



BBC UPDATE

Dubai Ministry

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During the week of January 15-20, 2018, the Lord blessed the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary module on the Book of Acts in the Bible Baptist Church of Dubai. Pastor and Mrs. Flory Maloto graciously hosted Dr. Thomas Strouse as he taught the module in their house church. About 18 students attended including one new seminarian, Pastor Ezekiel Mgandi from Kenya. For the Muslims the weekend begins on Friday and goes through Saturday in Dubai (the official work-week is Sunday through Thursday). Therefore, Bible Baptist Church has Bible studies on Fridays both in Dubai and then in Abu Dhabi. Dr. Strouse had the privilege to teach in both Bible studies. Apparently several spiritual decisions were made for the Lord. After the Bible study in Abu Dhabi the host church family treated all those present with cooked-over-the-open-fire goat. The meal was delicious with an abundance of meat, rice, vegetables, and fruit.

The Bible Baptist Theological Seminary modules are for the preparation of godly men, instructing them in Bible knowledge and doctrine, for church planting and the pastorate. These church members face the same challenges as did the first century Ephesian Christians who were surrounded with the temptations of an opulent society and with potential threat of a popular pagan religion. The Temple of Diana was centered in Ephesus requiring the worship of the pagan goddess Diana (Eph. 19:23-41). The Gospel seriously challenged the Artemesian to the extent that one of her devotees said, *“Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands: So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth”* (Acts 19:26-27). Pray for the New Testament churches around the world that are attempting to reach their respective areas of ministry with the Gospel of Christ.



Dubai Module Class Members



Bible Baptist Church of Dubai observing a baptism



Baptismal service in Dubai

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BBTS Spring Schedule



Pastor Flory starting Bible service.



^^ Choir of host church.



<< Some church members in Bible study.



^^ Villa of church member where the Bible study was held.



^^ The goat was supper after Bible study.



^^ Inside the villa where church services are held.

BBTS Spring Schedule

Mondays
Bibliology I
9:00AM - 12:00PM

Tuesdays
Revelation
6:00PM - 9:00PM

Wednesdays
Angelology
9:00AM - 12:00PM

All Courses Taught by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse



>> Notice the beauty in the picture. Flowers are nice too!

King Josiah

And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

2 Kings 22:2

Reflection: Isn't it encouraging when you read that Josiah "did what was right in the sight of the LORD"? Do you know someone that desires to do right, and does right in the sight of the LORD? Are you drawn to that person, desiring to have fellowship with them... as to do right is also your heart's desire? It would be wise to do so!

King Josiah became King of Judah after King Amon who did evil in the sight of the LORD. The following verses speak of King Amon setting the example for the people to serve and worship idols

²⁰And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, as his father Manasseh did. ²¹And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the

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idols that his father served, and worshipped them:

²²And he forsook the Lord God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of the Lord.

2 Kings 21:20 - 22

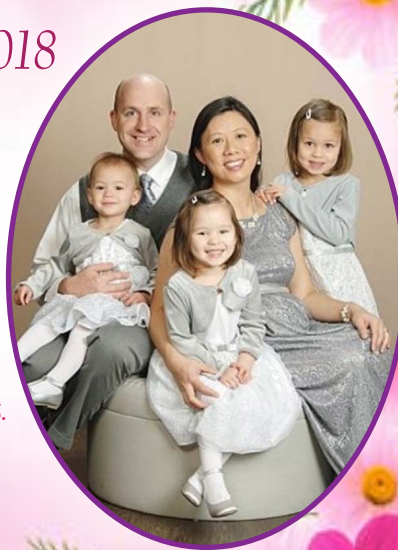
Do you think Josiah had opposition when he became King? Do you think the people wanted to stop the evil practices that they were used to? That did not stop King Josiah. He obeyed the LORD and did that which was right.

Challenge: Can you put your name in place of his name? _____ does that which is right in the sight of the LORD! Do you succumb to pressure from those around you to do evil? What specifically is needed to strengthen your faith? Can you name a situation recently in which you took a stand in obedience to the LORD despite opposition?

8th Annual Ladies' Fellowship
Saturday, March 17, 2018

Mrs. Jackie
Hinebaugh,
guest speaker

Along with a biblical testimony and challenge, Bible Baptist Church will provide a brunch and a time of crafts. All ladies are welcome to attend.



DEVOTIONAL CORNER

So Let Us Be Merciful

"And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner."

Luke 18:13



Pastor Cas Reeves

In Jesus' day a publican or tax collector was one of the most despicable of all the people in the land. He was a person commissioned by Roman authority to collect a set amount of taxes from the citizenry for the state.

Authority was given him to raise the tax collected so as to cover his costs as well. It didn't matter to Rome how much he raised the taxes, just as long as they got their share of the money. This led to an unfair extraction of tax monies from the people; and of course, to a great resentment on their part toward the publicans.

In this parable about self-exalting and self-humility, Jesus reveals, that when, even the worst kind of person, humbles himself, and cries out for mercy, "God be merciful to me a sinner." This cry does not go unheeded by God. Of this publican, Jesus said, "I tell you, this man

went down to his house justified; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (Luke 18:14).

What is this "mercy" for which the publican called out to God? It is the "mercy" of a benevolent heart. It is a kindness, a tenderness of the heart, which causes one to overlook the offenses of another. Its character is rooted in love. It is an act that tempers deserved justice with gracious forgiveness. In this case, it is the publican who is appealing through God's love, to God's mercy, to be merciful unto him a sinner, who has offended and trespassed against God.

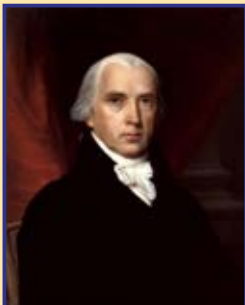
It is this kind of mercy, which God showed the publican, that we as Christians are to exemplify in our walk toward others. "Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart" (Proverbs 3:3). Mercy, here presented as one of a duet of personal qualities, that God tells us, we are to have with us and to make apart of us. Through the power of mercy, we are told that we can be clean. "By mercy and truth iniquity is purged" (Proverbs 16:6). So then as Christians, we should take note of the reward mercy will bring to us and the blessings we will receive, when we allow mercy to be apart of our life; God promises, "So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man" (Proverbs 3:4). So let us be merciful. -CAR

Quotes From the Past:

James Madison

1751-1836

4th President of the USA



James Madison

"The number, the industry, and the morality of the priesthood, and the devotion of the people have been manifestly increased by the total separation of the church from the state."

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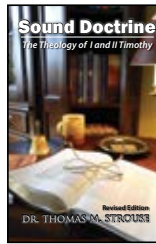
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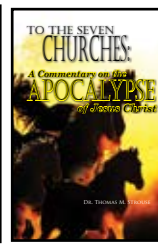
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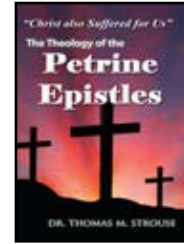
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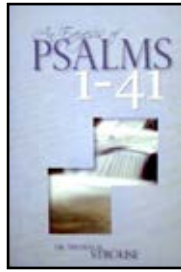
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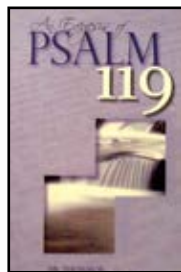
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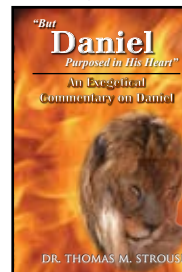
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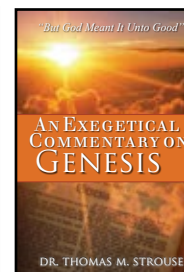
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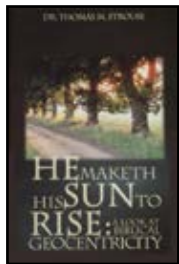
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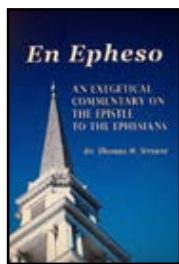
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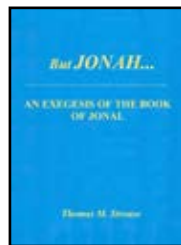
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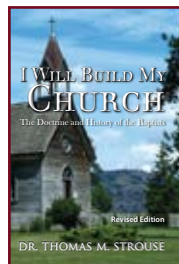
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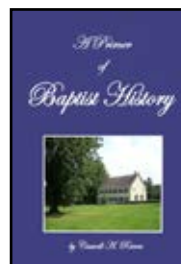
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Fun in Dubai



We thought this was our ride in Dubai as we did mission work!



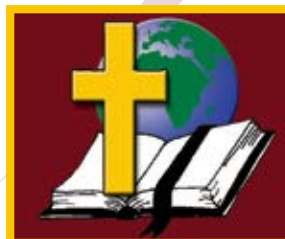
^^ Outside view of a man-made ski slope at the mall!

>> View of ski slope inside mall next to Fridays restaurant.



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