



# BBC UPDATE

## BIBLE BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LECUTRE SERIES

### “THE BOOK OF JAMES: CONTEXT, INTERPRETATION, AND APPLICATION”



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

Dr. Thomas Strouse will deal with the introductory issues of the Epistle of James from 9-10 AM.

Mr. Ryan Strouse will give an expositional overview of James with practical application at 10-11:30 AM and 1-2 PM.

Dr. Strouse will deal with the specific topic of “James and Astronomy” (Jam. 1:13-18) from 2-3 PM.



Mr. Ryan Strouse

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019,  
COURTYARD MARRIOTT  
CROMWELL, CT  
9AM-3PM

A book table will be available and a luncheon provided. Please RSVP ASAP!

## BAPTISM

On October 20, 2019, the Lord added to Bible Baptist Church two more members via the ordinance of baptism. Mr. Matt Walker and Mrs. Deborah Wexler received immersion in cold water on this cool, overcast New England day. We thank the precious Lord for their respective testimonies of repentance from sin and faith in Jesus Christ. Continue to pray for them as they walk in the Lord and His Word.



## BBC TENTH ANNIVERSARY

BBC Tenth Anniversary

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Bible Conference

On the weekend of December 7-8, 2019, Bible Baptist Church is anticipating the Tenth Anniversary of her biblically-authorized existence by the will of God. Having a nucleus of twenty-seven Baptist church members from area churches, Bible Baptist Church organized under the headship of Dr. Thomas M. Strouse as a chartered New Testament assembly known as Bible Baptist Church on Dec. 4, 2009. On Saturday, Dec. 7, between 1 PM and 5 PM, keynote speakers for the weekend including Pastor Jerry Akers, Pastor Scott Blair, Dr. Cas Reeves, and Pastor Thomas Strouse will challenge Bible Baptist Church about her past, present, and prospect. At 6 PM BBC will host a sumptuous buffet banquet at the vast Rose Garden Room in Baci Grill, about a half a mile from the church. After the dinner, former and current church members will give testimony about their involvement in Bible Baptist Church. Of course all former and current Bible Baptist Church members are invited to attend the weekend activities. If you are a former member and cannot attend, you are invited to send a note of encouragement and/or testimony for the church to read. Please give name and number of party if you do plan on attending ASAP. See page 3 for a detailed schedule of the weekend's events.



## BIBLE CONFERENCE

Pastor and Mrs. Thomas Strouse had the privilege to minister to Willow Grove Baptist Church in Waynesburg, PA, during the week of October 13-16, 2019. Dr. Strouse preached on "The Man and Message of Amos" to the church, pastored by Pastor Scott Blair, Bible Baptist Theological Seminary seminarian. Pastor Blair and his gracious wife Kelly hosted the annual "Timeless Truths Bible Conference." The time of fellowship with the dear friends Pastor and Mrs. Blair was a great blessing to Pastor and Mrs. Strouse. Several former members of Bible Baptist Church were in attendance, including Pastor and Mrs. Jim Lawrence and Mr. Eric Hagglund. Professor Jeff Skorupski of Bible Baptist Church vacationed in attendance for the Conference as well.



*Above: CT people in PA*

*Right: Pastor Strouse and Eric Hagglund*

*Left: Lawrence's church building under construction*





BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

10th Anniversary Weekend

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

- 1:00-1:45 PM Introduction and Challenge: Dr. Thomas M. Strouse
- 1:45-2:00 PM *Special Music*
- 2:00-2:45 PM Preaching Challenge - Pastor Scott Blair
- 2:45-3:00 PM *Special Music*
- 3:00-3:45 PM Preaching Challenge - Dr. Cas Reeves
- 3:45-4:00 PM *Special Music*
- 4:00-4:45 PM Preaching Challenge - Pastor Jerry Akers
- 4:45-5:15 PM Fellowship

*\* No Nursery \**

**BACI GRILL**

Rose Garden Room  
134 Berlin Rd., Cromwell, CT

**6:00-10:00 PM**

Dinner . Special Music . Testimonies

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

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|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 10:00-10:45 AM | Sunday School     | Pastor Scott Blair |
| 11:00-11:45 AM | Preaching Service | Pastor Jerry Akers |
| 12:00- 1:30 PM | Lunch             |                    |
| 1:30 - 2:30 PM | Preaching Service | Mr. Ryan Strouse   |

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 15, 2019

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Pastor Cas Reeves

## A SOUND HEART

*"A sound heart is the flesh of life."*

*Proverbs 14:30*

What a statement, and God said it thousands of years ago. Today, doctors are still telling us the same truth. The medical community goes to great lengths to inform the public of things that are a risk to a healthy heart.

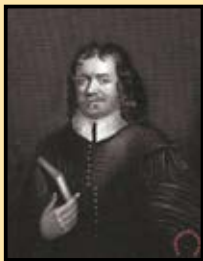
The heart, when referred to in scriptures, does not always refer to the physical organ. But rather to the place in man where the decisions of what he does in his life are made: *"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he"* (Proverbs 23:7). That is why God warns us: *"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life"* (Proverbs 4:23).

One of those decisions, and a major one at that, is what you are going to do about your relationship with your God and Creator. Will you look for eternal life in Him: *"And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart"* (Jeremiah 29:13). And then will you receive God's gift of salvation: *"And if thou...shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him [Jesus] from the dead, then thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness"* (Romans 10:9-10).

Be careful of the heart, because it has a disingenuous nature. God warns: *"The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked: who can know it"* (Jeremiah 17:9). Many times the heart acts upon what it sees and feels rather than upon what is true. And that is why we are told of the certainty and power of God's Word over the heart. *"There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand"* (Proverbs 19:21). Discipline your heart to do what the Word of God says, because it is *"truth"* (John 17:17).

A sound heart (organ) is good for the physical body. So also, a sound heart (the spiritual center of man's will) is good for the spiritual and eternal life of man. Therefore, *"keep thy heart with all diligence."* (Proverbs 4:23). -CAR

### Quotes From the Past:



**Daniel Webster**  
1782-1852

Early American  
Political Leader

*"It is my living sentiment, and by the blessing of God it shall be my dying sentiment, independence now and independence forever."*

*The Gagnon's pool which was used to baptize two new members was a very chilly 52 degrees.*





# GROW IN GRACE DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

## BUT GOD!

### Read Jonah 4

**Jonah 4:7** But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered.

**Reflection: But God...**when all of life discourages you, when you are looking to the world to meet your needs, when you have realized that nothing can satisfy this emptiness in your heart...**BUT GOD!** We are continually reminded that our heavenly Father is behind all things. We find this phrase in the Bible 43x. Here are a few examples:

**Psalm 73:26** My flesh and my heart faileth: **but God** is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

**Acts 7:9** And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: **but God** was with him,

**Acts 13:29-30** And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took *him* down from the tree, and laid *him* in a sepulchre. **But God** raised him from the dead:

**1 Corinthians 3:7** So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; **but God** that giveth the increase.

**Ephesians 2:4** **But God**, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

(emphasis added)

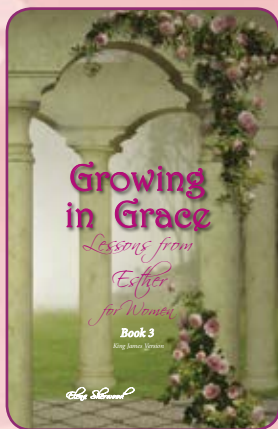
As easily as Jonah was given the comfort of the gourd, the LORD prepared a worm and took the gourd away. We are reminded of Job, the losses he suffered, and the posture of his heart:

**Job 1:21** And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

**Challenge:** This life is temporary, everything we have is temporary, the pleasures of this world are temporary... If you were sitting with Jonah at his temporary shelter, how would you counsel him? Are you comfortable being out of the will of the LORD in this world? When the Lord takes away what you have, will your response also be to "bless the name of the LORD"?

If you would like to receive Grow in Grace morning devotions emailed to you Monday through Friday, please send an email to: [Elenas6259@gmail.com](mailto:Elenas6259@gmail.com)

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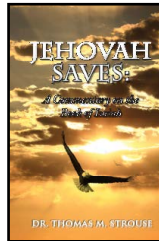


Bible Baptist Church has published the third book in its devotional series for women. If you would like to receive a complimentary copy, please contact the author, Elena Sherwood, at: [Elenas6259@gmail.com](mailto:Elenas6259@gmail.com).

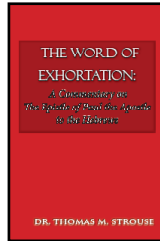
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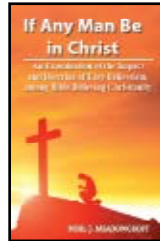
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Isaiah \$20.00



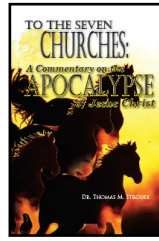
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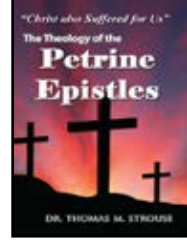
If Any Man Be ... \$10.00



I & II Timothy \$20.00



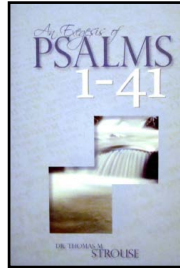
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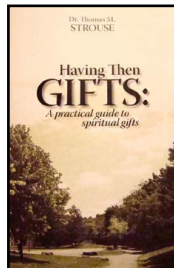
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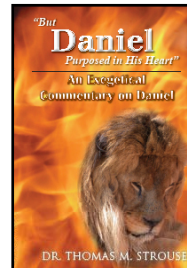
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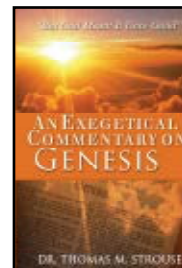
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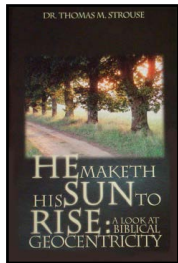
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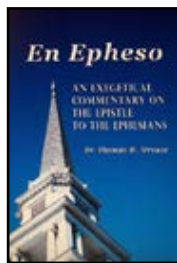
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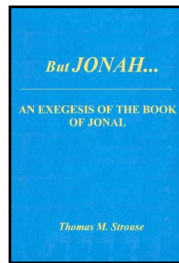
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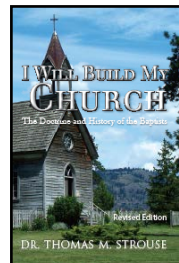
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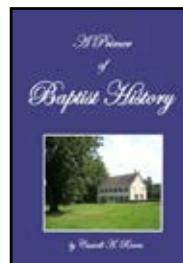
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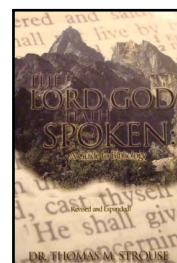
Jonah \$10.00



I Will Build My Church \$15.00



A Primer of Baptist History \$20.00



The Lord God Hath Spoken \$15.00

## BBC 2019 SCHEDULE

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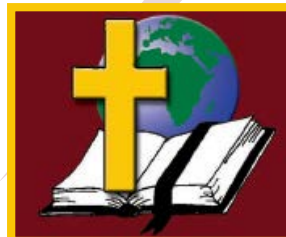
BBTS Fall Lecture Series  
Courtyard Mariott, Cromwell

**Dec. 6-8**

Bible Baptist Church  
Tenth Anniversary Conference

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