



BBC UPDATE

Outreach Week

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The Lord gave Bible Baptist Church a good Outreach Week ministry during the days of Sept. 10-16, 2017. Dr. Noel Meadowcroft and Mr. Rick Hendricks committed themselves to instructing, encouraging, illustrating, and practicing church canvassing and personal evangelism. The week began with Dr. Meadowcroft, seminary graduate of Bible Baptist Theological Seminary and adjunct professor Heritage Baptist Theological Seminary, preached on the need for and commitment to biblical evangelism. He authored the book on the need for repentance in evangelism entitled *If Any Man Be In Christ*. After giving a convicting challenge and illustrating with door-to-door role playing, Dr. Meadowcroft and Mr. Hendricks began on Monday through Friday to canvass with written material the Middletown, CT neighborhoods. They along with



^ *Dr. Noel Meadowcroft*

<< *Outreach ministry with Dr. Meadowcroft and Rick Hendricks.*



Dr. Meadowcroft and Brother Jeff Skorupski illustrating door-to-door evangelism

several Bible Baptist Church members canvassed close to 1200 homes with gospel literature and Bible Baptist Church information. Already several have responded positively about interest in and attendance to Bible Baptist Church. As co-labourers with Christ, Bible Baptist Church is trusting Scriptures such as the following:

"So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building" | Corinthians 3:7-9,

and

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" | Corinthians 15:58.

FALL LECTURE SERIES

Fall Lecture Series Scheduled for Friday, November 10



Five hundred years ago, Oct. 31, 1517, the Roman Catholic Church (RCC) monk Martin Luther posted 95 arguments against the doctrine of indulgences on the Wittenberg Church door and initiated the Protestant Reformation. The reformers were baptized members of the RCC who protested the Pope's encroachment on their respective territories. RCC Leaders in Germany backed Luther while the RCC member Henry the VIII rejected the papal influence in England. Luther was excommunicated out of the visible RCC in 1521 and began the Lutheran Church in 1530. The RCC member Huldrych Zwingli preached reform in 1525 in Zurich, Switzerland. By 1534 Henry VIII decreed the existence of the Church of England. Later RCC member John Calvin controlled Geneva Switzerland with his "reformed theology" (1541). The RCC reformers continued the RCC ecclesiology of the sacral society, maintaining the manta "whose territory his religion." They demanded by physical force the necessity of a national religious leader, religious sacraments which made one right with sacral society, and death to dissidents. The Baptists, of course, rejected the sacral society and practiced believers' immersion into visible assemblies. Because Baptists differed with the RCC and with Protestants on the nature of the ecclesia and therefore the mode and meaning of baptism, the former were severely persecuted during the Reformation era by both movements. The entrance into the visible assembly was through profession of faith and water immersion for the Baptists, whereas the RCC and Protestants taught that infants were regenerated in baptism and permitted membership into the state religion. For instance, Luther defended the articles of the authoritative Lutheran Augsburg Confession (1530), including the following: "Article IX: Of Baptism. 1) Of Baptism they [Lutheran churches] teach that it is necessary 2) to salvation, and that through Baptism is offered the grace of God, and that children are to be baptized who, being offered to God through Baptism are received into God's grace. 3) They condemn the Anabaptists, who reject the baptism of children, and say that children are saved without Baptism." The initial Reformers (Luther, Zwingli, Calvin, Henry VIII) were exactly that—as Catholics they attempted to reform the RCC! There is no unambiguous evidence that they were born-again Christians, but to the contrary their own statements revealed that they promoted baptismal regeneration.

The Baptists of that era resisted this reformed RCC sacral religion and quite often it cost these Biblicists dearly. The Bible Baptist Theological Seminary 2017 Fall Lecture Series will present "*The Baptists and the Reformation*" lecture (Dr. Thomas M. Strouse), focusing on the biblical Baptists and their rejection of the scriptural errors that have dominated Protestant denominations and movements such as Fundamentalism. Pastor Stephen Hinebaugh will deal the pertinent topic "*Why Study Baptist History?*" Mr. Jon Stockton will discuss "*Music in Baptist Churches.*" Please plan on attending on **Friday, November 10, 2017, from 9 AM to 3 PM** at the Courtyard Marriott (4 Sebethe Dr., Cromwell, CT).



Pastor Thomas Strouse will speak on "The Baptists and the Reformation" at the Fall Lecture Series

BBTS Class Schedule

Mondays

Jeremiah

9:00AM - 12:00PM

Tuesdays

**Gospel of Luke and
Medical Language**

6:00PM - 9:00PM

Wednesdays

Acts (TMS)

9:00AM - 12:00PM

All Courses Taught by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

Can Anyone Be a Bishop?

Read: 1 Timothy 1:1 - 3

A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach

1 Timothy 3:2;

One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

1 Timothy 3:4

(For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

1 Timothy 3:5

Reflection: In the Book of Timothy, the Apostle Paul, lays out for Timothy the criteria of the Bishop, which simply means guardian or overseer, of the New Testament Churches. Why did he write it? This instruction to Timothy is very clear and does not leave any room for misunderstanding. In the Greek the word for 'Bishop' is a masculine noun and therefore reinforces to whom this position is given.

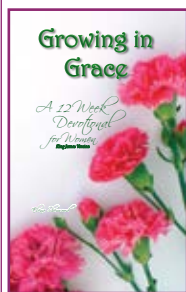
GROW IN GRACE DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

- * He should be a husband
- * Husbands are men
- * He should be married
- * He should have children
- * Is leader and manager of his own family and does it well

This sure does weed out many, many, churches who do not follow the criteria that Paul puts forth through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, thereby the will of God. Today there are women as 'pastors', divorced men as pastors, and men who are neither married nor have children in the pastorate.

Challenge: Does the Lord really mean what He says through Paul? Do you believe what the Lord says through Paul? Should you associate yourself with churches who are in disobedience to these Scriptures? If they are okay with this error what else might they compromise.

Growing in Grace: A 12 Week Devotional for Women Books 1 & 2



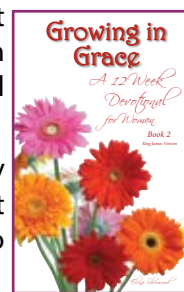
Book 1

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.

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

Psalm 119:2



Book 2

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

DEVOTIONAL CORNER

Characteristics of a Church-Planting Ministry

Acts 16:1-5

¹Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek: ²Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium. ³Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek. ⁴And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem. ⁵And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.



Pastor Cas Reeves

Biblical missions when surveyed in the Bible is about church planting. In this short passage, Paul having previously visited the cities of Darbe and Lystra on his first journey, and having shared the gospel, and hazarding himself for Christ, people were saved and assemblies of believers were formed. In this passage Paul is returning to see how they were doing (Acts 15:36). From this passage we find some characteristic that are found in a church-planting ministry.

A Church-Planting Ministry Consists Of:

Making Disciples (v. 1-3)

Exactly when Timothy was saved is unknown, However it probably as a result of Paul's first journey into the cities and region. Nevertheless, he was discipled and had a good report among the brethren, and was chosen by Paul to accompany and assist him.

God's Word in the Ministry (v. 4)

Before embarking on this journey Paul had been in Jerusalem where the question of whether the Gentiles had to comply with circumcision under the Mosaic Law in order to be saved.

The question was settled by the Apostles and elders of the church and a dogma was written with the resolution that seemed good to both men and the Holy Spirit (Acts 15:22-29).

Thus, as Paul journeyed he shared this resolution (God's Word) with Jews and Gentiles.

God's Men in the Ministry (v. 4)

It was Paul and Silas, who were a couple of the men that were charged with taking God's Word forth as messengers of the Jerusalem Council. And it was Paul and Silas that were recommended (given permission) by the church at Antioch to go forth on this journey. It was Paul who chose Timothy, one with a good report, to accompany Him and Silas on this journey. Church planting requires godly men to carry the Word of God to the lost and to the saved.

Establishment of Faith (5)

As Paul's company went through the cities, the churches were established in the faith. In other words from Paul sharing the Word of God with the brethren in the churches, the individual churches were made stronger or "firmed up" in the faith.

Evangelism in the Ministry (v. 5)

When churches are strengthen by truth their testimony grows and so does their evangelism efforts. The results is God's blessing of numerical growth: and these churches increased in number daily.

In this short excerpt from the Bible, we are able to recognize a few of the characteristics found in Biblical missions. Consider are you Biblically mission minded?

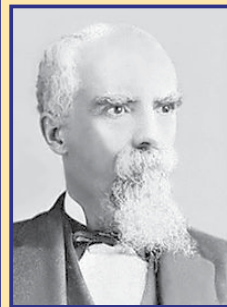
Look at the example of the Apostle Paul and his church planting group authorized by and sent out by a local New Testament church. -CAR

Quotes From the Past:

E.M. Bounds

1835-1913

American Author and Attorney



E. M. Bounds

"What the Church needs today is not more machinery or new organizations or novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use, men of prayer, men mighty in prayer"

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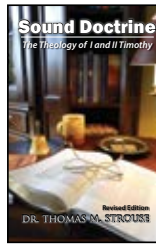
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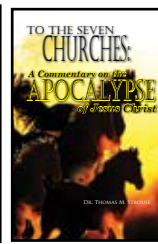
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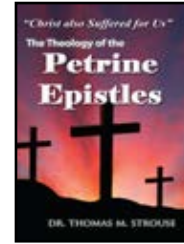
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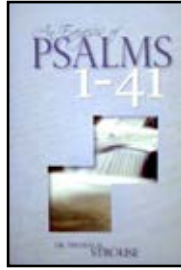
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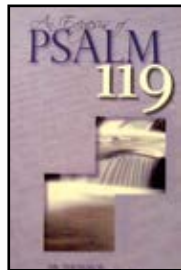
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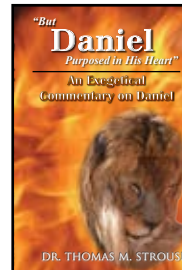
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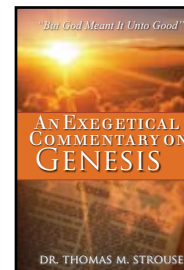
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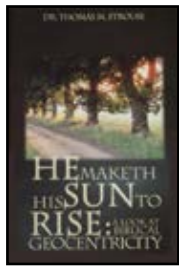
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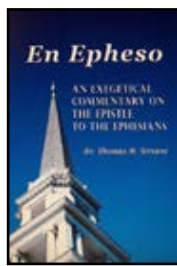
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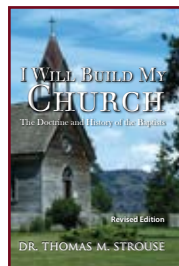
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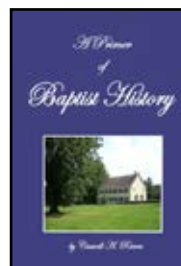
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