



# BBC UPDATE

## David Ellsmore Ministry



One of the recent graduates of BBTS, Dr. David Ellsmore, ministered in Iloilo, Philippines to a group of pastors taking seminary courses. Many of these men have taken courses through BBTS under the teaching ministry of Dr. Thomas M. Strouse. We are thankful for Dr. Ellsmore and the host pastors providing instruction out of the Bible along with textbooks from Dr. Ellsmore and Dr. Strouse. Here is Dr. Ellsmore's report.

*Dr. Thomas M. Strouse*

## Philippines Ministry 2018

It was a great blessing and privilege to be able to travel to the Philippines again this year to visit fellowshipping churches and to teach another seminary course. On Sunday morning October 28th I was delighted to be invited to speak again at Tigbaun Bible Baptist Church, Iloilo Pastored by Alejandro Cadusale, where we were joined by the members of Sermon Bible Baptist Church pastored by Signet Cadusale. The warmth of welcome and passion for the Lord's work of these churches is so uplifting and refreshing. West Basingstoke Baptist Church has been blessed to help both of these growing congregations, and it was a great joy to again bring practical help from England.

On Sunday evening I preached at Garden Bible Baptist Church, Ilo City, pastored by Dr Emmanuel Tanierla, where again the welcome and enthusiasm for God's Word is always a tremendous blessing.



*The Sunday evening Congregation at Garden Bible Baptist Church*



*The Congregations of Tigbaun and Sermon Bible Baptist Churches*

At Garden Bible Baptist Church on Monday 29th October through Thursday November 1st Dr Tanierla and I taught seminary classes on the book of Acts and Bibliology respectively. The classes were well attended with 19 students in the morning class on Acts and 15 students in the Evening class on Bibliology. The students, who were all greatly attentive and appreciative, came from a number of different areas including North and South of Manila, Quezon City, Tigbaun, Sermon, Ilo city, and the nearby Islands of Guimaras and Negros.



*Pastors Alejandro and Signet Cadusale and their wives Beverly and Pauline*



*Dr Ellsmore teaching the evening Bibliology class*

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9th Annual Church Banquet



Dr Tanierla (far right above) and the Bibliology students and meal time (below)



Group picture of the Bibliology class

As I journeyed home to England on Saturday 2nd November, I reflected much about the providence of God that enabled me to have the wonderful privilege to preach to and teach these dear people, and to represent West Basingstoke Baptist Church and Bible Baptist Seminary, Cromwell, Connecticut some 7000 miles away near the other side of the world, I Timothy 1:12.

Dr. David A. Ellsmore  
8th November 2018

## Ninth Annual Church Banquet

On December 4, 2009, the Lord Jesus Christ started Bible Baptist Church with twenty-seven baptized church members from other area churches who signed the Bible Baptist Church Charter, Covenant, and Constitution. The authentication of Bible Baptist Church comes from the Scriptures, from the indwelling Spirit of God who gives peace and joy, from the recognition of other NT churches, and from the spiritual fruit of growth in membership. Area folks have joined Bible Baptist Church of Cromwell both as converted sinners and as mature Christians. In the nine years of existence approximately ninety different professed believers have held membership in Bible Baptist Church. Although some of the charter members are gone, others have joined Bible Baptist Church and helped in advancing biblical truths locally and around the world. We are grateful to the Lord for giving the fruit of saved sinners desiring to join Bible Baptist Church as He sets them in the membership (I Cor. 12:18). Bible Baptist Church can rejoice in the truth of the promise of the Lord, saying, *“Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit”* (Mt. 7:17). This year on December 9, 2018, Bible Baptist Church will celebrate her ninth anniversary as a NT assembly. A ham banquet will follow the AM service, with preaching and reminiscing for the 1:30 PM service.



Pastor Cas Reeves

## Be Strong

As the Apostle Paul closed his epistles to the church members of Corinth and Ephesus, he exhorted them to “be strong.” In 1 Corinthians 16:13, he states “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.”

He quotes from the Philistines, the enemies Israel, in 1 Samuel 4:9. The phrase carries the idea “to act like men.” So, Paul encourages them to act like men (mature) and be strong. In Ephesians 6:10, He states, “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.” He directs them to be strong (to be strengthened) in the Lord. He qualifies this strengthening as that which is by the power of the Lord. The thought that is conveyed is that the church members were strongly exhorted to be dominated by the Lord’s strength, His abilities and enablements. Paul’s fellow laborer, Timothy was also exhorted to “be strong” by the Apostle Paul. In 2 Timothy 2:1, writing

his last epistle to Timothy, he states, “Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace of Jesus Christ.” Timothy was to be strong, that is to find his strength in the unmerited blessings or benefits that were to be found in Christ Jesus his Savior. Moses in his writing reveals how the children of God were to be made strong that they might accomplish the life and tasks for which God desired of them. He shares with the Israelites in Deuteronomy 11:8, that the LORD states, “Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it.” The word “commandments” is equivalent to saying “words.” In other words, they were to keep (guard and obey) all the words of God, because in doing this they would be made strong. The truth is strength comes from God’s words. Christians in the New Testament have the responsibility to be strong and this strength still comes from the words of God. Therein is the reason and necessity to study your Bible and to learn it and to hide it in your heart, and to be strong in the Lord. -CAR

## Grow In Grace: Devotional for Women

### What is Your Reputation?

**Psalm 10:4** The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

**Reflection:** David expresses the reality that, in pride, man removes God from all his thoughts. The Lord is rejected, His ways are forsaken, and consequently His blessings are forfeited.

Our **thoughts** are extremely important in determining our emotions and our behaviour.

**Proverbs 23:7a** “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...”

The words: **thoughts, mind, and think**, are mentioned well over 200x in the Bible. Our thoughts affect salvation, our walk with the Lord, and our service to Him. Our **thoughts** determine our direction toward the Lord or away from Him, a walk faithful to truth or a walk away from it, obedience to the Words of God or rebellion to His ways. We all have our opinions, what we think, and what we suppose to be true, Paul expressed

his pre-conversion mindset when giving to, King Agrippa, his testimony:

**Acts 26:9** I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

At that point in time, he was a perfect example of Psalm 10:4, He was wicked, prideful, did not seek after God, nor was God in all his thoughts.

**Challenge:** Be intentional today regarding the thoughts you think. What do you notice: do your thoughts include the Lord? Are you on automatic and simply going about your day without Him? **Train your mind** to take your thoughts captive and cast down any thoughts that do not place the Lord first.

If you would like to receive Grow in Grace morning devotions emailed to you Monday - Friday, please email me at: [Elenas6259@gmail.com](mailto:Elenas6259@gmail.com)

# BBC 9TH ANNIVERSARY POEM

This year we celebrate anniversary #9  
With a nice ham dinner on which to dine.  
This local church is God's great design,  
Where we learn our lives to refine.

We saw one restored into membership  
As others returned to our fellowship,  
And two in baptism took a dip.  
United in Christ is our relationship.



There was Pastor's commentary on Hebrews,  
At the Lecture Series made its debuts.  
It received high reviews  
From both the Gentiles and the Jews.

At VBS we learned about a door.  
How Jesus Christ is our only saviour.  
The auditorium was painted, ceiling to floor,  
And also received some new décor.



And JoJo walked down the aisle,  
Where she was wed to her man, Kyle.  
An engagement announcement made us smile.  
Even if Mark and Amanda must wait a while!

Pastor traveled far to Dubai,  
And to the Philippines he did also fly.  
The men in Ireland he did edify.  
He even taught at churches nearby.

In Israel Pastor & Jan floated in the Dead Sea,  
Pastor & Mrs. Blair were there to agree.  
They saw the Jerusalem American Embassy.  
He returned to Lecture on Geography.



The Ladies' meeting had quite a draw  
To hear the testimony of Mrs. Hinebaugh.  
At the Labor Day Cookout many friends we saw,  
And ate hot dogs, burgers, brats and coleslaw.

Now as we close out this wonderful year  
(With ladies wearing scarves made of cashmere)  
We praise the Lord for all members here.  
And Hope that our Lord soon will appear.



## Quotes From the Past:

Benjamin Franklin  
1706-1790

A Founding Father and  
Early Patriot of the  
United States

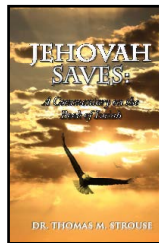


*"Nothing is so likely to  
make a man's fortune  
as virtue. And... Without  
virtue man can have no  
happiness."*

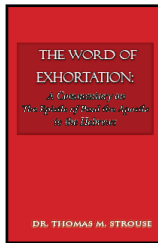
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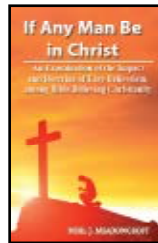
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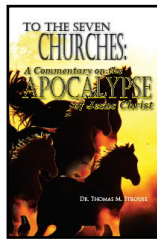
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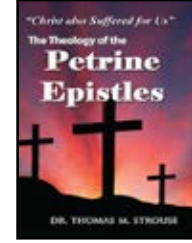
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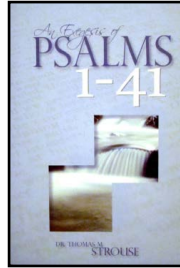
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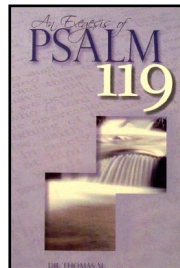
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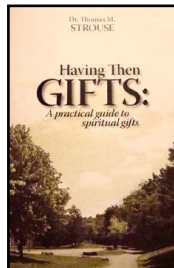
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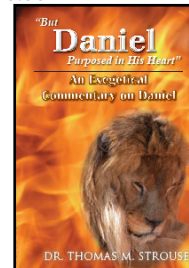
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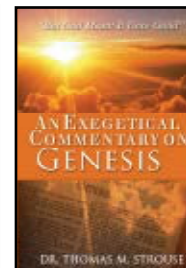
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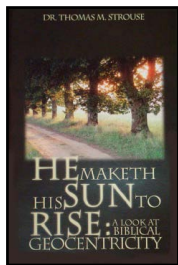
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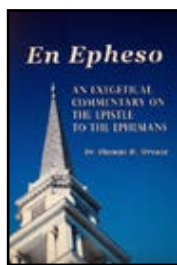
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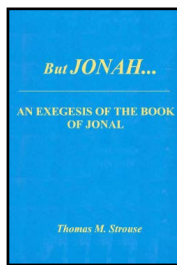
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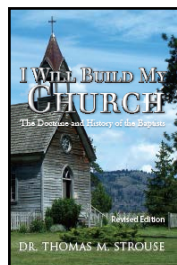
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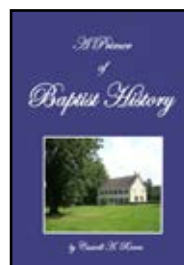
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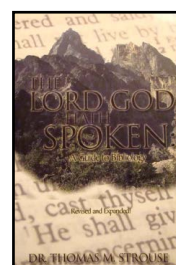
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Book 1 & 2



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Each daily devotion contains 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)*

If you would like a free copy of Book 1 or 2, please contact Bible Baptist Church at:  
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## Upcoming Events

December 9, 2018

BBC Annual Banquet

1:30 p.m.

April 12, 2019

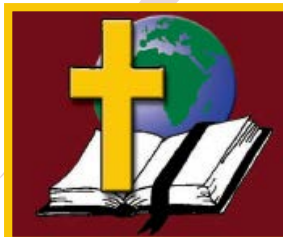
BBTS Spring Lecture Series

April 27, 2019

Ladies' Fellowship

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