

# BBC UPDATE

## Bible Baptist Theological Seminary 2018 Fall Lecture Series



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

On Friday, November 9, 2018, Bible Baptist Church will host the ninth annual Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Fall Lecture Series entitled *"The Theology of Geography: A Pictorial Description of Israel."* This will be an effort to use pictures through a power-point presentation to depict significant geographical places in Israel relating to biblical episodes and their theological significance. The pictures were recently taken photographs by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Strouse who have just returned from a ten-day tour of Israel. Some of the locations will include Mount Carmel (site of Elijah's victory over the prophets of Baal), Megiddo (site of the future battle of Armageddon), the Sea of Galilee (place of the Lord's ministry and miracles), the Jordan River (site of John the Baptist's immersion ministry), the Dead Sea (lowest place on the surface of the earth), Engedi (David's cave of hiding), and, of course, Jerusalem. In Jerusalem, the sites will include the Wailing Wall, the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, Golgotha, and, of course, the site of the empty Tomb. Prayerfully, this presentation will enhance the believer's interest in and appreciation for the LORD's gift of land to His chosen people as revealed in detail in the Scripture. The city of Jerusalem is the most important piece of real estate in all of God's creation, since the Lord said, *"This is Jerusalem: I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are round about her"* (Ezk. 5:5). The Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Lecture Series will be held at the Marriot in Cromwell, CT beginning at 9 AM and ending at 3 PM. Please RSVP the number in your group attending.

One of the sites that Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Strouse saw was Mt. Carmel, which hosted a set of "Carob" trees or "St. John's Bread" trees. Supposedly John the Baptist ate the sweet-tasting seeds from the pods of the carob tree instead of locusts. This is a traditional interpretation coming out of Europe in the Middle Ages but is not based on Scripture. Scripture apparently does refer to carob pods as the diet of the prodigal son, stating, *"And he would fain have*

*filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him"* (Lk. 15:16). The Greek word behind "husks" is the plural noun *keration* ("horns") which may refer to the horn-shaped carob pods, as the inferior NET reads, saying, "He was longing to eat the **carob pods** the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything" (*loc. cit.*). However, the New Testament Scripture does declare twice that John the Baptist ate this *Kosher* insect (cf. Lev. 11:22), namely the "locust" (*akris*), saying, *"And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey"* (Mt. 3:4; see Mk. 1:6). Moreover, the *tetrakis legomena* Greek word *akris* for "locust" also occurs in the *Apocalypse* twice, referring to demon-locusts from the bottomless pit.



The Apostle John revealed, saying, *"And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power... And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men"* (Rev. 9:3, 7). Certainly, the loosed creatures from the *abyss* are not demonic carob pods! The inspired Scriptures state authoritatively, saying, *"And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey"* (Mk. 1:6). Other biblical issues will be expanded or clarified in the power-point presentation.



Pastor Cas Reeves

## Godliness--Great Gain

***"But godliness with contentment is great gain" (1 Timothy 6:6).***

Godliness is a God-ward attitude that causes a well-pleasing walk before the Lord. We are told also, that if we are satisfied in this godliness, we have a great acquisition. We are encouraged to pray "that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (1 Timothy 2:2). And to "refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness" (1 Timothy 4:7). Christian women are encouraged to "adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; which becometh women professing godliness" (2 Timothy 2:9-10). The importance of godliness is reflected in the Christian's forward look. "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness" (2 Peter 3:11).

Comparing the physical and spiritual exercises of life the Christian is warned and encouraged that "bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (1 Timothy 4:8). Revealing the mystery of godliness, the Apostle Paul said, "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory" (1 Timothy 3:16).

We learn that godliness is in Christ. We conclude that godliness is a Christ-like attitude that causes a Christ-like walk. Do we see that walk in our life? Are we satisfied/content with that walk? Is that great acquisition, godliness, found in our life? CAR



*Our good friend Dr. Harold Davidson, and his wife Edith, held his annual Bible conference ministry at Willow Creek Baptist Church, hosted by Pastor Scott Blair and his wife Mrs. Kelly Blair, during the week of Oct. 28, 2018. Many were blessed as they heard this seasoned warrior expound Bible truths.*

## Quotes From the Past:

**Patrick Henry**  
1736-1799

**American patriot**



### *In his Last Will and Testament*

*"This is all the inheritance I give to my dear family. The religion of Christ will give them one which will make them rich indeed."*

# GROW IN GRACE DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

## God is Love

### Read 1 John 4

**1 John 4:7** Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

**1 John 4:8** He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

**Reflection:** To whom is John writing? What can we learn about a church whose members do not express love one for another? Would this church be considered a Biblically healthy church? Would it be pleasing to the Lord? What are some possible reasons why members would struggle to express love toward others in the church?

**Challenge:** If you find that you struggle with loving others, pray and ask the Lord to help you in this area. Ask Him to place on your heart someone specifically to whom you can show love this week.

If you would like to receive Grow in Grace morning devotions emailed to you Monday - Friday, please email me at:

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## 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 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.



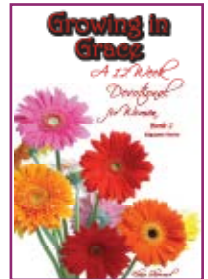
Book 1

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.

*"Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart."*

*Psalm 119:2*

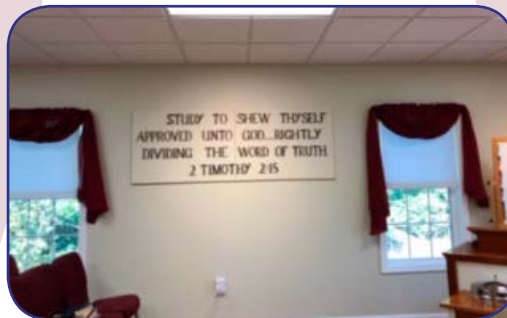
Please contact Bible Baptist Church (Elenas6259@gmail.com) if you would like a complimentary copy of Book 1 or 2.



Book 2



The BBC auditorium got a fresh coat of paint. This is part of our effort to create a presentable space that brings glory to God.



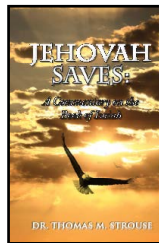
The Bible Baptist Church young people like to eat together and plumb the depths of the Pastor's sermons.



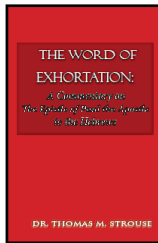
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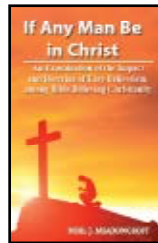
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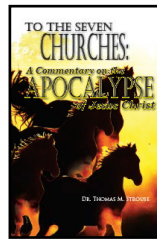
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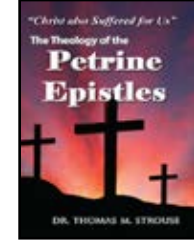
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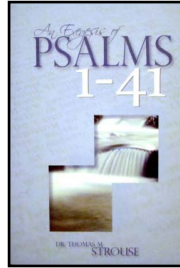
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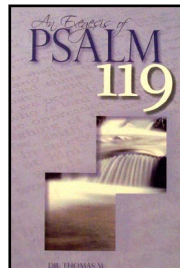
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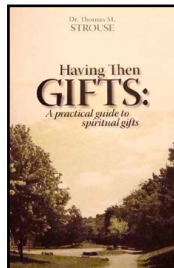
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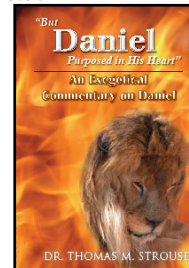
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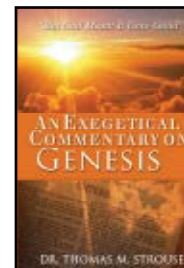
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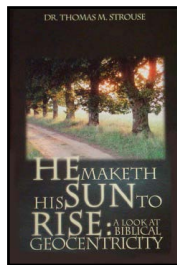
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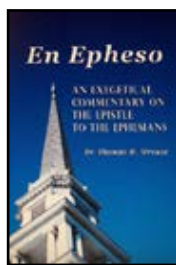
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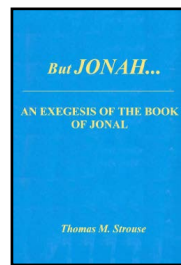
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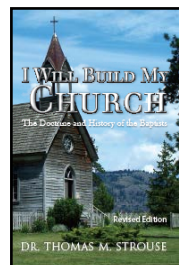
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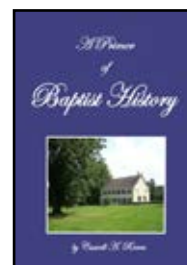
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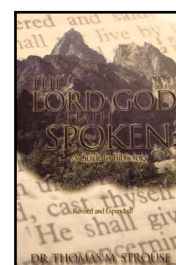
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The Lord God Hath Spoken  
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## Upcoming Events

**November 9, 2018**  
BBTS Fall Lecture Series  
"The Theology of Geography"

**December 9, 2018**  
BBC Annual Banquet  
1:30 p.m.

**April 12, 2019**  
BBTS Spring Lecture Series

**April 27, 2019**  
Ladies Fellowship



Landon helping brother Andrew set up the auditorium

## BBTS Fall Schedule

**Mondays**  
**Bibliology II**  
9:00AM - 12:00PM

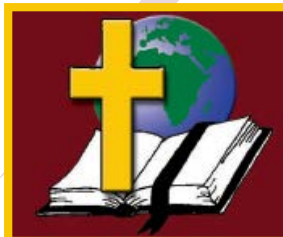
**Tuesdays**  
**Greek I**  
6:00PM - 9:00PM

**Wednesdays**  
**Minor Prophets I**  
9:00AM - 12:00PM

All Courses Taught by  
Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

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