



BBC UPDATE

DUBAI, UAE MINISTRY (CONTINUED)



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

While I was teaching the books of I and II Timothy in the evenings, other events occurred, including two men who previously had surrendered to the office of bishop and now had requested public church ordination. Under the leadership of the founder of Bible Baptist Church-Dubai, Dr. Emmanuel Tanierla, and the current elder, Pastor Flory Maloto, Bible Baptist Church-Dubai has organized Bible studies in Abu Dhabi and Al Ain with the goal of chartering NT churches in these Moslem areas. Now with Bible Baptist Theological Seminary trained men who have been ordained by the church people, these spiritual goals may be accomplished. Pray for the ongoing church-planting ministry of Bible Baptist Church-Dubai in evangelizing, baptizing, and catechizing men and women. The second ordination council examination and church ordination service occurred on Thursday evening. Four experienced elders, namely Dr. Tanierla, Pastor Jhun Han, Dr. Strouse, and Pastor Flory, examined Ronilo De Leon concerning his salvation, call to pastorate, biblical qualifications, doctrinal knowledge, and vision for the future of the church. Men of the assembly also were involved in the examination. The council gave recommendation to Bible Baptist Church-Dubai to proceed with the church ordination. The church membership received the recommendation and proceeded with ordaining Elder De Leon.

The New Testament teaches the need for the public ordination of pastors. Several salient Bible texts follow: 1. *“And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed”* (Acts 14:23). Paul, Barnabas, and the congregation *“raised their hands [in collective*

vote]” for the elder of each new church. 2. *“For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee”* (Tit. 1:5). Titus, as an “apostolic representative” worked with and guided each church in Crete in recognizing God’s ordained pastor/elder from within the respective assemblies. 3. *“Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery”* (I Tim. 4:14) and *“Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands”* (II Tim. 1:6). 4. *“I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality. Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men’s sins: keep thyself pure”* (I Tim. 5:21-22). The practice of laying-on-of-hands by elders and church members after examination represents the approval of, the extension to, and the identification with the elder.



*Laying-on-of-hands on
Pastor Flory.*

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Dubai Ministry

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Preaching



View from Atana hotel.



"Dubai" or "Don't buy"?



*Signing 2 copies of Ordination Certificate
(1 copy required by government)*

BBC 2019 SCHEDULE

January 28
BBTS Spring semester begins

February 18-22
Philippine Module (Minor
Prophets I)

Mar. 4-8, 2019
Endicott, NY Module
Luke and Medical Terms

March 23
Baptist Heritage Conference

April 12
BBTS Spring Lecture Series

April 13
Ordination Council
Community Baptist Church

April 27
Ladies' Fellowship

May 19
BBTS Graduation

Oct. 13-16
Willow Grove Baptist Church,
Waynesburg, PA
Bible Conference

Dec. 6-8
Bible Baptist Church
Tenth Anniversary Conference

THE TALE OF TWO MEN



Pastor Cas Reeves

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm 1:1-6

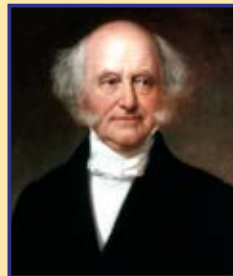
What kind of a person are you? Basically God tells us that there are two kinds of people. They are the godly and the ungodly. The godly man is called the blessed or the satisfied man because he does not walk after the counsel of the ungodly; rather, he delights himself in the Law or Word of God. He does not stand in the way with sinners or those who miss the truth of God; but he delights in the truth of God. He does not sit in the seat of the scorner or the mockers of God's Words, but spends his time mediating in God's Words both during the day and night. Thus, the Lord God refers to the godly man like as a tree planted by the water, being sustained and secure and successful.

On the other hand, the Lord describes the ungodly person as chaff, which is drive to and fro by the wind. The ungodly are not sustained, nor are they secure or successful in a lasting way. They are in danger of God's judgment and shall not stand in the congregation of the heavenly righteous, but will perish at the end of their life.

This Psalm is truly the tale of two men: the godly and the ungodly. Do you know what kind of person you are? Jesus Christ the Son of God came that we might believe and join the ranks of the godly. We are told, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). Have you receive Jesus as your Savior? CAR

Quotes From the Past:

**Martin
Van Buren**
1809-1865



8th President of the
United States

*"I only look to the gracious
protection of that Divine Being
whose strengthening support I
humbly solicit."*

BBTS Fall Schedule

Starting Monday January 28, 2019 the following is the BBTS schedule:

Mondays

New Testament Introduction
9:00AM - 12:00PM

Tuesdays

Greek II
6:00PM - 9:00PM

Wednesdays

Minor Prophets II
9:00AM - 12:00PM

*All Courses Taught by
Dr. Thomas M. Strouse*

A Battleground

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Reflection: Christian Music is a huge battleground! Many of us have been exposed to 'Christian' Contemporary Music in one way or another and that includes me. I came from an evangelical church which had a full 'band'. Did I love Jesus...Yes...but I didn't know better. The teaching I received was shallow and obviously they didn't see anything wrong with this kind of music.

Proverbs 16:9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

The Lord directs our steps...that means we are moving...we don't stand in one place but should be growing and changing. Being committed to the Lord, He is faithful to lead us into Truth. However, if we hold on too tightly to something, such as:

A Compromising church

Wrong Doctrine

Worldliness

Ungodly Music

...and are not willing to be led, then we will remain where we are. Loving God's Truth is **absolutely** going to bring about change. Sanctification is Change! If we are not changing there is something wrong.

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

The Lord led me out of that contemporary church. It was hard at first going from this contemporary music to hymns but the Lord worked in my heart to bring about a new appreciation for them.

The hymns are rich with doctrine, they are about the Lord and His atonement for our sin, and about the Holiness of God! That is where the **clear** focus and **clear** lyrics of our songs should be!!

Challenge: Is music a challenge for you? How tight is your grip? Do you have a surrendered heart to allow the Lord to lead you?

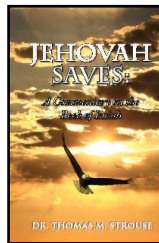
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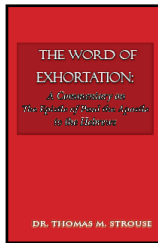
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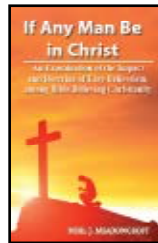
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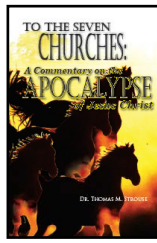
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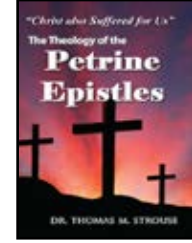
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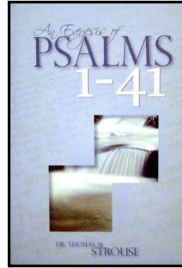
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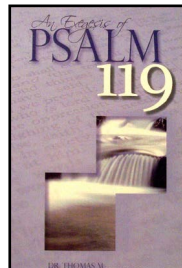
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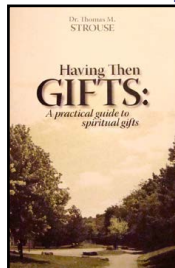
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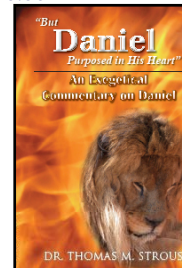
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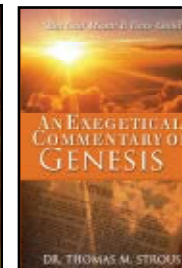
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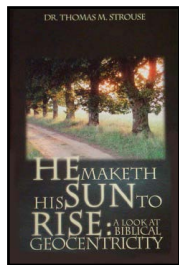
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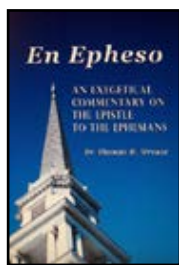
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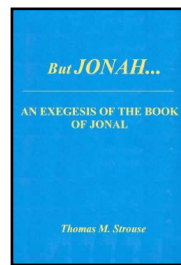
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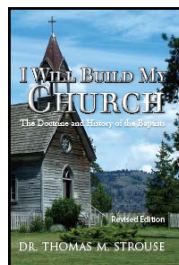
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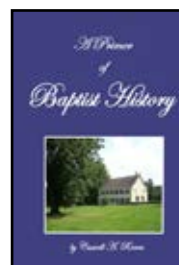
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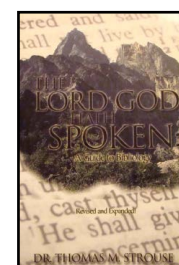
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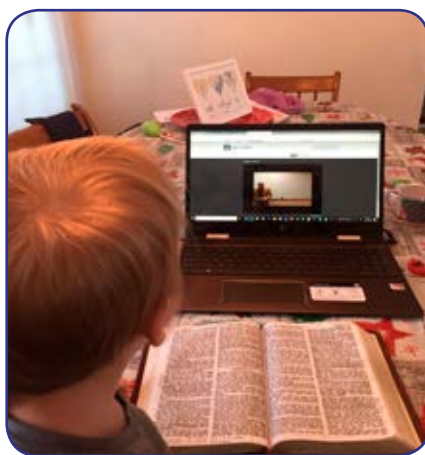
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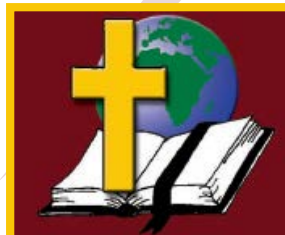


Left: Landon was learning quite a bit from the online seminary classes offered by Bible Baptist Theological Seminary. If you would like to take seminary classes, BBC offers the option of watching them online. These videos can be accessed internationally and are a great option to all those looking to further their knowledge of the Bible!



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