

# Dunham Bible Museum News



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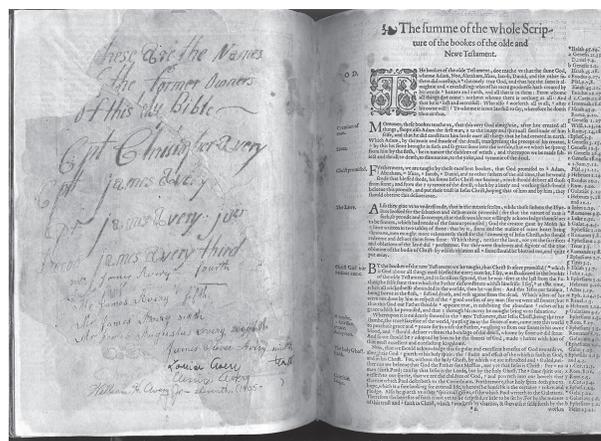
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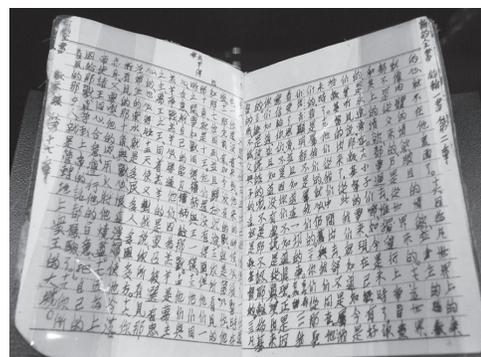
## Piece of the Past, 2019



*Kim Wong and Emma Perry were the Second and First Place Dunham Bible Museum Winners in the 2019 Piece of the Past Contest.*



Kim Wong, a sophomore in the Honors College and a nursing major, won second place (\$500) for his essay “Hope Found Through a Book: A Bible in Communist China.” Under the Communist Chinese, Bibles have often been prohibited. Under Chairman Mao, people would secretly listen to the Bible being read on a short wave radio and copy down the Scripture. This small notebook is such a hand copied portion of Scripture. Mr. Wong noted that this small book “stands for the perseverance of the Christian faith as brave believers continued to cling to God’s Word... I will remind myself to never take for granted the freedom I have to express my faith and freely share the Word many have died for.”



*Manuscript portion of Scripture in mandarin Chinese.*

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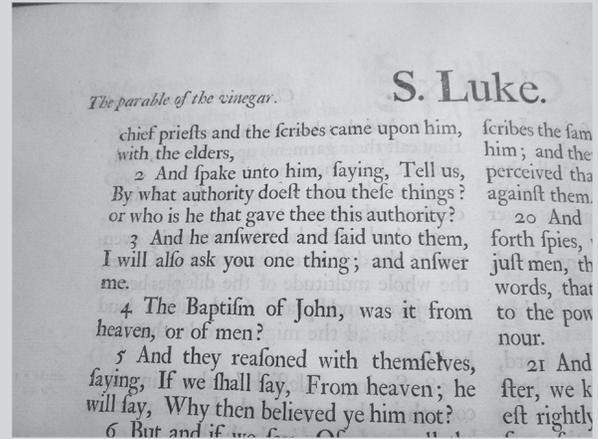
The ninth annual “A Piece of the Past” Museum Essay Contest winners were announced at a special awards dinner on April 24. The contest, sponsored by the Joella and Stewart Morris Foundation, awards cash prizes to winners who write about artifacts in one of the three University Museums or the Art Museums. Over 30 essays were submitted in the Dunham Bible Museum category.

Emma Perry, a sophomore in the Honors College and a classics major, won first place (\$1000) for her essay, “The Avery Bible: The Hearts of Children to Their Fathers.” The Avery Bible was brought to America by Christopher Avery and his son James in the early days of the Puritan Migration. Both became community leaders in Massachusetts and Connecticut. The names of the Avery owners are listed after the New Testament title page. As Miss Perry wrote, “families often recorded their own genealogy between the last verse of Malachi, which mentioned fathers and children, and the first chapter of Matthew, which begins the genealogy of Jesus.”

Both winning essays can be read on the Museums’ website: [HBU.edu/BibleMuseum](http://HBU.edu/BibleMuseum). Click on “A Piece of the Past Museum Essay Contest” from the right menu, and scroll down the list of winners to find links to these award-winning essays.

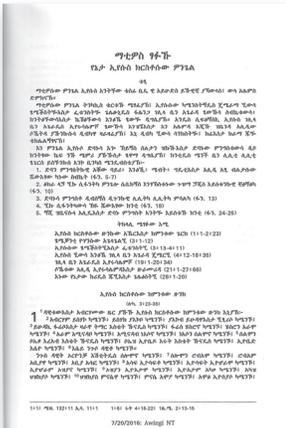
# A Baskett Case

In 1709, John Baskett acquired the title of “printer to the King’s most excellent majesty.” He then set upon a series of business dealings attempting to monopolize the printing of Bibles, becoming involved in frequent lawsuits. Baskett had grand designs, and he wanted to produce a special folio Bible which would be a magnificent piece for churches and the aristocracy. Beautiful engravings were commissioned by prominent artists, and the type was elegant and easy to read. Published in 1717, the Bible was indeed beautiful. But, there were so many errors and mistakes in it, that some began to call it a “Basketful of errors.” (Some later surmised this was the origin of the phrase “Basket case.”) The most notorious error was at the top of the page of Luke 20, where the heading read “Parable of the vinegar” instead of “Parable of the vineyard.” Today the Bible is most often known as the Vinegar Bible



John Baskett’s 1717 printing of the King James Bible was elegant and impressive, but full of printing errors.

# Ethiopian Awi Bible in Honor of President and Mrs. Sloan

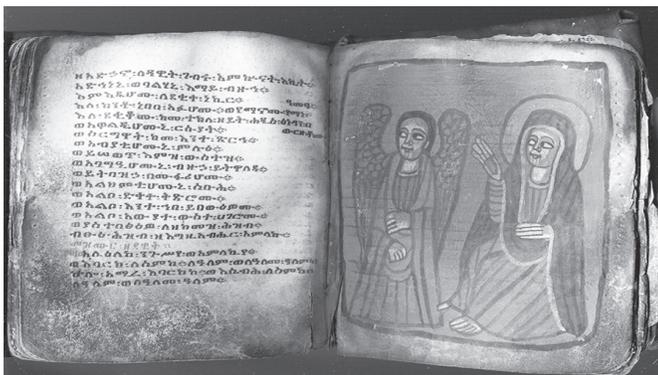


1st page of Awi New Testament

Houston’s First Baptist Church and The Word for the World Bible Translators recently published an Awi New Testament in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Sloan. The Awi community is located northwest of Addis Ababa in central Ethiopia. This is the first New Testament available in the heart language of the over 788,570 Awngi speakers.

Christianity came early to Ethiopia, through the witness of the Ethiopian eunuch in

Acts 8. The Awi New Testament joins several Ethiopian manuscript Scriptures in ancient Ge’ez in the Museums’ collections.



15th century manuscript of the Psalms in Ge’ez.

## Go Figure...

As we look back at the 2018-2019 school year, we note that the Dunham Bible Museum had 5150 visitors during the year. These visitors included 12 HBU classes with 226 students; 11 school groups with 277 students; and 57 other tour groups with 740 visitors. 3884 individuals explored the museum on their own without a formal tour. We look forward to sharing the Museum’s Bible treasures with even more guests in the coming year.

## Dunham Bible Museum Friends

The Dunham Bible Museum Friends support the programs and collections of the Dunham Bible 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 receive year-long benefits of a printed subscription to the "Dunham Bible Museum News," invitations to exhibit openings, and a discount on Museum store purchases. Additional benefits are available for those contributing at a higher level. Won't you consider becoming a member of the **Dunham Bible Museum Friends**?

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS AND BENEFITS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>King James Level</b> <b>\$50 (student \$30)</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Tyndale Level</b> <b>\$1000</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Membership card/ certificate</li><li>• Invitations to exhibit openings and announcements of public programs</li><li>• Printed copy of "Dunham Bible Museum News"</li><li>• 10% discount on museum store purchases</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wycliffe level benefits</li><li>• An original 1611 King James Bible leaf, folio size</li><li>• Private tour with director for up to 30 persons from donor's friends, business, church, club, or other organization</li></ul> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Geneva Level</b> <b>\$75</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Gutenberg Level</b> <b>\$2000+</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• King James level benefits</li><li>• Donald Brake's <i>A Visual History of the English Bible</i></li></ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tyndale level benefits</li><li>• Recognition notice in each "Dunham Bible Museum News"</li></ul>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Coverdale Level</b> <b>\$250</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>St. Jerome Level</b> <b>\$10,000</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Geneva level benefits</li><li>• 20% discount on museum store purchases</li><li>• Facsimile reprint of Wycliffe's New Testament from the Bodleian Library</li></ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• (lifetime individual membership)</li><li>• Tyndale level benefits</li><li>• Framed original 1611 King James Bible leaf</li></ul>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wycliffe Level</b> <b>\$500</b>   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coverdale level benefits</li><li>• Private reception with Dr. and Mrs. Robert B. Sloan</li></ul>  |  |

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*"Night does not extinguish the stars, so  
this world's iniquity does not obscure  
the minds of believers clinging to the  
firmament of holy Scripture."*

*—Augustine of Hippo (354-430)*

### *Current Special Exhibit*

"The best all-round volume of literature you could take  
to the moon would be the Bible. I do plan to take one."

*—Edward White, Apollo 1 astronaut*

It was left to others to carry out Astronaut White's plan.  
January 27, 1957, Apollo 1 exploded on the launch pad,  
killing all three astronauts.

**To commemorate the 50th anniversary  
of the moon landing,  
come visit the Dunham Bible Museum's exhibit  
"Out of this World: The Bible on the Moon."**



### *Regular Exhibits Include*

- Early manuscripts and Bibles
- Early English Bibles
- American Bibles
- *The St. John's Bible*
- Foreign translations.



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**The Dunham Bible Museum is OPEN  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday – Saturdays,  
except University holidays.**

To make an appointment for group tours, or  
for further information, contact

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On your next Dunham Bible Museum visit, try out our new audio tour using your cell phone!