



BBC UPDATE

BBTS Fall Lecture Series



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

On November 9, 2018, the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary 2018 Fall Lecture Series was well attended by pastors and church members from ten different area churches. The Lord blessed with approximately seventy-five attendees hearing and viewing the sessions on the "Theology of Geography: A Pictorial of Significant Sites in Israel" as Dr. Thomas Strouse gave a power-point presentation of pictures from his recent trip to Israel with an accompanying syllabus to help the viewers enhance their understanding and mental images of biblical contexts. As he stated, "I have journeyed through the Land of Israel in the black and white pages of the Bible; now I have journeyed through the Promised Land in color."

Although the city of Jerusalem and Second Temple were razed by the Romans in AD 70, the topography and excavations of the sites give resemblance to Jerusalem as it was in the days of the Lord Jesus Christ. Significant excavated sites such as Herod's retaining wall (the Wailing Wall), the quarry with the skull (Golgotha), and the rich man's tomb (Joseph of Arimathea) seem to validate the biblical places of the Person of the Lord. The focus in the "holy land" of Roman Catholics and apostate

Jews was upon places; for Christians the focus is upon the Person of the incarnate God (I Tim. 3:16; Jn. 4:24). Many sites have been tarnished by Roman Catholic shrines or have been greatly commercialized, distracting from the Land Promise gift of Jehovah for His Jewish people. One such sight is at the head of the Jordan River coming out of the Sea of Galilee where the water is fresh and clean. Several stations for baptismal services jut out into the Jordan River from her banks to accommodate baptisms. These commercialized places where robes and baptismal certificates may be purchased foster the false idea that the Jordan River water is special or sacred and will enhance one's salvation or sanctification. Baptism is a church ordinance (not pastor's ordinance) for the whole assembly to observe as one identifies with the Lord and with one of His churches, once and for all (Mt. 3:6; Acts 2:41-47; Eph. 4:5). It is a shameful disgrace and complete disregard for the Lord's churches that some Baptist pastors mis-use the church ordinances.

As a whole, the trip was very informative about and illustrative for the biblical geography of Bible events and narratives. Whether the Christian ever experiences a journey to Jerusalem or not, he/she will meet the Lord Jesus Christ in the New Jerusalem.



The Place of the Skull



The Excavated Garden Tomb

BBTS FALL LECTURE SERIES

Fall Lecture Series Photos

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Upcoming Events



Approximately seventy five people from ten different churches were represented at the Lecture series on Friday.



The plentiful food offered



Pastor Strouse presenting "The Theology of Geography."



A bountiful display of scrumptious desserts to choose from.



Everyone enjoyed wonderful fellowship and a delicious meal.



Upcoming Events

December 9, 2018

BBC Annual Banquet
1:30 p.m.

April 12, 2019

BBTS Spring Lecture Series

April 27, 2019

Ladies Fellowship



Pastor Cas Reeves

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day being at hand reminds us to be giving thanks to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Let us be thankful especially for that moment in time in which we were able to receive Him as our Savior. As well, there are many things for which we can be thankful.

We can be thankful for the victory that we have in Christ Jesus over death and the grave according to 1 Corinthians 15:57. What a joy it is to know you are saved from the penalty of sin, and from the power of death.

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" 1 Corinthians 15:55-57.

"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord" 2 Corinthians 5:8.

We learn from the Scripture that we need to give thanks for "all things," which points to the truth that God is sovereign in all the affairs of men and that we acknowledge it. It is a principle that is easily spoken of but difficult to practice without the filling of the Holy Spirit.

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God" Ephesians 5:18-20.

We are also strongly exhorted by the Apostle Paul to pray with thanksgiving. Instead of worrying about things, we are instructed to bring our requests to before the God of heaven with thanksgiving.

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Philippians 4:6.

Finally, we are not only strongly exhorted to pray, but also to be to watching or being vigilant about the work of Christ with thanksgiving.

"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving" Colossians 4:2

Let us therefore be serving the Lord Jesus with thanksgiving in our hearts this Thanksgiving Day. And let us celebrate this Thanksgiving Day giving thanks for all things, especially our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. -CAR

BBTS Fall Schedule

Mondays

Bibliology II
9:00AM - 12:00PM

Tuesdays

Greek I
6:00PM - 9:00PM

Wednesdays

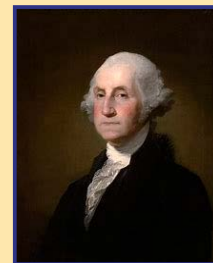
Minor Prophets I
9:00AM - 12:00PM

All Courses Taught by
Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

Quotes From the Past:

George Washington
1732-1799

**1st President of the
United States**



**National Thanksgiving
Proclamation**
January 1, 1795

"It is in a special manner our duty as a people, with devout reverence and affectionate gratitude, to acknowledge our many and great obligations to Almighty God, and to implore Him to continue and confirm the blessings we experienced. I, George Washington, President of the United States, do recommend to all ... a day of public thanksgiving and prayer."

GROW IN GRACE

DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

Our Obsolete Saviour

Obsolete meaning: 1. not in use any more, having been replaced by something newer and better or more fashionable ~Cambridge Dictionary

Genesis 11:3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

Reflection: We didn't evolve from monkeys...from the beginning, we have been created in God's image and it has been by design that we are creative, capable, thinking people... but we must use our intelligence for the glory of God and not for our own glory, for His name and not our name. David reminds us of our propensity to wander into idolatry:

Psalms 44:20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god;

21 Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

The Lord has given us a great freedom to walk in our own ways or to walk in His ways. When we read these verses, we are quick to recognize a spirit of pride and unrestrained rebellion. They did not go to the LORD for His will, they went to one another. They simply, were self focused and did that which was right in their own eyes.

Today, society is growing more and more self focused and unrestrained. The technology of our day (TV, internet, cell phones, apps, video games, pictures,

etc...) can easily distract us from the Lord and be used to keep us focused on ourselves and what we want. It is the information age at our fingertips, we can look up everything we want or need...**why go to the Lord?**

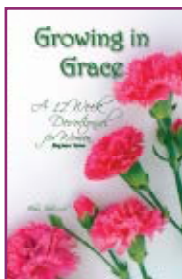
Consider the following: "Without a smartphone I can do nothing." "I can do all things through my smartphone that accompanies me." "Blessed be my smartphone that comforts me in all my tribulations that I may be able to text them which are in any trouble." "My smartphone is sufficient for me." "My smartphone which has done a good work in me will perform it until the next one comes out." "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the possession of my smartphone." "My smartphone shall supply all my need according to the power in the grid." "The cell phone is my guide, I shall not want." "My smartphone will never leave me and will never forsake me." "On thy screen will I meditate day and night." "Text without ceasing!" "Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the new Apple device." "Let us hold fast our smartphone." "When I am weak, my signal is strong." "Fear not, for the apps will help thee!"

~Excerpt written by Steve Thorpe and George Zeller

Challenge: What is your personal idol of choice that keeps you focused on yourself and not on the Lord? What has a hold on you that has been challenging for you to break? What keeps you distracted from the Lord and others? What changes will you make? Be specific.

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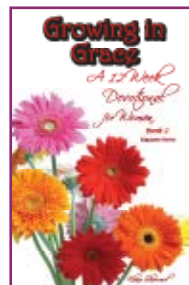
Growing in Grace: A 12 Week Devotional for Women Books 1 & 2



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.

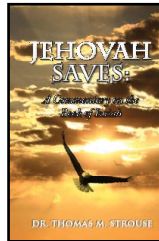
"Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart." (Psalm 119:2)

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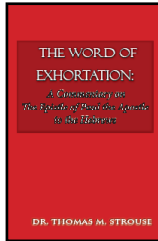
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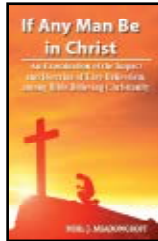
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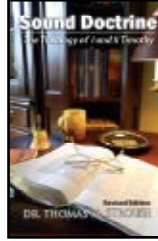
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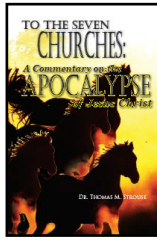
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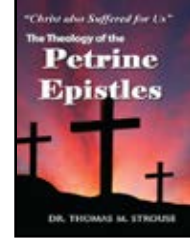
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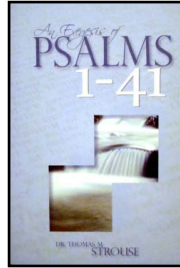
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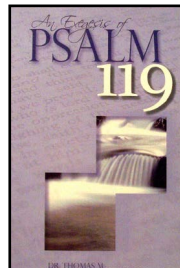
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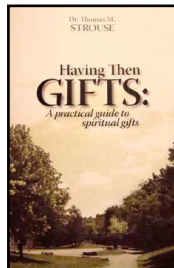
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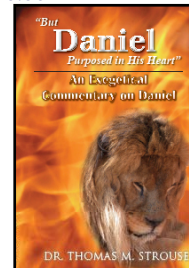
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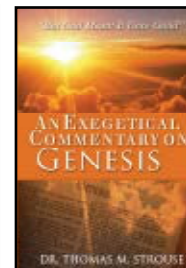
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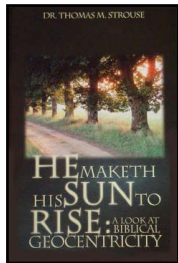
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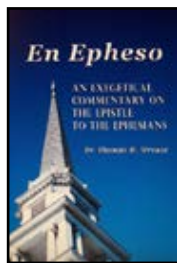
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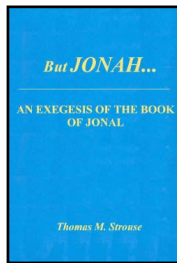
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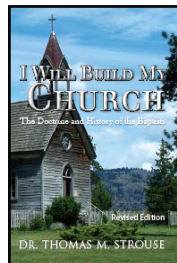
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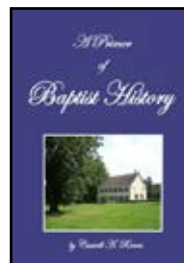
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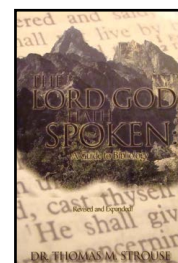
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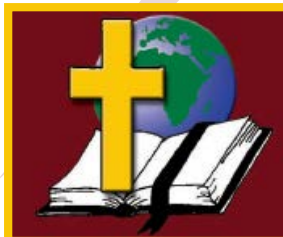


The young adults of BBC had a fun night of pizza, bowling, and fellowship after church on Wednesday.



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