



# BBC UPDATE

## Baptismal Service



*Dr. Thomas M. Strouse*

On Sunday, June 24, 2018, the Lord blessed with a wonderful day for Bible Baptist Church to practice one of the two church ordinances—believer's immersion. Although the weather report forecasted rain and thunderstorms, the Lord withheld the rain until after the afternoon service. The



*The Lord showing His blessings to us through the trials*

two candidates for baptism and now baptized church members are Mr. David Cagliostro and Miss Amanda Gagnon. Mr. Cagliostro had been saved for some time but never challenged about believer's baptism and church membership. Amanda had made a profession of faith earlier in her life, but came under conviction through the preached word that she was without Christ and needed biblical salvation. We are thankful for both new church members and trust that the Lord will use each new member with his or her spiritual gift in the assembly. Since the inception of Bible Baptist Church back in 2009 by the Lord Jesus Christ, He has added many new members through the years (1 Cor. 12:18). We are thankful for the spiritual fruit He has given the assembly. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gagnon graciously allowed Bible Baptist Church to use their home swimming pool for the baptism tank.



*Baptisms of Mr. David Cagliostro and Miss Amanda Gagnon.*

# FATHER'S DAY AT BBC

## Father's Day

On Father's Day, Sunday, June 17, 2018, Bible Baptist Church received a surprise visit from two former members, Mr. John Hagglund and his son Eric. We are thankful for the godly fathers in our assembly and pray for them regularly. *"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord"* (Eph. 6:4).

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*The Fathers of BBC*



*Former BBC Members John and Eric Hagglund made a surprise visit to BBC on Father's Day.*

## Baptismal Service



*Pastor Strouse bringing the message during the baptismal service.*



*The baptismal service was held Sunday afternoon at the home of the Gagnon Family.*





## Real Believing is Whole Hearted



As Christians: we learn that a sinner (whosoever) can call upon the Lord and be saved. But it must be done properly. It must be a real, whole hearted, and a genuine call of faith on the part of the sinner (Rm.10:9-10).

There is a difference in intellectual accent to Christ and heart acceptance of Christ, of an insincere belief and a genuine belief. Salvation is not obtained: 1) without God's Word (Rm.10:13; Heb.11:6; Acts 8:35), 2) without conviction by the Holy Spirit which brings repentance (Acts 2:37; Jn.16:8-9) and 3) without heart (genuine) acceptance of Christ by the individual (Rm.10:9-10). Note the phrase in vs.10, "...with the heart man believeth unto righteousness..." Salvation happens when God declares one righteous. An individual is saved not by his effort (Eph.2:8-9), but through the righteousness of Christ (2 Cor.5:21). God declares one righteous, when one receives or confesses Jesus Christ (Rm.10:9). That receiving must be whole hearted (Rm.10:9-10) and by a genuine belief in God's justifying ability (Rm.4:5-6), a true faith, a real faith, a sincere faith that is willing to call on Jesus Christ for salvation (Rm.10:13).

Understanding that the heart is the seat of the human spirit, the residence of the man's will, the control room of one's life: It is with the heart one makes the basic decisions of his life. Prov:23:7, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." The heart implies the person's total sincerity. For example: To one's wife a man may say, "I love you with all my heart." It speaks of his total sincerity, his genuineness, that he really means it. It is with that realness or genuineness that one must call upon Christ to save them. Only time and biblical evidences (Mt.7:20) of salvation reveals to men the true sincerity of a man's profession of faith in Christ. However, the Lord knows immediately (Jn.2:23-25). And if it is not real and genuine faith that calls, they don't get saved. Which is usually evidenced in time by their works.

Sometimes in the quest for numbers or perhaps the zealotry for winning souls it has led us to an "easy believism" or a "quick profession of faith." But in the end, we watch the poor souls wither because there is no life in them. That life -- must come from Christ (1Jn.5:12) and if he does not commit himself unto them -- they do not have life. Some, may even follow in baptism and church membership, but eventually, if they don't really get saved, they fade back into the darkness, which they love rather than the light (Jn.3:19). They leave us because they are not of us (1Jn.2:19) or they mix with us as tares amongst the wheat, but God knows! (Mt.13:29-30). - CAR

## DEVOTIONAL CORNER

Quotes From the Past:

**Douglas MacArthur**

1880-1964

**A Great American General**



Douglas MacArthur

*"I am concerned for the security of our great Nation; not so much because of any threat from without, but because of the insidious forces working from within."*

## BBTS Summer Schedule

July 23-27, 2018

Plymouth, NH Module

*"Minor Prophets, Part One"*

Aug 20-24, 2018

Fairhaven Baptist College Module

*"Minor Prophets, Part One"*



Pastor Strouse preparing for the baptisms.

# GROW IN GRACE

## DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

### You Are Invited: RSVP Required

**Jude 1:1** Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:

**Reflection:** According to this verse to whom is this book written? Who would be considered sanctified or set apart by God the Father? Are you being preserved (protected, guarded, kept,) through salvation in Christ? Are you called? You have been invited to the heavenly eternal banquet but have you accepted the invitation?

**Luke 14:16** Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:

You receive an invitation that you open and read. You are then faced with the decision if you will accept this invitation or if you will decline it. Let's say you throw it in a pile of mail and forget to get back to it. The date passes and you have missed the wedding. On the other hand, you R.S.V.P. and are looking forward with such anticipation to this wedding at a beautiful banquet hall? It's the kind of wedding that you dress up for in your most elegantly attire and when you walk in you see a table set up with many name cards on it letting you know at what table you will be seated?

In this verse 'bade' means to call and to invite by name. The Lord has a great supper planned in heaven and has a name card at His table with **your name** on the card.

**Revelation 19:9** And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb...

**Challenge:** Can you possibly imagine what kind of a marriage supper the infinite God of Creation has planned? What reason could you possibly have to cause you to neglect such an invitation? This invitation has been extended to **You**. Do you realize Jesus knows you by name and is waiting for your R.S.V.P.! Have you accepted or declined His invitation? Have you set it aside for another day, perhaps tragically missing this eternal gift?

**John 3:16** 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

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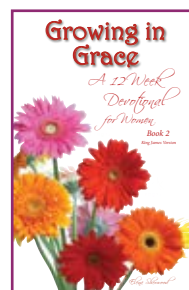
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Book 1

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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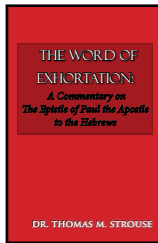
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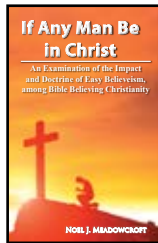
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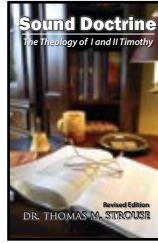
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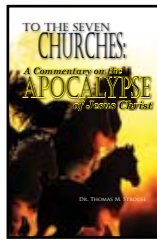
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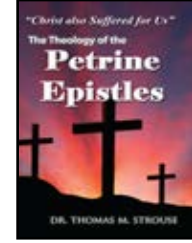
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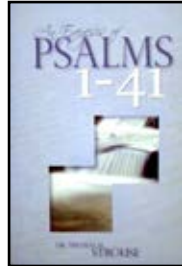
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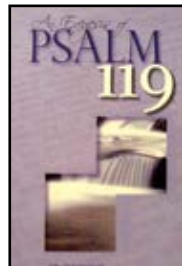
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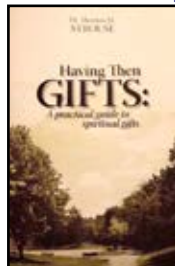
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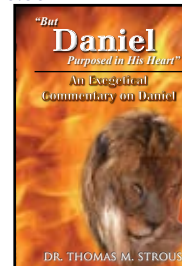
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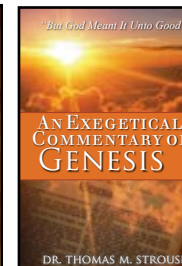
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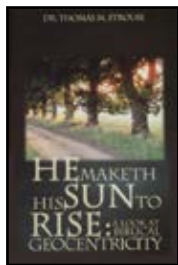
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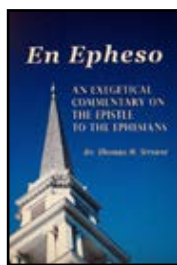
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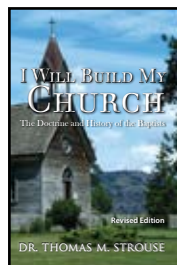
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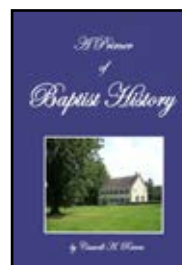
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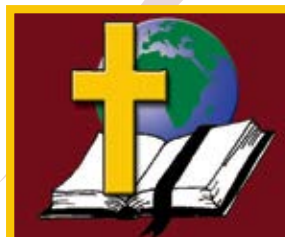
BBC members observing the baptism...



...hosted at the home of the Gagnon family.

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