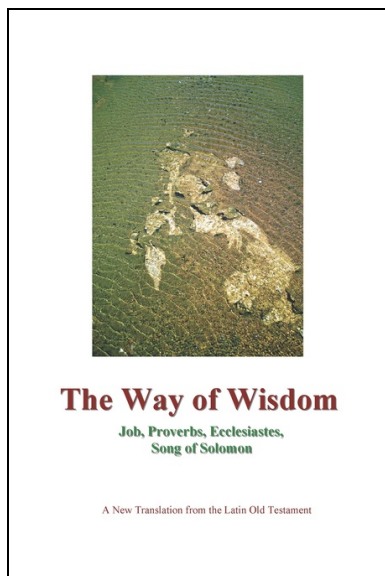
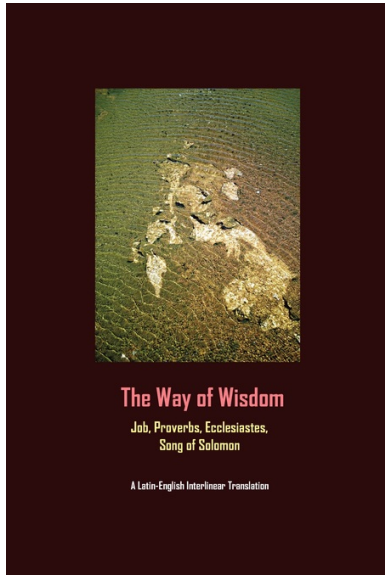
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Micah 6:6 *quid dignum offeram Domino curvem genu Deo excelso numquid offeram ei holocaustomata et vitulos anniculos*

What worthy thing will I offer on bended knee to the Lord God Most High? Will I offer Him burnt offerings and year-old calves?

6:7 *numquid placari potest Dominus in milibus arietum aut in multis milibus hircorum pinguium numquid dabo primogenitum meum pro scelere meo fructum ventris mei pro peccato animae meae*

Is the Lord pleased by thousands of rams, or by many thousands of fat goats? Will I give my firstborn for my crime, my womb's fruit for my soul's sin?

6:8 *indicabo tibi o homo quid sit bonum et quid Dominus quaerat a te utique facere iudicium et diligere misericordiam et sollicitum ambulare cum Deo tuo*

I will show you, O man, what may be good, and what the Lord may seek from you – by all means to work judgment and to delight in mercy and to walk concerned with your God.

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Publication Schedule

The Way of Wisdom: Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon. English and Latin-English Editions. Published Fall 2008.

The Audacity of Prayer: A Fresh Translation of the Book of Psalms. English and Latin-English Editions. Published Spring 2009.

The Jagged Edge of Forever: Deuteronomy, Daniel, and the Minor Prophets. English only Edition. Scheduled for publication, Fall of 2009.

Currently Translating

Genesis (Wow, it's going to be a good one, too!)

I'm Looking for Work!

I'm looking for teaching/preaching gigs in the Fall now. I'm also available during the week for Bible studies, Men's and Women's groups. Please call soon!

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