



BBC UPDATE

Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Begins Eighth Year

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Bible Baptist Theological Seminary began the eighth year of seminary courses for the training of pastors, missionaries, and church members to do the work of the ministry. Several new students have enrolled along with current seminarians to study the book of Jeremiah, the Gospel of Luke including medical language, and the book of Acts. The courses may be applied seminary degrees including the Master of Biblical Studies, the Master of Divinity, and the Doctor of Ministry. During these eight years of biblical and theological instruction seminarians have enrolled in courses from the modules taught in Czech Republic, Dubai, Ireland, Korea, the Philippines, and Portugal. Seminary courses are also available on the BBC web site, and several area pastors enroll in the courses. BBC members are thankful for the impact that Bible Baptist Theological Seminary has had on pastors, missionaries, and churches around the world. Please continue to pray for this biblical endeavor.

The BBTS schedule is as follows:

Monday, 9 AM to Noon, *The Book of Jeremiah*

Tuesday, 6-9 PM, *The Gospel of Luke with emphasis on Medical Language*

Wednesday, 9 AM to Noon, *The Book of Acts*



FAIRHAVEN BAPTIST COLLEGE MODULE

PHOTOS

Fairhaven Module

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Friends

During the week of August 21-25, 2017, Dr. Thomas M. Strouse had the opportunity to teach ten seminary and Bible College students at Fairhaven Baptist College the Book of Revelation. Fairhaven Baptist College is in under the auspices of Fairhaven Baptist Church whose pastor is Pastor Steve Damron. Several Bible faculty members have received advanced seminary degrees from Bible Baptist Theological Seminary. The students had the opportunity to survey Dr. Strouse's 1022 page commentary on *To the Seven Churches: A Commentary on the Apocalypse of Jesus Christ*.

Midweek Service at Fairhaven Baptist Church.



FRIENDS FROM THE PAST

Pastor and Jan Strouse with good friends Allen and Janet Marshall.



During the week of September 10 through 16 Bible Baptist Church will host Dr. Noel Meadowcroft and Mr. Rick Hendricks who will initiate and facilitate an effective outreach emphasis. Both men will bring years of experience, instruction, and examples to challenge the assembly members to do the work of the ministry (Eph. 4:12). Their approach will include 1) canvassing the neighborhoods, 2) following up on contacts, and 3) starting home Bible studies. Although many members of Bible Baptist Church regularly invite family, friends, and colleagues to church, this will be another avenue to reach the lost with the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ. Since only the New Testament baptizing agency has the sole responsibility to practice the Great Commission (Mt. 28:19-20), we at Bible Baptist Church want to take advantage of this opportunity and responsibility.

Did not the Apostle Paul state, saying, *“But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and **how shall they hear without a preacher?** And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”* (Rom. 10:8-15)?

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH MINISTRIES

Various members of Bible Baptist Church are involved in serving the Lord in this Body of Christ. They recognize their individual responsibility to do *“the work of the ministry”* (Eph. 4:12) as they have presented their *“bodies a living sacrifice”* (Rom. 12:1). The ministry of the Bible Baptist Church saints is appreciated by the Lord, by the Pastor, and by the other members of the Body of Christ.



The four current Sunday School teachers: Mr. Jeff Skorupski, Mr. Ryan Strouse, Dr. Strouse, Mrs. Cathy Mitchell (L-R)



Ryan Strouse is the church treasurer.

THE SAVED SERVANT TRUSTS IN THE VERACITY OF GOD

DEVOTIONAL CORNER



Dr. Caswell A. Reeves

The Saved Servant Trusts in the Veracity of God

Titus 1:2: "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;"

In verse one, Paul gave a description of himself to Titus the recipient of the epistle. He also reveals the basis of what he is saying. In verse one, he gave two reasons for the basis of his authority or his position and practice. First, it is based upon the faith that all of God's children have – the faith that comes by the Scripture, which is referred to as the faith of God's elect. And second, it is based upon the truth or word of God, which is after godliness.

Now in verse two, Paul gives another reason for the basis of his authority or what he is saying. He states the reason is on the basis of hope of eternal life. In verse one, Paul employed the Greek preposition (κατα) or accordingly to introduce his first two reasons for what he believes and says. He now uses (επι) or upon, which conveys the idea if on the basis of, or in accord with. So, Paul's reason is given upon the basis of hope of eternal life.

Paul employed the Greek word (ελπιδι), which is translated hope. It refers to a real expectation of eternal life, which is based upon the (επηγγελιατο) promise or profession of God, and upon His integrity and character, that He cannot lie, and

upon His eternality, who promised before the world began (χρονων) or before time. As a note of interest, the English word chronology comes from the Greek word (χρονων). It is translated world with the idea of before the creation of the world or time, as man knows it.

Certainly, Paul the servant of God and apostle of Jesus Christ is the immediate context, but in general any saved and serving Christian position is based upon faith, truth and the veracity of the promises and character of God.

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Quotes From the Past:

Bunyan, John

1628-1688

Baptist Preacher and Author



John Bunyan

It could be a sign of pride in your life if a word of reproof or admonition is not able to be received with the same grace, whether it be given by the poorest of saints or the most educated person."

Who Has The Rule?

Colossians 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the **power** of darkness, and hath translated us into the **kingdom of his dear Son**: (emphasis added)

Reflection: When reading this verse did you know that the word **'power'** means the following?

Power: power of choice, liberty of doing as one pleases

And in contrast the word **'Kingdom'** means this:

Kingdom: royal power, kingship, dominion, rule

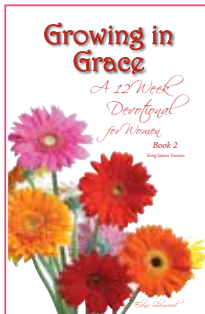
This verse speaks to the easy believism of our day, the pray a prayer after me, the unchanged life of a professed Christian. Think about going to the bank, you desire to open a new account, therefore, you desire to close the one you have. To close this account you must transfer your money from one account to the other. The word **translate** means to 'transfer'.

Challenge: This verse is very clear that in salvation your loyalties have transferred from your own rule of your life to the authority, governing, control of and relationship with Jesus Christ. You cannot accomplish this in your own effort but it is the spiritual birth of being born-again. If you are still doing as you please and are the sole authority in your life, has your first account truly been closed.

***Dear Grow in Grace Readers,**

A few weeks ago we began a series on parenting. The last of the series is called "Where is Dad?" and will be made available to you upon request as it will not be included in the update at this time. If you would like a copy of it or if you would like the entire series please contact me: Elenas6259@gmail.com

Please email me at any time if you have comments or questions or you'd like to be added to the mailing list and receive a devotional like this each weekday: Elenas6259@gmail.com

"Growing in Grace: A 12 Week Devotional for Women" Book 2

This 12 Week Devotional is a ministry of Bible Baptist Church in Cromwell, CT. It is designed for women, and is meant as a support for victory in daily Christian living. Spiritual victory comes by having the Genuine Christ, Accurate Biblical Teaching, Applying the Infallible Word of God, and a Humble Heart.

Using this Devotional Each day you will be given a daily Scripture followed by thoughts upon which to reflect and a challenge for the day. To get the most out of this book, it is encouraged that you take the time each morning to reflect upon and apply each devotion.

Psalm 119:2 "Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart."

Please contact Bible Baptist Church (Elenas6259@gmail.com) if you would like a complimentary copy of Book 1 or 2.

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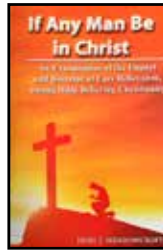
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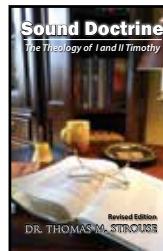
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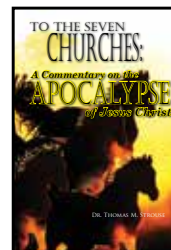
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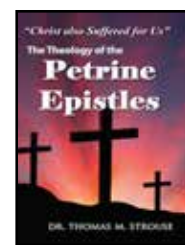
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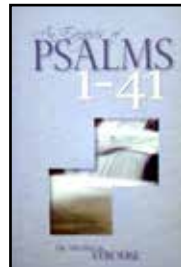
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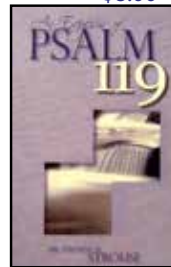
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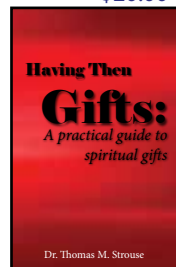
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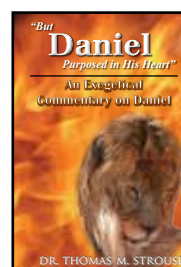
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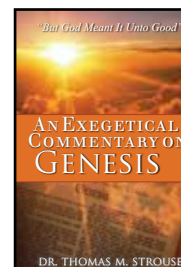
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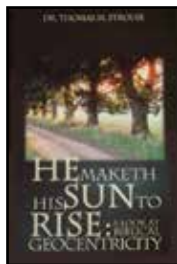
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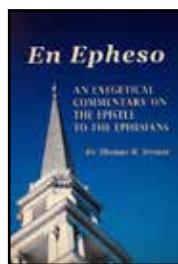
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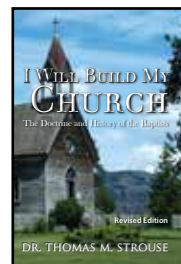
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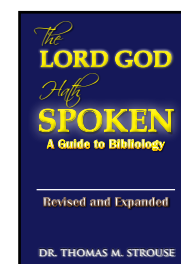
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