# Dr. Enoch Kumar's Visit

### **Dr. Thomas Strouse**



On November 15, 2017, Dr. Enoch Kumar, 2013 doctoral graduate of Bible Baptist Theological Seminary, gave an update on his ministry in India and challenged the congregation with the subject "The Fear of the Lord." Dr. Kumar described his biblical ministry thusly.

"The Pillar and Ground of the Truth Baptist Church and her Local, New

Dr. Thomas Strouse Testament Church-based Ministries found its inception on the 9th of October, 2005, through the missionary burden of the Kumars: Enoch, Nirupama and Joshua. Enoch and Nirupama being second-generation missionaries, and Joshua and Joel are third-generation missionaries. This ministry was initially started in Moolekatte, Bhadravathi; but now has been relocated to its own facility situated in Hiriyur Village, Bhadravathi. The first worship service



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Dr. Enoch Kumar preaching at BBC

was held on the 9th of October, 2005, with five believers. In two years' time the membership of this Local, New Testament Church has grown to over 60 people. Worship Services, Bible Studies, Cottage Meetings, Outreach Programs, and other activities are being held on a regular basis. Our emphasis is on church planting. The Lord Jesus Christ said in Matthew 28:19, 20—'Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.' The Great Commission is a Commission to plant Local, New Testament, Bible-Believing, Immersionist (Baptist) Churches in the unreached parts of Karnataka and expand this mission-field to the unreached parts of India."

It is spiritually rewarding to have graduates of Bible Baptist Theological Seminary continue to preach and practice the truths passed onto them from the Scripture. Paul challenged his student Timothy, saying, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (II Tim. 2:2).



<< Dr. Enoch Kumar talking with Ryan Strouse...

...and with Ryan's son, Jack>>



# **BBTS MINISTRY**

# Korea Trip

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse will preach and teach in the Bible Conference and participate in the seminary graduation services at Seoul First Baptist Church, Seoul, South Korea, on December 5-12, 2017. Pastor David Eum, a long time friend and supporter of Bible Baptist Church and Bible Baptist Theological Seminary, will host the services. Former Bible Baptist Church members Mr. and Mrs. Ohyun Kwon have returned to Korea and joined with Dr. Eum. Pray

for the Bible believers in South Korea as they face many challenges and dangers.



^^ Pastor David Eum

<< Entrance to Seoul First Baptist Church



<< The Kwon family

# BBC Christmas Banquet

On December 4, 2009, Bible Baptist Church organized with 27 charter members, meeting in several different homes until the present church facility became available. The annual BBC Anniversary Banquet will be held on Sunday, December 17, 2018 at 2:30 PM.

# **New Members**

We are pleased to announce the return of two former members, Mr. and Mrs. Rich Kellogg, back into membership of Bible Baptist Church.

"But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him." 1 Corinthians 12:18

**BBTS** Ministry

# Hath a Nation Changed ...

# Hath A Nation Changed Their gods

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, **let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.** (emphasis added) **2 Timothy 2:19** 

### Reflection: Has the Cell Phone become Your Idol?

Can you leave it home or in the car when you go somewhere? When was the last time you did this? Do you use it while driving? Do you check it during the night? Which do you spend more time with, the Lord or your phone? Have you ever counted how many times a day you check your phone? If you could only choose to own a Bible or a cell phone which would you choose?

Do you look like the world in your use of it? When you are in Church is your focus on your phone or on the Lord and engaging with others around you?

What do your children observe? Are you protecting them from this trap or encourage them to be dependent upon it while also disconnecting from their surroundings? Do you use it as a babysitter?

Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit. (emphasis added) Jeremiah 2:11

This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; **but their heart is far from me**. (emphasis added) Matthew 15:8

Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because **thou hast left thy first love.** (emphasis added) Revelation 2:4

**Challenge:** How did you answer these questions? What have you learned about your relationship with your phone? In public the cell phone has become a way to disengage from your current environment? **Are you willing to take action:** Turn off your alerts and make some changes reducing how much you use it. Pray, fellowship, share the Gospel, focus on giving a tract to those around you instead!

# GROW IN GRACE DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN Memorize: Psalm 119:37 Turn away mine

**Memorize:** Psalm 119:37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way. (emphasis added)

**Personal Note:** I am not casting the first stone, I also am taking the steps I am suggesting as I study the affects of our modern day technology and our relationship with the Lord and others.

Please watch this short 2:30 minute You Tube clip: This is our world by Steve Cutts

https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=tdz4DvDG\_gg&t=2s

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

This 12 Week Devotional is a ministry of Bible Baptist Church in Cromwell, CT. It is designed

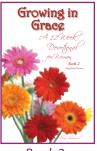


for women, and is meant as a support for victory in daily Christian living. Spiritual victory comes by having the Genuine Christ, Accurate Biblical Teaching, Applying the Infallible Word of God, and a Humble Heart.

Book 1

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.



Book 2

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

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

# **DEVOTIONAL CORNER**

# In Whom Do You Trust

""Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding" **Proverbs 3:5** 

As Believers, we are told to put our trust in the LORD. The word trust conveys that we are to have confidence in the LORD. This confidence in the LORD is to be with all our heart. It is a real or genuine

Pastor Cas Reeves confidence. Further, and in contrast, we are told not to lean into our own understanding. There are times that men give their understanding of a matter, but if God's word tells us the opposite or something else, we are to trust what God says. An example would be what God says about the beginning. Certain men says that we evolved while God say, He created us. We are to trust what God says. Our confidence is in the LORD, not in what men say.

*"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths"* (Proverbs 3:6)."

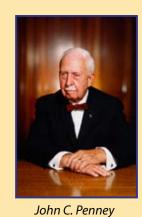
To acknowledge the LORD or to know the LORD in all our ways, is to recognize and trust that God's ways are true and right, and that if we chose to know and make His ways as our ways then He shall direct or paths. The Hebrew word for "direct" is a builder's term that means "to make right, straight, level." It is a good thing to trust in the LORD and to let Him build the path of your life.

In the Psalms we learn some truths about trusting the LORD. First, trusting the LORD is better than trusting man. "It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man" (Psalm 118:8). Second, trusting the LORD is better than trusting in government especially the in the leaders of government. "It is better to trust the LORD than to put confidence in princes (Psalm 118:9). Finally, It is better to trust the LORD than to put your trust in military and its apparatus. "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God" (Psalm 20:7).

Where do you put your trust? In what do you put your trust? In whom do you trust?

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## Quotes From the Past:



# James C. Penney 1875-1971

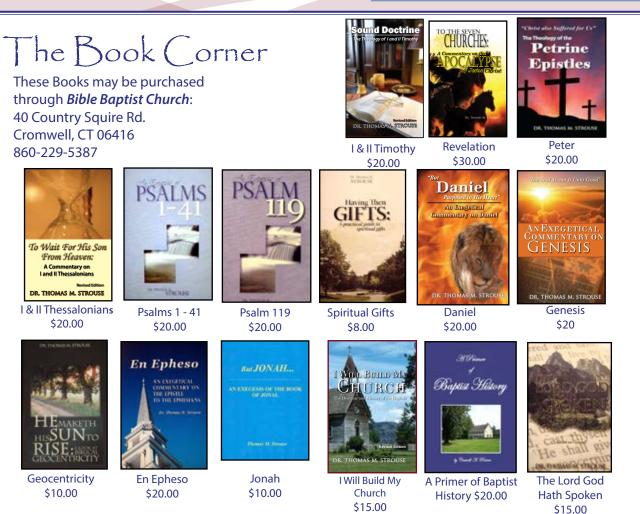
### Founder of J.C. Penney's Department Store

"Christmas is not just a time for festivity and merry making. It is more than that. It is a time for the contemplation of eternal things. The Christmas spirit is a spirit of giving and forgiving."

# THE BOOK CORNER

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# **Upcoming Korea Trip**

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse will be visiting with Pastor and Mrs. David Eum during his upcoming trip to preach and teach in the Bible Conference at Seoul First Baptist Church, Seoul, South Korea, in December.



Pastor and Mrs. David Eum

If you have any news for the next issue of the BBC Update, please send email to:

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