

# BBC UPDATE

## BBTS SPRING LECTURE SERIES



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

On Friday April 12, 2019, the Lord blessed the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Spring Lecture Series on the topic “Baptist Polity in the Book of Acts” with a wonderful day of instruction and fellowship. About one hundred and ten guests from at least fifteen different churches assembled to hear Dr. Thomas M. Strouse lecture from his work-in-progress commentary on the Book of Acts. Bible Baptist Church was privileged to host a luncheon for the guest consisting of pizza and sandwiches. Many members of Bible Baptist Church ministered behind the scenes to enable this event to be a blessing to other sister churches. It seemed like a reunion of former Bible Baptist Theological Seminary graduates and their families coming from MA, ME, NH, NY, PA, as well as from CT. Especially encouraging was the large number of young adults in attendance.

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*Above: Several of the pastors that attended the Lecture Series*

*Below: Pastor Strouse presenting the lecture on “Baptist Polity in the Book of Acts”*



## ORDINATION COUNCIL

The busy weekend of the Lecture Series also afforded the opportunity for Dr. and Mrs. Strouse to travel to Coopersburg, PA for the ordination council of two Bible Baptist Theological Seminary seminarians on Saturday, April 13, 2019. Dr. Strouse functioned as the moderator for the examination of pastoral candidates Brother Dave Smith, Jr. and Brother Jon Stockton as they fielded questions about their respective conversion, call, doctrinal statement, qualification, and spiritual gift. The ordination council of about twenty regional pastors carefully examined the men and made the recommendation to Pastor Dave Smith and Community Baptist Church to proceed with the ordination service on Sunday April 14, 2019. The Bible teaches that the Lord ordains or chooses men for the pastorate, and then the church council recognizes the call,

examines the candidate, and recommends the candidate to the church body to proceed with the “laying-on-of-hands” (Acts 20:28; I Tim. 2:7; 3:1; 4:14; II Tim. 1:6; and Tit. 1:5). Many of the men on the ordination council were Bible Baptist Theological Seminary graduates. We are thankful that the council examination honored the Lord and confirmed the candidates.



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April 15, 2019

# SPRING LECTURE SERIES

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Ordination Council Photos



The lectures began with a congregational singing of "Victory in Jesus."



Several of the young couples who attended enjoy lunch together.



Pastor Herr and Pastor Short



Wonderful fellowship during a delicious lunch.



Approximately 110 people came to hear the lecture.

# ORDINATION COUNCIL



Above: the newly ordained pastors and their wives  
Right: Dr. Strouse moderated the ordination council



Brother Dave Smith (below) and Brother Jon Stockton (left) answering questions from the council



## THE JOY OF BEING SAVED



*Pastor Cas Reeves*

The joy of being saved is the joy that comes from knowing God’s comfort, His strength, His perfect peace, His sovereignty, His salvation and His fellowship. And all of these things are revealed to us in God’s word.

### ***God’s Comfort***

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.” (Psalm 23:4)

### ***God’s Strength***

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” (Philippians 4:13)

### ***God’s Peace***

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” (John 14:27)

### ***God’s Sovereignty***

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

### ***God’s Salvation***

“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

### ***God’s Fellowship***

“And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. (1 John 1:4-7) –CAR

### Quotes From the Past:

**William Penn**

**1644-1718**

Writer, Quaker,  
Founder of  
Pennsylvania



*“Those who will not be governed by God will be ruled by tyrants.”*

Former Bible Baptist Theological Seminary seminarian Joseph Han and his recent bride Sophia visited Bible Baptist Church and reported briefly on their ministry in Nepal. The couple has the desire to plant an independent Baptist church when they arrive back to the field.



## GROW IN GRACE DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

Grow In Grace

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Ladies' Fellowship

### HE WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU

**Esther 3:8,13** And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it is not for the king's profit to suffer them.

And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the spoil of them for a prey.

**Reflection:** Haman continues with his plan to destroy all the Jews. But Jehovah will NEVER be found a liar. When He said that the Messiah would come through the Jewish lineage, you can be 100% sure that it will happen!.

**Matthew 1:1** The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Are the Jews still with us today? Did Jesus come from the seed of Abraham and David? God has preserved that hated, small nation of Israel since the creation in Genesis. That is a great reason to believe the Bible

**Challenge:** Do you have a personal relationship with the Messiah and Lord Jesus Christ? If the Lord can take care of the nation of Israel from its enemies, can you trust Him to take care of you? Are you struggling in an area of your life to trust the LORD? Sit down today and write several examples of the Lord's faithfulness in your life. Post this list and **REMEMBER** His lovingkindness toward you!

Psalm 36:7 How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

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)

## BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH 2019 LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

On April 27, 2019, at 10 o'clock A.M., Bible Baptist Church will host the Annual Ladies' Fellowship featuring Mrs. Debbie Wilhite as the guest speaker. She is married to seasoned missionary Dr. Jerry Wilhite who has received his seminary training and degrees of Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry under Dr. Thomas Strouse. The Wilhites with their family have faithfully served in Africa and now in Australia as church planters. Mrs. Wilhite will give her testimony of salvation and of experiences as a missionary wife in some challenging areas. Along with her testimony, the ladies will enjoy a brunch and craft time. The fellowship will be a time of blessing and will have a challenging spiritual impact.

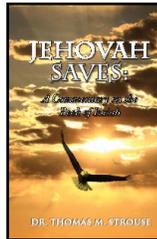
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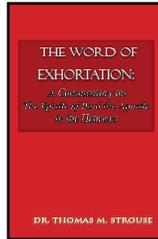
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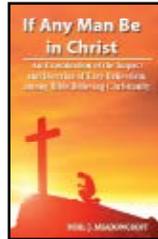
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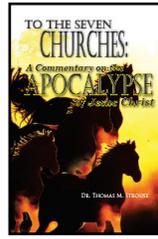
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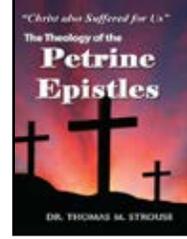
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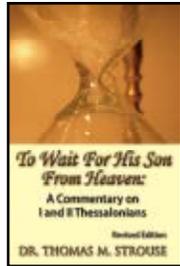
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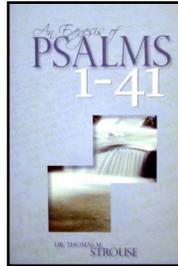
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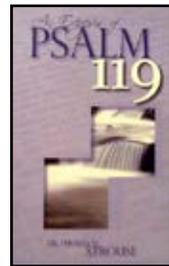
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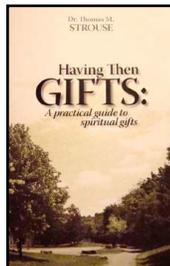
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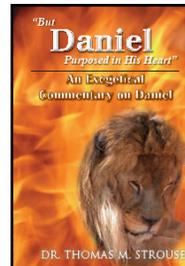
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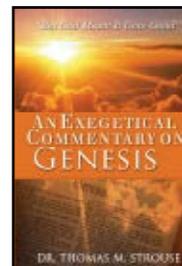
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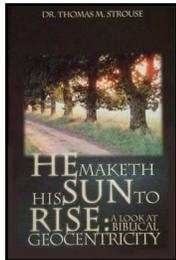
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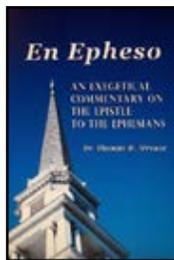
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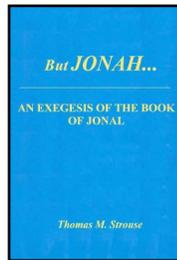
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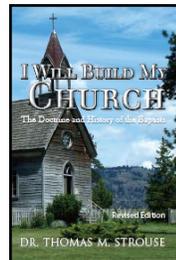
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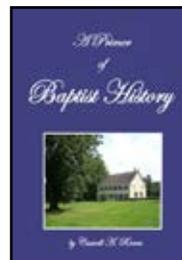
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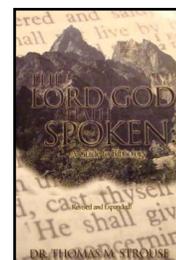
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## BBC 2019 SCHEDULE

**April 27**

Ladies' Fellowship

**May 19**

BBTS Graduation

**June 27-29**

Vacation Bible School

**Oct. 13-16**

Willow Grove Baptist Church, Waynesburg, PA

Bible Conference

**Dec. 6-8**

Bible Baptist Church Tenth Anniversary Conference

## BBTS SPRING SCHEDULE

Starting Monday January 28, 2019 the following is the BBTS schedule:

### Mondays

New Testament Introduction  
9:00AM - 12:00PM

### Tuesdays

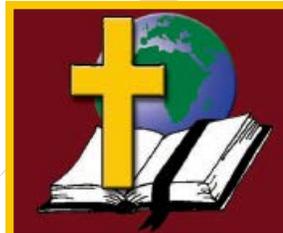
Greek II  
6:00PM - 9:00PM

### Wednesdays

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

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