



# BBC UPDATE

## Ninth Annual BBTS Spring Lecture Series



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

The Lord blessed with a beautiful spring day on April 20, 2018, and allowed over eighty Christians from at least fourteen different independent Baptist churches to attend the Ninth Annual Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Spring Lecture Series. Bible Baptist Church hosted the annual event, with many church members working behind the scenes to facilitate the Lecture Series, providing delicious food and enhancing wonderful fellowship in the Lord. Churches came from as far as MA, ME, NH, NY, and PA, as well as locally from CT.

The content of the Lecture Series focused on *The Epistle of the Apostle Paul to the Hebrews*, as Dr. Thomas M. Strouse presented his newest commentary on Hebrews and gave an overview of the chapters of the Epistle. His interpretation argued for Paul writing his "word of exhortation" to the Baptist assembly of perfected Jews in Jerusalem immediately prior to the AD 66-70 Roman conflict with Judea, as prophesied by Dan. 9:24-27. For professed "perfected" Jews to continue to perpetuate the Levitical system and priesthood, and to continue to offer animals in the Jerusalem Temple, perhaps because of family and economic pressure, would bring upon them irreversible and irrevocable fiery judgment (Heb. 6:1-6; 10:25 ff.). The lecture syllabus is available on [www.bbc-cromwell.org](http://www.bbc-cromwell.org) and the commentary *The Word of Exhortation: A Commentary on the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Hebrews* is available from [drtms\\_bbts@juno.com](mailto:drtms_bbts@juno.com).



^^ At least 14 area pastors attended the Lecture

>> Dr. Thomas Strouse Lecturing on the Book of Hebrews



## 2018 BBTS Graduation

On May 20, 2018, at 1:30 PM, Bible Baptist Church will have the Ninth Bible Baptist Theological Seminary graduation service with four candidates for seminary degrees. The candidates for seminary degrees are the following: Mr. John Czako (Certificate of Theology), Mr. Rich Roberts (Certificate of Theology), Pastor Scott Blair (Master of Divinity), and Pastor George Totica (Doctor of Ministry). The men have worked diligently with their biblical studies to earn their respective degrees. Pray for them.



# SPRING LECTURE SERIES

Spring Lecture Series

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Photos



*Over 80 Christians attended the Ninth Annual Spring Lecture Series.*



*Three Maranatha grads -- still faithful!  
Pastor David Short, Dr. Jerry Wilhite, and Dr. Thomas Strouse*



*BBC Hosted a delicious lunch!*

## Be Ye Holy

*"Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy."*

**1 Peter 1:13-14**



*Pastor Cas Reeves*

When the Apostle Peter wrote his first epistle to those who were foreigners and scattered abroad, he was writing to those under persecution for their Christian faith. The Roman emperor Nero had burned Rome and blamed it on the Christians of his day. Peter writing to these Christians encouraged them in their faith and in so doing pointed them to their God. On this basis, he also exhorts them to continue in their Christian walk. He does this by reminding them of their Christian responsibilities. One of those responsibilities was being holy.

Peter commanded them, be ye holy, which means to be pure or clean in all manner of conversation or personal living. This is a clear exhortation and reminder to these Believers of their personal and moral responsibility in holiness. This behavior is encouraged by Peter, who gives two reasons: first, because God is holy and secondly, because God expects it of His children (Lev.11:44).

Today, when we find ourselves burdened with troubles, perhaps even discouraged, we need to turn our thoughts to our God, who is Blessed. As well, we are to remember that we have a responsibility to live holy, a responsible moral behavior, which the Lord expects of all His children. –CAR



*The Ninth Annual Spring Lecture Series was held at the Red Lion Hotel in Cromwell.*

## DEVOTIONAL CORNER

### BBTS Summer Schedule

May 19, 2018, 5:00 PM  
BBTS Graduation Banquet

May 20, 2018, 1:30 PM  
BBTS Graduation

May 28 - June 1, 2018  
Ireland Module  
"Jeremiah and Ecclesiastes"

June 4-8, 2018  
Community Baptist Church Module  
Quakertown, PA  
"Gospel of Luke and Medical Terms"

July 23-27, 2018  
Plymouth, NH Module  
"Minor Prophets, Part One"

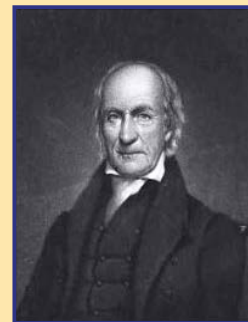
Aug 20-24, 2018  
Fairhaven Baptist College Module  
TBA

### Quotes From the Past:

#### John Leland

1754-1841

Early American Baptist Preacher



*John Leland*

*"If government can answer for individuals at the day of judgment, let men be controlled by it in religious matters; otherwise let men be free."*

# GROW IN GRACE

## DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

<sup>4</sup>That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,  
<sup>5</sup>To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

**Titus 2:4-5**

**Reflection:** Today there are so many things that compete for the time and affections of the godly woman. There are careers, bigger homes to live in, nicer cars to drive...and what falls by the wayside??? being keepers at home and placing husbands and children first (after the Lord, of course)!

In the beginning, when God created everything and called it good, the family unit was intact: they lived together, they worked together, they learned together. Today the family unit is under attack and has in many cases fallen apart. This is a direct attack by the enemy of God to undermine what the LORD has established.

Husbands are called to be the providers and the heads (*Ephesians 5:23*) of their homes. Women are to help their husbands but first priority would be to 'keep and guard' the home, loving their husband and raising their children.

Read **Proverbs 31**. Are these verses specific regarding how much time the woman was outside the home? How many of these verses can apply to the things she did inside the home? Did

she, perhaps, take her children with her to deliver her goods as she taught them to be productive or did she find babysitters or perhaps put them in the care of others to train because she was too busy? Would that be loving her children?

When you compare **Titus** and **Proverbs** verses, do they conflict? What if you also factor in **1 Timothy 5:14**, does that conflict with the whole of Scripture regarding the woman's priorities? Or support it?

**Challenge:** Are you doing things the way the LORD says in His Word? Or have you fallen into the world's way? Pray and rearrange your family priorities, **if that is** needful.

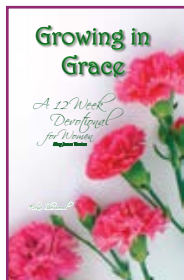
It's not how many hours you work, but it is a question of if your husband and children become 2nd or 3rd in priority to your employment. If you have children, consider generating your income from home **if you find** your priorities are not in line with God's Word.

\* There are extenuating circumstances in which a woman must work. Discuss these with your Pastor to ensure you are remaining in the will of God

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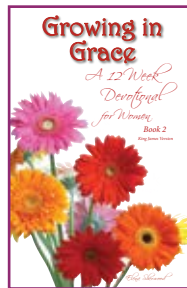
### *Growing in Grace: A 12 Week Devotional for Women Books 1 & 2*



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)*

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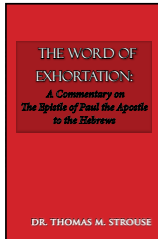
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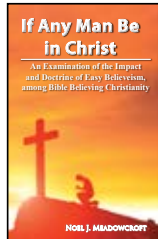
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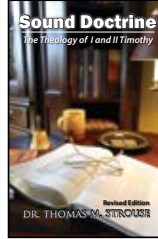
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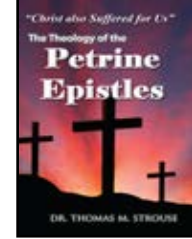
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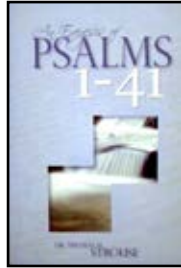
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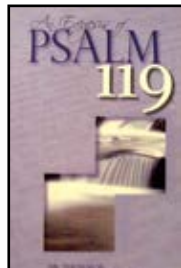
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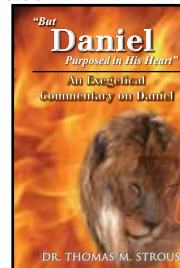
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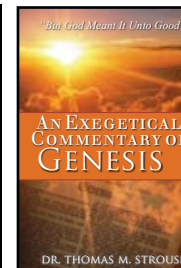
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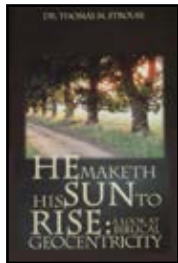
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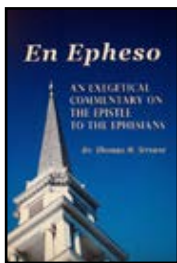
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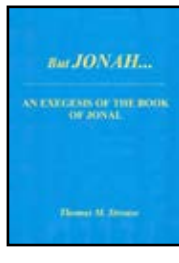
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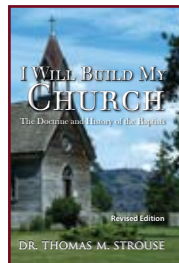
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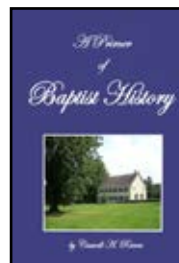
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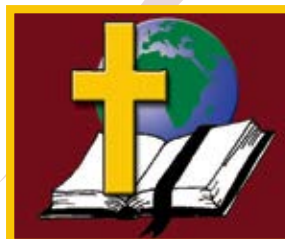
"May I help you?"



Pastor Jerry Akers reporting on his church plant.

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