



"For You have magnified Your word according to all Your name." Psalm 138:2 (NASB95)

A New Calling and a New Tool

Brian Wofford came to a saving knowledge of Jesus at the age of 12. After graduating from high school, he attended Texas Tech and pursued a dual major in history and Latin. Soon after graduating, he was offered a position teaching Latin, which he quickly accepted. During this schooling, Brian had begun to drift from the Lord. But God had not given up on him.



Brian Wofford and his family

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Brian quickly became dissatisfied with teaching Latin, so he moved to the Dallas-Fort Worth area to find work. During that time, he began regularly attending Calvary Chapel Plano (now Calvary Chapel Dallas). While there, the

Lord rekindled the zeal of faith and led him to his future wife, Erika, whom he married a year later in 2007. Two years later, they became involved in street evangelism together and discovered Blue Letter Bible shortly thereafter.

Brian shared with us how the mobile app was such a huge help once it was released: “It’s helpful to pull out my phone and use the search function when I can’t remember something off the top of my head.”

Brian and Erika eventually relocated to Ohio for a short two-year span and remained involved with street evangelism. They were later able to return to the Dallas-Fort Worth area and immediately reconnect with Calvary Chapel Dallas. They led the street evangelism ministry there for several years before the onset of COVID-19. Now, Brian and Erika teach the junior high ministry on Sundays. Brian has found the interlinear tools and audio commentaries on

Blue Letter Bible to be particularly helpful in his time preparing for these studies.

Brian’s love for the street evangelism ministry continues to grow daily. He finds the diversity of his mission field to be a unique challenge: “There are so many cultures here. And while many accept Jesus as one way to heaven, they are averse to Him being the only way.” We are so blessed to be a help to those like Brian and Erika who are proclaiming Christ throughout the world every day. Whether in the United States or overseas, we pray that BLB will continue to be a blessing to those who are sharing Christ with people in this fallen world. 📖



The Wofford family in front of the Lincoln memorial

STAFF TIP

Bible Book Introductions

Context matters! You may have heard someone say that a verse or passage was taken out of context, but what does that mean? And how do you know if Scripture is being taken out of context? It is important to understand the audience and culture, who the author is, and all the other details that relate to the surrounding text.



Charity Deaton

I was so excited when I found the “Introductions to the Bible” section on the Blue Letter Bible website. Here, I was able to find information on the author, historical setting, audience, purpose, and so much more for each book in Scripture. The information on these BLB pages helped me get started as I studied to understand what the passage was telling me about God, how it fits into His plan of redemption, and what it means for my life. 📖


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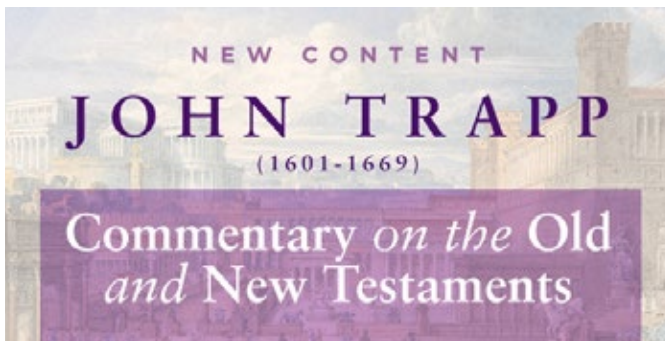
We are excited to announce that the New King James Version (NKJV), published by Thomas Nelson, for free download on our mobile apps. The NKJV was previously only available via Internet connection. The NKJV has been on Blue Letter Bible for decades and has historically been one of our most popular Bible translations. We are grateful that, through the participation of our BLB donors, we can provide this translation for free download to our users on our iOS and Android apps.

To get your free download, open the Bible manager in your app and navigate

to the NKJV. From there, simply tap the download button and it should be added as an offline Bible. If you would like to learn more about the history of the NKJV, you can visit the history page on Thomas Nelson's website using the link at blb.org/newsletterlinks. 



John Trapp's Complete Commentary




We are pleased to announce the addition of the complete anthology of classical biblical commentator, John Trapp. His large five-volume commentary is still read

today and known for being rich with biblical explanation and theological truths. His volumes are quoted frequently by other religious writers, including Charles Spurgeon and Ruth Bell Graham.

Our most widely read commentator, David Guzik, has benefited extensively from Trapp's work and has this to say: "John Trapp is a

classic Puritan commentator with keen insight to the Bible, often presented with witty, catchy phrases that are especially memorable in their Elizabethan English."

You can start reading today by heading over to Trapp's author page using the link at blb.org/newsletterlinks. On the Android and Apple apps, you can simply tap a verse, select "Text Commentaries," and choose Trapp's commentary for that section of Scripture. 

Why We Started Blue Letter Bible

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Blue Letter Bible began with a simple vision: to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus by making the written Word of God available across the globe. This is done so that all may know the divine Word of God, Jesus Christ. We have been so blessed to see the fruit borne from this vision over the last 30 years through the 27 million unique users who benefited from our resources in 2024. An even greater blessing than the numbers has been the wonderful feedback and testimonials you all have shared with us.

We have had the opportunity to collect and share encouraging video testimonials from our users for the last three years. Pastors around the world, young people in school, and even those who cannot hear or speak audibly have contributed. What a blessing to see some of the fruit God has produced through this ministry! He alone gives the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6). All glory is His; we are merely His vessels, and we are humbled daily by the responsibilities that He gives us. If you would like to watch compilations of the aforementioned testimonials or even submit your own, you can visit blb.org/yourstory.

Until the whole world hears,


Jim Milligan
Co-Founder & C.E.O.

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