



# BBC UPDATE

## BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH 10TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

In the momentous occasion of the history of Bible Baptist Church, the Lord blessed with a wonderful weekend of spiritual blessings and testimonies. On December 3, 2009, the Lord impressed upon a small group of Baptist church members to covenant before the Triune Godhead and charter into biblical existence Bible Baptist Church of Cromwell, CT. After several weeks of prayer and examination of Scripture, these

twenty-seven believers organized the church, which the Lord Jesus has now perpetuated for ten years with His promises, presence, power, and provisions. This past weekend (December 7-8, 2019) many present and past church members and friends gathered for the preaching of Dr. Thomas Strouse, Pastor Scott Blair, Dr. Cas Reeves, and Pastor Jerry Akers on Saturday, December 7, 2019. Afterwards, the group went to Baci's Rose Garden Room for a sumptuous banquet of Waldorf Salad, Chicken Florentine, Pork Barcciola, Grilled Salmon, and Sirloin Pizziola, topped off with Caramel Apple Tort. During the evening there was great fellowship, beautiful singing, testimonies, reading of international testimonies, skyping with church missionary Dr. E. Billy Dudley and wife Annette, and an updated church family picture. On Sunday, Pastors Scott Blair and Jerry Akers, along with Mr. Ryan Strouse, preached to the congregation and friends, giving challenge about the past, present, and future of Bible Baptist Church. The Pastor and Church body of Bible Baptist Church are thankful for the many pastors and friends of sister Baptist churches for their prayers and fellowship around *"the faith which was once delivered unto the saints"* (Jude 1:3).

### TENTH ANNIVERSARY LIMERICK FOR BBC

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

Bible Baptist Church is celebrating year number Ten,  
With joy we can look back at how she did Begin,  
Trusting in the Lord,  
And Following His Word,  
'Til the Rapture may her existence not End.



*The current members of BBC*

# BBC 10TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTOS

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*Everyone had a blessed time on Saturday and Sunday.*

*Pastor Cas Reeves, Pastor Jerry Akers, Pastor Scott Blair and Mr. M. Ryan Strouse*



*Brother Bill Gagnon and John Czako praise the Lord for the ability to fellowship together.*



*Above: A large group gathered to hear the messages of past, present, and future.*

*Left: Pastor Scott Blair and his wife Kelly enjoy fellowship with Mrs. Strouse*

*Right: Pastor Steve and Mrs. Stephanie Bates enjoy time with Pastor Jerry and Mrs. Lori Akers.*





Pastor Cas Reeves

## THE GIFT OF GOD

Christmas time may very easily be said to be a time of gift giving. Friends and family alike enjoy exchanging wonderful and precious gifts whether great or small with one another. It could be said that some of our most cherished moments of Christmas time were when we either received a special gift or gave a special gift.

Christmas time is also the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. It is the foremost reason for celebrating this special day, which has been set aside to commemorate the birth of all mankind's Savior. Jesus Christ is the true gift to all. It should be remembered that as with all gifts there must be a giver and a receiver. It is possible for one to buy for someone a gift, but if the person for whom it was purchased doesn't take or receive the gift; the gift is not his and sometimes it is lost to him forever.

The Scripture shares with us that the gift of God is eternal life purchased by Jesus Christ (Romans 6:23). The Apostle Paul thanking God for the greatness of His gift says, it is a gift of unspeakable magnitude; it is breathtaking in description (2 Corinthians 9:15). God has made the gift of eternal life available and accessible to all who will turn from their sin and will receive Jesus Christ as their Savior. Note what the Bible says about receiving Christ in order to be saved.

*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

Romans 10:9-13

Also, it is important to know that Jesus Christ the Son of God declared that he was the ONLY WAY to get to the Father, who is in heaven (John 14:6). Also, He declared what an individual had to do in order to get eternal life. He said, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.* In John 3:16, one of the most known of all Bible verses, it is declared, *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.* Dear friend, I trust that you have received the gift of God through Jesus Christ, but if not, I trust this Christmas you will receive the greatest gift of your life. Simply turn from what you believe or don't believe, turn from your sin or self-righteousness, and turn to Jesus Christ alone for salvation, believing that He alone will give you everlasting life if you receive Him as your Savior. Will you ask Jesus Christ to save you so you can have the gift of eternal life? -CAR

### BBC 2020 SCHEDULE

**Jan. 6-10**  
Dublin Module

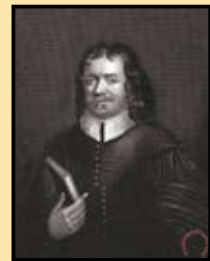
**Feb. 10-14**  
Dubai Module

**Jun. 3-7**  
Quezon City

### Quotes From the Past:

**Dwight L. Moody**  
1837-1899

American Preacher  
of the Gospel



*"Church attendance is as vital to a disciple as a transfusion of rich, healthy blood to a sick man"*

# GROW IN GRACE

## DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

### THEY HAVE NO WINE

**Read: John 2**

**John 2:1:3** And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:

And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

**Reflection:** In John chapter 2 we read of a wedding in Cana of Galilee. It was the third day into the Lord's ministry. Jesus, his disciples, and the Lord's mother were invited to this wedding. We don't know who the couple was but it may have been a family member or someone the family was well acquainted with. Mary goes to Jesus with a concern of a wine shortage.

What do you think of when you hear or read the word 'Wine'? In the Bible the word 'wine' can be translated more than one way. Upon face value most people think of the word 'wine' as alcoholic but in fact most of the time this word is simply meant as 'grape juice' (sometimes diluted and sometimes undiluted).

Many people use these verses to justify their drinking of alcohol. Let's answer a couple questions about the obvious. When you read these verses below how would it make Jesus look if He went to a wedding and after the guests went through six waterpots of alcoholic wine, He then gave them more alcoholic 'wine' to enable, encourage, or promote their drunkenness?

**Habakkuk 2:15** Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!

**Proverbs 20:1** Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

**Isaiah 5:11** Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them!

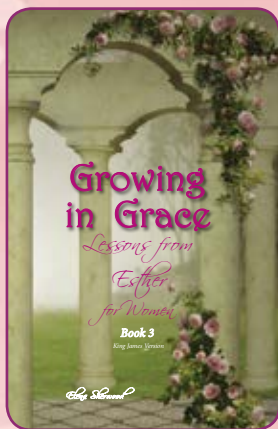
**Ephesians 5:18** And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Is Jesus a hypocrite? Would He violate His own Word?

**Challenge:** The media says one glass of wine is good for you...will you listen to the advice of men or obey the Lord? Alcohol affects the mind and behavior, bypasses our filter, brings about sexual promiscuity, nakedness, and opens the door for demonic influence. Are these behaviours fitting for a woman professing godliness? Do you drink alcohol? Are you willing to give it up to obey the Lord? Do your own study on what the Bible says about this.

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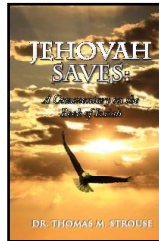


Bible Baptist Church has published the third book in its devotional series for women. If you would like to receive a complimentary copy, please contact the author, Elena Sherwood, at:  
[Elenas6259@gmail.com](mailto:Elenas6259@gmail.com).

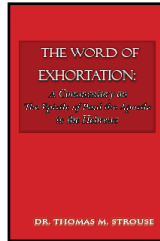
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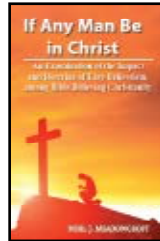
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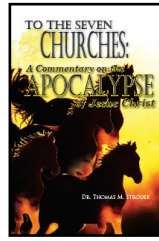
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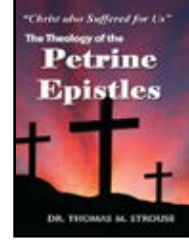
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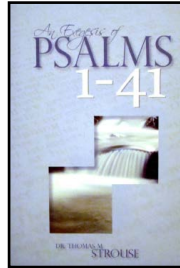
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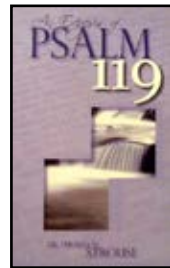
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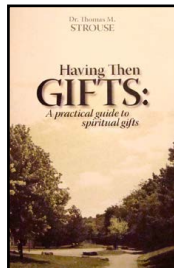
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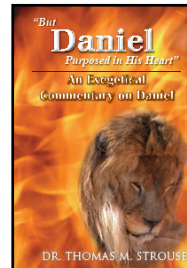
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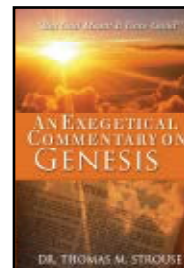
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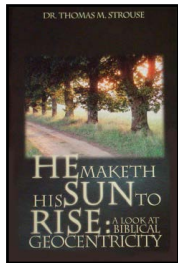
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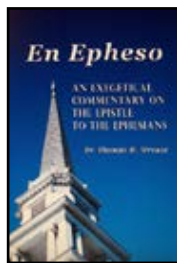
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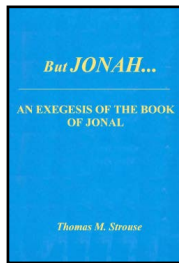
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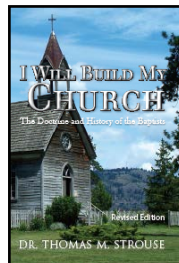
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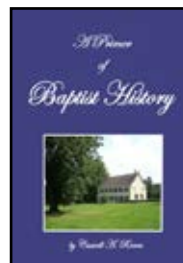
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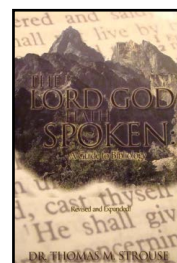
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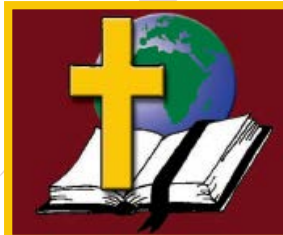
## PRESTON JAMES STROUSE

*To Ryan and Christy came little boy  
Preston James,  
Who will soon help his brothers play with  
Games,  
Sharing their trains, cars and trucks,  
And playing with bathtub rubber ducks,  
Sorry girls, he is too young to be interested  
in Dames!*



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