



BBC UPDATE

Ninth Annual Bible Baptist Church Banquet



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

Back in December 2009, twenty-seven church members of area churches left and started Bible Baptist Church in Cromwell, CT, uniting around common biblical doctrine and practice. This past Sunday, December 9, 2018, Bible Baptist Church held her ninth annual church banquet celebrating what the Lord Jesus Christ has done over these few years. The fellowship around the preaching, reminiscing, and banqueting was blessed of the Lord and enjoyed by all. During these years the Lord has given the assembly at least eighty-six church members, some of whom have died, moved away, or left for other reasons. Although small in number, the assembly has supported prayerfully and financially

the ministry of Bible Baptist Theological Seminary including international modules in Dubai, Ireland, Korea, and the Philippines and national modules in CT, IL, IN, NH, and NY, with nine seminary graduations, eighteen Lecture Series, taught scores of national and international pastors, and edified hundreds of church members around the world through modules, online video programs, several church plants, local Bible studies, and nursing home ministries. *"The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him"* (Ps. 28:7).



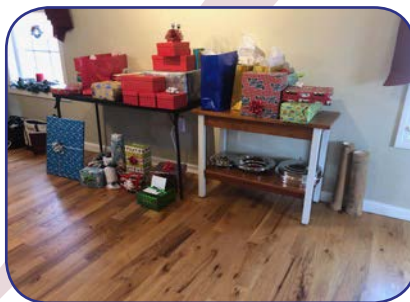
Pastor Strouse preaching and reminding us of our beginnings



Above and Below: Everyone enjoying a wonderful time of fellowship!



Left: All helped make quick work setting up the tables and decorations.



All the gifts waiting to be opened



Amanda Gagnon was in charge of making punch for the banquet.

DR. TANIERLA'S MINISTRY

Dr. Tanierla's Ministry

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Photos of Philippines module

Recent doctoral graduate from Bible Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Emmanuel Tanierla, taught several modules under the aegis of his church's theological program, using books and syllabi from Bible Baptist Theological Seminary. He taught several island Filipino pastors in Legaspi City, Philippines. We are thankful for faithful men around the world teaching biblical truth. *"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).



The students who took the modules on Baptist History 1 and Zechariah.



Dr. Tanierla teaching Baptist History 1



Dr. Tanierla Preaching on the Wednesday prayer meeting December 5, 2018



The group enjoying lunch together



The congregation during the Wednesday prayer meeting.



Pastor Cas Reeves

The Gift of God

When the Apostle Paul wrote to the church of Corinth giving thanks for the wondrous gift of God, he said this: "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable (indescribable) gift." (2 Corinthians 9:15).

What is the gift of God? Simply put, it is "eternal life," which is the opposite of death which is earned, a wage that is given for our sin. We note the Scripture, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

How does one receive the gift of God, eternal life? It comes because of the grace of God or His unmerited favor. It cannot be earned; it is a gift and it is received through the avenue of faith. The Bible says: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:" (Ephesians 2:8) As well, it is expected that one should ask for it in order to receive it: "Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water." (John 4:10)

Where does the gift of God come from? It comes from God the Father. James the brother Jesus said: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17) It is also clearly mentioned that the gift of God comes through the righteous work of Jesus Christ on our behalf: "For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life." (Romans 5:17-18)

Do you know the gift of God? "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) -CAR

Upcoming Events

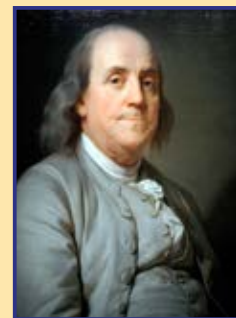


January 2019
Spring Semester Begins
April 12, 2019
BBTS Spring Lecture Series
April 27, 2019
Ladies Fellowship

Quotes From the Past:

Benjamin Franklin
 1706-1790

**A Founding Father
 and Early Patriot
 of the United States**



*"How many observe
 Christ's birthday!
 How few, His precepts!"*

GROW IN GRACE

DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

Call to Mind

Mark 14:72 And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

Reflection: In each of today's verses there are examples of actions taken that were initiated by thoughts. In Mark 14 we read that Peter called to his mind and remembered what Jesus said to him. That thought caused an emotion which caused him to weep.

Look up the following verses and see if you can identify the thought emotion and action:

Genesis 17:17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

Daniel 5:6 Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that

the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.

Acts 8:18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

Acts 15:38 But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.

Challenge: As you go about your day today, notice your actions and then trace that back to the emotion and thoughts that brought them about. What did you learn from this? Did you have Biblical thoughts that brought about godly behaviours?

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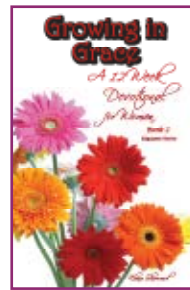
Growing in Grace: A 12 Week Devotional for Women Books 1 & 2



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



Book 2

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.

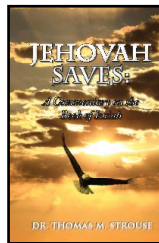
"Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart." (Psalm 119:2)

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

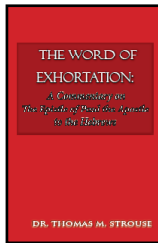
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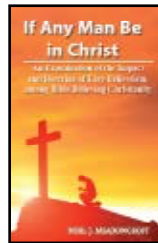
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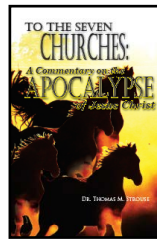
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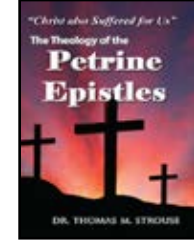
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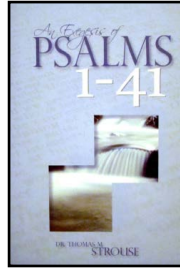
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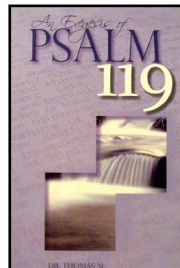
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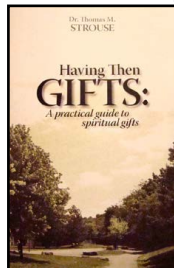
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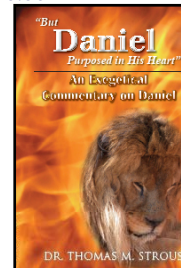
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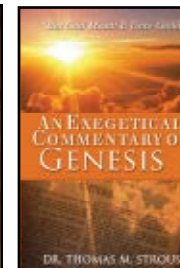
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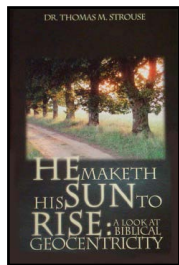
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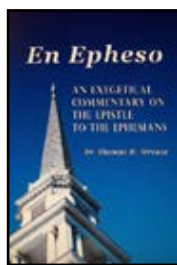
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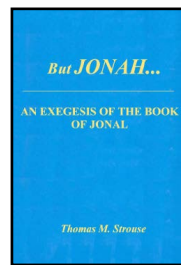
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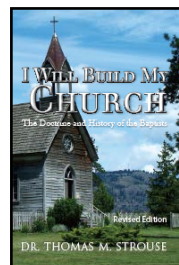
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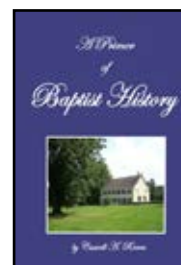
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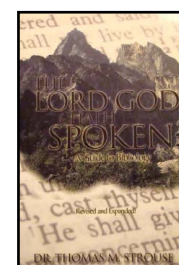
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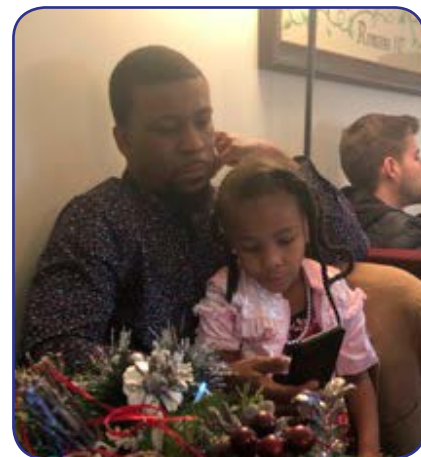
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The Lord God Hath Spoken
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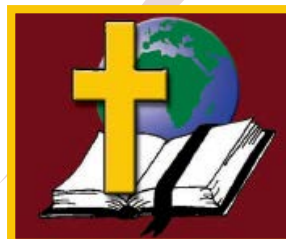
Left: the beautiful decorations the BBC ladies put together for the Anniversary Banquet



Right: Terrell Johnson sitting with his daughter Serenity

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