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Any Church, Any Sunday . . .

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**Each Week**  
**Wednesdays, 7 p.m.**  
**Westside Café and Worship**  
**(Podcast on the web at [www.cccd.org](http://www.cccd.org))**

### **May Notes**

It was a busy May, beginning at Community Christian Church in Aledo, Texas. I felt a special connection there since, as pastor of Central Christian in Weatherford twenty years ago, we'd envisioned planting a church in eastern Parker County. New churches make new Christians, and it's good to see dreams come true.

Like a bad penny, I turned up again at First Christian, Houston, the second Sunday. I always feel like I'm home when I'm there. Week three was with the folks at First Christian, Grand Prairie, Texas, who are in the midst of a wrenching change. God watch over them as they go through it.



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Dallas, Texas**



I followed that up with a visit to Eastridge Park Christian in Mesquite, while Bro. Dan Carroll was recovering from surgery. Dan is doing

well, I enjoyed teaching his class, and Dan's Associate, Rev. Mark Halpin, preached an excellent sermon. The 31<sup>st</sup> found me at First Assembly of God in Dallas, celebrating Pentecost with Rev. Tom McMahan and his congregation.

Central in Dallas has asked Todd Boddy and I to continue our Westside Café service on Wednesdays through the end of the Summer. We're getting a good response from the podcast and hoping that God provides a way to carry it on beyond that.

### **Travelogue**

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

#### **May 2009**

3<sup>rd</sup> - Community Christian Church, Aledo, Texas.

10<sup>th</sup> - FCC-Houston.

17<sup>th</sup> - FCC-Grand Prairie, Texas

24<sup>th</sup> – Eastridge Park Christian, Mesquite, Texas.

### June 2009

14<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Drive Christian Church, Houston, Texas.

21<sup>st</sup> – First Christian, Stephenville, TX, morning.

Central Christian, Weatherford, TX, afternoon.

28<sup>th</sup> – King’s Highway Christian, Shreveport, LA.

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### 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**

### Frequently Asked Questions (About This Ministry)

**Who:** John Cunyus, an ordained Disciple 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](http://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.

### Outreach Notes

We’re continuing to get by, despite the rough economy. God is teaching me to take one day at a time and be constant in prayer. I trust Him to continue providing and, as always, ask your help as well.

### Current Needs

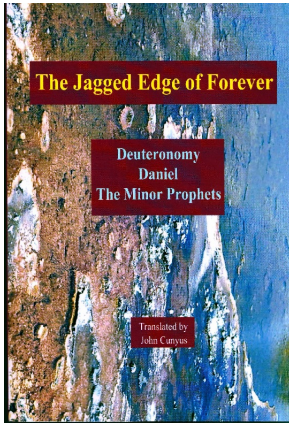
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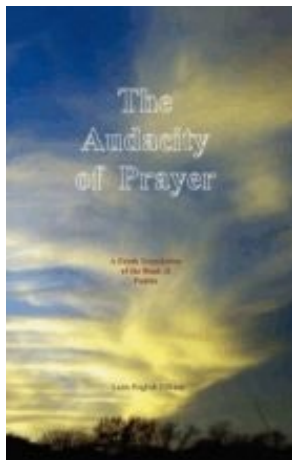
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**The Way of Wisdom: Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon.** English and Latin-English Editions. Published Fall 2008.

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



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**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!**

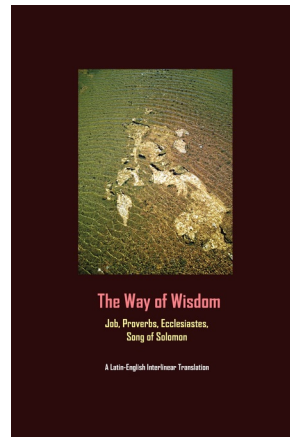
I'm looking for teaching/preaching gigs in the Fall now. I'm also available during the week for Bible studies, Men's and Women's groups. Please call soon!

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**Why Do I Do This?**

God called me back to Himself after one of the most difficult periods of my life, through the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes. He reminded me, as I worked through that little book, that He alone lives forever. His works alone last. What we do apart from Him is doomed to failure.

I had poured my heart and soul into things that didn't last. When those things crumbled around me, my faith crumbled with them. It took my bouncing off the hard floor of despair, I suppose, for God to open me up once again to the wonders of His love.



**The Way of Wisdom: Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon (Latin-English Edition)**

Through that process, I rediscovered my passion for the Bible. Translating the ancient Biblical text into modern English is one of the most rewarding things I have ever done. There is an infinite depth in scripture. It speaks honestly, to the deepest needs of our hearts.

My ministry focuses on bringing the Word of God to others in a thoughtful, honest, and passionate manner. God's Word speaks to every situation we face. We think of the Bible as a book about people, places, and events from long ago. That isn't right. The Bible is a book about us. Every word in it addresses what goes on in our lives.

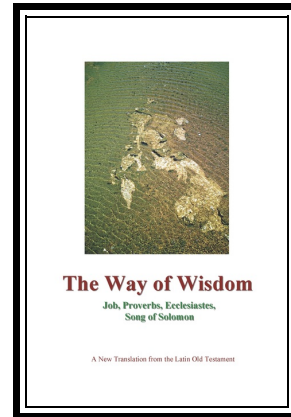
There is nothing I would rather do than open the Word, through translating, writing,

teaching, and praying. My ministry is not about preserving institutions. It isn't about any one of the dozens of things institutions do to keep members happy and keep the money flowing. It is about surrendering day-by-day to the One who sustains us. It is about living in the sometimes-harsh light of God's truth, spoken through the Bible to every human soul.

That's why I do this.

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