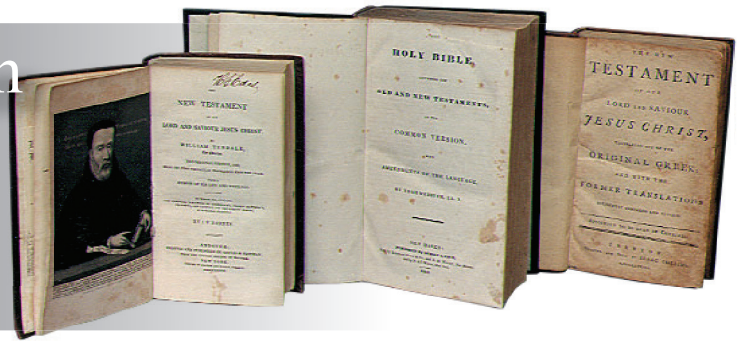


# Dunham Bible Museum News



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## Dunham Bible Museum Lectures Return

After a hiatus due to the Covid pandemic, we are pleased to announce a return of the Dunham Bible Museum Lectures. Since their inauguration in 2008, the Dunham Bible Museum Lectures have hosted numerous scholars speaking on a range of subjects, exploring the history, influence, and impact of the Bible. Videos of many of these earlier lectures are available on the Bible Museum's website.

The first lecture for this season will be by Gary Zimmerman, Friday, November 5, at 7 pm in Belin Chapel. Since 1999, Mr. Zimmerman, a Jewish missionary, has collected Hebrew scrolls for exhibits in numerous museums, churches, and seminaries. Nine scrolls from his collection are on display at the Dunham Bible Museum through the end of October. At the November 5 lecture, Mr. Zimmerman will provide insight into the scribal practices followed in producing and preserving the Hebrew Scriptures. Copies of various



Torah Scroll from the 18th century.

Gary Zimmerman will lecture on the Hebrew scrolls for the first Dunham Bible Museum Lecture this season – Friday, November 5, 7 pm in Belin Chapel.

scrolls will be available for personal examination.

2022 will be the 500th anniversary of Luther's September Testament, Luther's translation of the Greek New Testament into the common language of the German people, and we will have a special exhibit on Luther's Bible. A Dunham Bible Museum lecture on the "Bible of the Reformation" will be given January 20, 2022, at 7 pm in Belin Chapel by Dr. Jennifer McNutt, professor in Biblical and Theological studies at Wheaton College. Dr. McNutt is an editor of *The People's Book: The Reformation and the Bible*, 2017, and coeditor of the forthcoming *Oxford Handbook of the Bible and the Reformation*.



Dr. Jennifer McNutt of Wheaton College will speak on "The Bible in the Reformation" January 20, 2022, 7 pm in Belin Chapel.

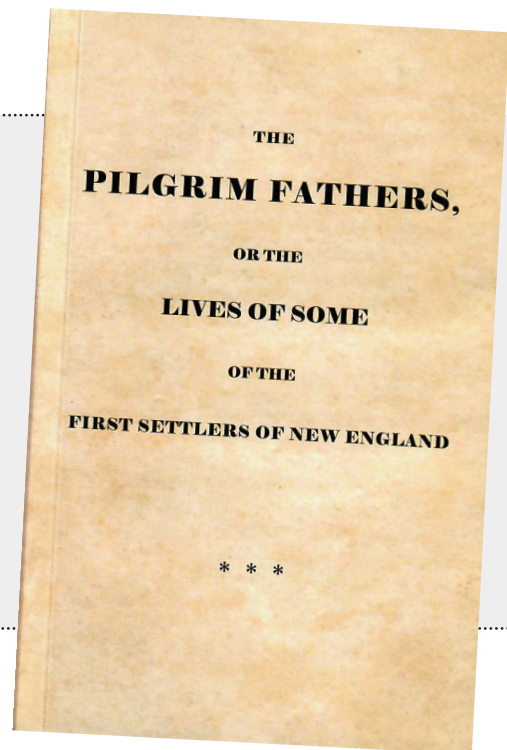
*"We must make a great difference between God's word and the word of man. Man's word is a little sound which flies into the air, and soon vanishes, but the word of God is greater than heaven and earth, yes it is greater than death and hell, for it is the power of God, and remains everlastingly. Therefore, we ought to learn God's word diligently, and we must know certainly and believe that God Himself speaks with us."*

*Martin Luther*

# The Pilgrim Fathers

With last year marking the 400th anniversary of the *Mayflower's* arrival in America and this year marking the 400th anniversary of the pilgrim's harvest festival, a forerunner of the American Thanksgiving, we have reprinted *The Pilgrim Fathers*. Originally printed in 1833 for use in Sabbath schools, *The Pilgrim Fathers* provides biographies of leading pilgrim settlers as well as a special section on the importance of the pilgrims to the formation of our country. The little book is available in the Museum's gift shop for \$10.

The Dunham Bible Museum's "One Small Candle", a special exhibit on the *Mayflower* Pilgrims continues through December 1.



## Look Who Owned These!

Among the volumes in the collection the Dunham Bible Museum acquired from Dr. Donald Brake are almost 70 early printings of the Greek New Testament. During the medieval period, the Bible in Europe was mainly the Latin Vulgate translation of Jerome. With the fall of Constantinople to the Turks in 1453, numerous Christians fled to Europe, many scholars bringing with them their Greek manuscripts. This led to a revival of studies of the Greek New Testament. In 1516, Erasmus first published a printed Greek New Testament. (Gutenberg's printing with moveable type was developed in the 1450s; all previous Greek Testaments had been manuscripts.) Erasmus later published four revisions of his Greek text. Dr. Brake's collection of printed Greek texts, which includes the 1516, 1519, and 1522 editions by Erasmus, is important in demonstrating the development of textual criticism, as scholars carefully studied and compared the great number of Greek manuscripts available to determine an accurate Greek text.

The collection is also interesting to study for the ownership of the various volumes. Many of the volumes are signed by their early owners, and many have fascinating histories. A 1546 *Novum testamentum* printed in Paris by Robert Stephanus was once owned by J. Gresham Machen (1881-1937). Machen was a New Testament scholar, professor at Princeton and then founder of Westminster Seminary. His textbook in New Testament Greek continues in use today. Machen's *Christianity and Liberalism*, *The Virgin Birth of Christ*, and other works are still influential.

It's fascinating to see that the ownership of the various volumes was not limited to clergymen, but men of

commerce and business also were studying the New Testament in Greek. A 1615 *Novum testamentum* printed in Geneva was once owned by Sampson Lloyd (1728-1807), a founder of what became Lloyds Bank in England. A very miniature 1628 Greek Testament belonged to Francis Tallents (1619-1708), Puritan pastor at St. Mary's Shrewsbury who was ejected from the Anglican church in 1662 for non-conformity. The little Testament was passed on in the next century to a series of non-conforming ministers.

A 1707 Greek Testament, a major edition of John Mill's Greek text with critical notes and variant readings, belonged to John Fountayne (1714-1802), the longest serving Dean of York. Robert Barks Jenkinson (1770-1802), second Earl of Liverpool and British Prime Minister from 1812-1827 owned a 1728 *Novum testamentum* printed in London. Strachan Irving Popham (1809-1861), a civil servant for the East India Company and superintendent of the division for Mysore at Fort St. George, owned a 1735 Greek Testament printed in Amsterdam.

A 1750 Greek Testament printed in Glasgow was signed by John Eadie (1810-1876) a Scottish theologian whose works and commentaries are still studied today. Eadie was one of the revisers of the authorized version.

There are many others whose names are inscribed in the Greek Testaments, people engaged in a variety of scholarly and commercial occupations, all of whom sought to read the Bible in its original language.

A 2008 lecture by Dr. Brake on "Greek texts used in Bible Translation" can be found on the Museum's website: [www.hbu.edu/biblemuseum](http://www.hbu.edu/biblemuseum).



# 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. Won't you consider becoming a member of the **Dunham Bible Museum Friends**?

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- Membership card/ certificate
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- Printed copy of *Dunham Bible Museum News*
- 10% discount on Museum store purchases

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- King James Level benefits
- Copy of *The Living Word: daily readings on the history, influence and impact of the Bible* by Dr. Diana Severance

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☐ **WYCLIFFE LEVEL** **\$500**

- Coverdale Level benefits
- Facsimile reprint of Wycliffe's New Testament from the Bodleian Library
- Private reception with Dr. and Mrs. Robert Sloan

☐ **TYNDALE LEVEL** **\$1000**

- Wycliffe Level benefits
- An original 1611 King James Bible leaf, folio size
- Private tour with director for 30 persons or less from donor's friends, business, church, club, or other organization.

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*There you will find virtual tours of the  
Museum's exhibits, past and present, as well  
as videos of past lectures and much more.*

*"The Bible is a window in this  
prison of hope, through which  
we look into eternity."*

*~ Timothy Dwight*

## ***Dunham Bible Museum Lectures***

- **"Tanakh, the Hebrew Scriptures"** Jewish missionary Gary Zimmerman, Friday, November 5, 7 pm, Belin Chapel.
- **"The Bible in the Reformation,"** Dr. Jenifer McNutt, professor at Wheaton, January 20, 2022, 7 pm, Belin Chapel.

## ***Current Special Exhibits***

- **Tanakh** - a special exhibit on the Hebrew Scriptures, featuring 9 Hebrew scrolls, through November 5.
- **One Small Candle** - a special exhibit on the pilgrims in commemoration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Mayflower's* landing in America in 1620 and the Thanksgiving they celebrated in 1621, through December 1.

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

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- *The St. John's Bible*
- English bibles
- Foreign Bible translations

...all designed to show the Bible's history, influence, and impact.



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