



# BBC UPDATE

## Eighth Annual BBC Banquet

Dr. Thomas Strouse



*Dr. Thomas Strouse*

On December 4, 2009, Bible Baptist Church began as a church plant, coming out of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Newington, CT. Dr. Thomas M. Strouse became the pastor and 27 believers signed the Church Charter. Bible Baptist Church met in homes until the present rented location could be finished according to Bible Baptist Church's proposed floor plan. Bible

Baptist Theological Seminary continued to function under Bible Baptist Church. To commemorate the beginning of this NT assembly, Bible Baptist Church held her annual banquet on December 17, 2017 in the PM service. Bible Baptist Church reflected upon the various ministries through these eight years that the Lord has allowed, including the hosting of the annual Ladies' Fellowship, the hosting of Spring and Fall Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Lecture Series, Vacation Bible School, the installation of audio-video recording equipment for electronic capturing of seminary classes, the teaching of modules in IN, NH, NY, PA, and in international sites such as Dubai, Ireland, Korea, Philippines, Portugal, as well as sending out several families to plant churches, and the publication of Bible Baptist Church Update. The banquet and following gift exchange was well attended as Bible Baptist Church members enjoyed themselves celebrating what the Lord has done over the last eight years.



*^ A delicious meal was served at the Banquet*



*<< Jack enjoyed his gift!*



*^ Davonte Jackson picks out a gift!*



*<< Bob Mitchell inspects his choice!*



*Great variety of food!*

## NEW MEMBERS

### The Gagnon Family Joins Bible Baptist Church

In the spring of 2015 Bible Baptist Church had commissioned Brother Mark Schabert (MBS) and his family to start an independent Baptist church in Wethersfield, CT. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gagnon believed that it was the Lord's will to go with the Schaberts and help in planting Victory Baptist Church. After serving faithfully in Victory Baptist Church they believed that the Lord was leading them back to Bible Baptist Church. On Sunday, December 24, 2017, the Gagnon family was received back into Bible Baptist Church by unanimous affirmation, including Bill, Kirsten, August, Amanda, Sophie, Sabrina, and Mrs. Bernadette Jacobson, all of whom had a testimony of faith in Christ and scriptural baptism. Bible Baptist Church welcomes this godly family back.



*The Gagnon Family*

*8th Annual Ladies' Fellowship  
Saturday, March 17, 2018*

*Mrs. Jackie Hinebaugh,  
guest speaker*

*Along with a biblical testimony and challenge, Bible Baptist Church will provide a brunch and a time of crafts. All ladies are welcome to attend.*

## Jesus Our Example

**Reflection:** Although some of these terms have overlapping meanings, here are some descriptive characteristics of a Railer, Slanderer, Whisperer, and Talebearer.

*Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.*

**1 Peter 3:9**

**“Railing”** means: disapproval, blame, condemn, fault finding, insulting, abusive

*He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.*

**Proverbs 10:18**

**“Slander”** means: to defame someone, to give an evil report that it changes how others see that person.

*A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.*

**Proverbs 16:28**

**“Whisperer”** means to murmur, blab, to reveal what was told to you, tattler, snoop

*A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.*

**Proverbs 11:13**

**“Talebearer”** means to backbite, slander, informer

**Jesus left us His example to follow:**

*For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:*

*Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:*

**1 Peter 2:21-23**

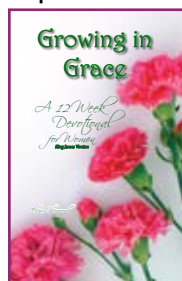
## GROW IN GRACE DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

**Challenge:** Ask yourself this question during your conversations: Do family members have special permission to slander, whisper, talebear, or rail about others? If you are talking about someone would you be able to say the same thing to their face?

If the answer is no....then don't say it and ask the Lord for forgiveness for thinking it.

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

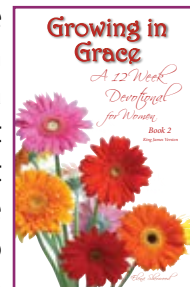
This 12 Week Devotional is a ministry of Bible Baptist Church in Cromwell, CT. It is designed



Book 1

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.



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

## Greeting At Church

*"Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you" (Romans 16:16).*



Pastor Cas Reeves

It is without question that Believers should endeavor to be a blessing to one another. So then should our greetings at church be a blessing and encouragement to others, both visitors, friends and members of the assembly.

The Apostle Paul encouraged Christians to "salute" or "greet" one another. From our text, which is directed to the church at Rome, instruction is given to greet with "an holy kiss." Also, this instruction is given to the churches at Corinth and Thessalonica (2 Cor.13:12; 1 Thes.5:26). Even Peter mentions it (1 Pet.5:14). This greeting was a Mid-Eastern custom in those days. Today, our similar custom is the hardy handshake. We shouldn't hold back from shaking peoples hands. The principle of the greeting is biblical and it is commanded (1 Cor.16:20).

Our greetings should be by name, "Greet the friends by name" (3 John 14). The Apostle John used the Greek imperative. It is a "must." And we should make a major effort to know peoples' names. Especially, those visiting our churches.

We have all been to those churches that we

thought were unfriendly. We, personally, need to make every effort to be friendly, both to the faithful brethren and to the visitors. The biblical principle: "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly" (Proverbs 18:24). This is the principle for having a friendly church.

We should try to visit with everyone, endeavoring not to captivate the time and attention of any one person. Most people will politely endure, but the possibility of becoming irritating is great. A biblical principle, that can well apply at church, says, "Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee" (Proverbs 25:17). We should not be a nuisance, but rather we should be personable, friendly, and have a hardy hand shake in our greetings.

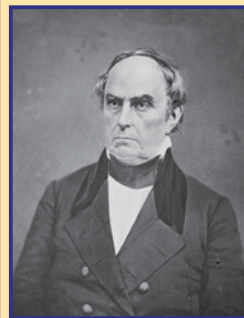
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### Quotes From the Past:

## Daniel Webster

### 1782-1852

#### American Political Leader



Daniel Webster

*"Liberty exists in proportion to wholesome restraint."*



BBC Choir practices on Sunday Afternoons



BBC Choir ministering in music on a Sunday in December.

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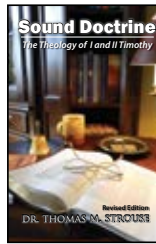
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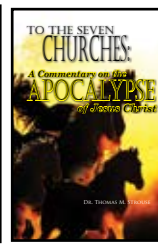
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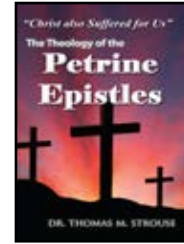
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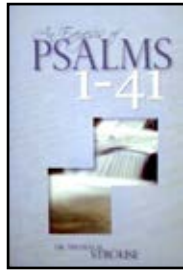
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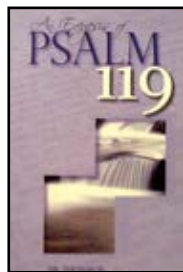
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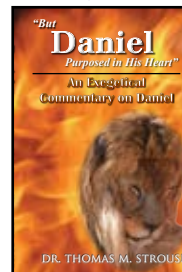
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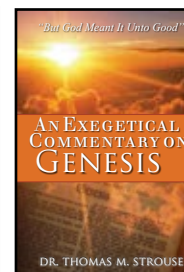
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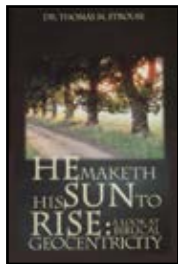
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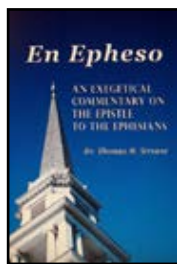
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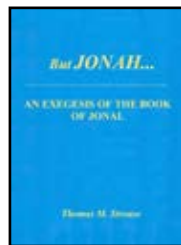
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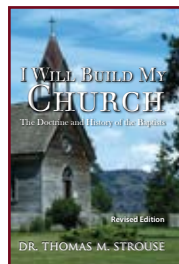
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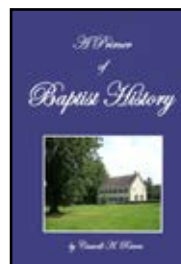
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