

They relied on previous English editions, as well as their knowledge of the Greek and Hebrew manuscripts available to them.

In 1611 they gave their monarch the new Authorized Version that came to bear his name. Reformers wanting a more radical translation were disappointed, as James' text avoided many of the changes they had sought. This version's impact was so great that by 1700 James' Bible had become the English Bible. A new official translation wasn't undertaken for another 250 years.

The real hero of the King James' Bible, however, turned out to be William Tyndale. More than 80 percent of his 1530 translation ended up in it.

Its impact today

The impact the King James Bible has had upon the English language — beyond the everyday phrases it introduced — includes the rhythmic cadences heard in the likes of Abraham Lincoln, poet Walt Whitman and Southern author Willa Cather. Even noted atheist Richard Dawkins said that with its influence on the culture of English-speaking countries, "...not to know the King James Bible is to be in some small way, barbarian."

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Gitchigomee Gab

Boy did we have a beautiful summer, although it was pretty hot at times in the kitchen at Camp Gitchigomee. The camp was well attended, and one week a number of campers had to be turned away due to lack of space. It was a nice surprise one Sunday, to see familiar faces of parishioners at camp. Once again, I was head cook and many repeat campers remembered me from previous years. There were even parents who remembered when I cooked when they were campers. One award the campers gave me one week was "Better than my Moms" award.

Each church takes a two year term of making up the Executive for the Ladies Auxiliary. The years 2012 and 2013 is our turn - if you're interested in either the position of President or Treasurer, please let me know as soon as possible.

Camp Rep – Barbara Williams