

## THE AMERICAN PROTESTANT VERNACULAR

Our Saviour passed Thirty Years of his Life in Obscurity and Poverty; then preached, and confirmed his Doctrine with Prodiges, gave Health to the Sick, Light to the Blind, Life to the Dead: He died by Mens Malice, and rose again by his own Power, sent twelve Fishermen to subdue the World; Success waited on their Labours, and crowned their Endeavours; so that, in a few Years, the Christian Religion spread its Conquests beyond the Bounds of the Roman Empire. Prejudice, Libertinism, and Atheism, conspired its Ruin, Philosophers opposed Arguments; Emperors, Torments, and Libertines Sensuality: Yet Christianity broke through the Violence of the Opposition; it multiplied by Disputes, and increased by Persecution; Millions of Martyrs lost their lives in the Quarrel; they demonstrated the Truth of their Creed, by the Constancy of their invincible Valour, though their Torments were inexpressible. So that, notwithstanding the Christian Religion has been so furiously attacked by Impiety and Prophaneness, it has always appeared holy, always victorious, and always triumphant; it has been proved by Miracles, sealed with the Blood of Martyrs, testified by the Apostles, confirmed by Reason, published by the very Elements, and confessed even by Devils. - **Poor Richard's Almanac, David Hall, 1764**

"The number of Indians in this Land, is not comparable to what it was, in the middle of the former Century. The Wars which after an Offered and Rejected Gospel, they perfidiously began upon the English, above Thirty Years ago, brought a Quick Desolation upon whole Nations of them.... At present, we can do nothing for those Bloody Salvages in the Easter Parts, who have been taught by the French Priests, That the Virgin Mary was a French Lady, and that our Great Saviour was a Frenchman, and that the English murdered Him ...

- **"The Death of Good Men Considered," Cotton Mather, 1715**

## CHECKING OUT THE BIBLE

February 13/14, 2019

Rev. John Fanestil

### Wednesdays through Feb. 27

- 10:30 – 11:30 am, Linder Hall

### Thursdays through Feb. 28

- 12 noon – 1:00 pm, Online
- RSVP to [jfanestil@fumcsd.org](mailto:jfanestil@fumcsd.org)

### INTRODUCTION

1. *The Bible as a Library*

### THE DIVERSITY OF THE BIBLE

2. *The Books (& Shelves) of the Old Testament*
3. *The Books (& Shelves) of the New Testament*

### THE UNITY OF THE BIBLE

4. *The Formation of the Scriptures*
5. *The Printing of the Bible*

### THE BIBLE IN AMERICAN CONTEXT

### **6. *The (Protestant) Origins of American Culture***

7. *Modernism, Fundamentalism and Beyond*

### CONCLUSION

8. *Living the Bible*

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Wednesdays

10:30 – 11:30 am: Bible Study

11:30 am – 12:15 pm: Lunch (RSVP – 619-297-4366)

12:15 – 1:00 pm: Program

## English Colonial Settlements, 1600s



## NEW ENGLAND

- Founding Religions Tradition(s):
- Scripture interpreted in dialogue with:
- Popular Expressions of the Christian Faith:

## SOUTHERN COLONIES

- Founding Religions Tradition(s):
- Scripture interpreted in dialogue with:
- Popular Expressions of the Christian Faith:

## MIDDLE COLONIES

- Founding Religions Tradition(s):
- Scripture interpreted in dialogue with:
- Popular Expressions of the Christian Faith: