



# BBC UPDATE

## BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH ANNUAL LADIES' FELLOWSHIP



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

On April 27, 2019, Bible Baptist Church hosted the annual Spring Ladies' Fellowship under the leadership of Mrs. Jan Strouse, wife of Pastor Thomas Strouse. The fellowship was well attended with about fifty women from seven different Baptist churches. The speaker was Mrs. Debbie Wilhite, wife of missionary church planter and pastor, Dr. Jerry Wilhite. Dr. Wilhite received his Master of Divinity and

Doctor of Ministry degrees from Dr. Strouse. Mrs. Wilhite included in her testimony life on foreign fields (Africa and Australia) with a large family, and structured her message around the three points of Salvation, Supplication, and Service. Following a time of questions and songs the women had a delicious brunch of sandwiches and sweets. During craft time they painted and decorated clay pots and received dirt from the church (church dirt[?]) and seeds. It was a time of blessing as many women appreciated the spiritual challenge and biblical fellowship, and stated their thanks.



*All of the ladies gathered together for Godly fellowship*



*Above: Mrs. Wilhite giving her testimony  
Left: Mrs. Strouse opened the event with a word of prayer*



*Mrs. Jackie Hinebaugh led the ladies in song, while Mrs. Kirsten Gagnon accompanied on the piano*



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# BIBLE BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY 10TH GRADUATION WEEKEND

BIBTS 10th Graduation

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Ladies Meeting Photos

On the weekend of Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, May 19, 2019, Bible Baptist Church will host the dissertation defense of Pastor Jed Raquintan of Cornerstone Baptist Church, Quezon City, Philippines (10 AM Saturday), the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary graduation banquet (5 PM Saturday), and the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary commencement service (1:30 PM Sunday). Candidates for graduation include Mr. Darrell Nelson, Associate of Theology degree, Mr. Clint Schreiber, Master of Divinity degree, and Pastor Jed Raquintan, Doctor of Theology degree. We are thankful for the hundreds of men who have come under the theological training of Bible Baptist Theologi-

cal Seminary and the scores who have completed their studies and received degrees. This theological training is the biblical fulfillment of the Great Commission locally, regionally, nationally, and inter-nationally, as Christ asserted, saying, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen” (Mt. 28:19-20). Paul affirmed, stating, “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also” (II Tim. 2:2).

## LADIES' FELLOWSHIP PHOTOS



*Above:  
A delicious luncheon of sandwiches and sweets was served after Mrs. Wilhite gave her testimony.*



*All of the ladies had a wonderful time decorating flower pots.*



## THE CONVINCING WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



Pastor Cas Reeves

John 16:7-11

*"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged."*

From this passage, the Believer learns that the convincing work of the Holy Spirit is threefold. First, He reproves the world of sin. The word, "reprove" in the sense that it is used here, means to convict one of their sin. More than ever today there is a need that the unsaved man be able to see his sin and be convinced that He is a sinner before God. What is that sin that the Holy Spirit will reprove? It is not the sins that are so often thought of, but rather, it is the sin of not truly believing that Jesus the Son of God is the only one that can save a person from the penalty of their sin. It is important that the Believer realize that it is the job of the Holy Spirit to convince the lost of their unbelief, and that it is not the Believer's job; his job is only to declare the truth.

Second the convincing work of the Holy Spirit is to convince the lost men of the world of righteousness. Again, the Believer cannot do the work of the Holy Spirit in making an unsaved person see the righteousness of Jesus Christ for salvation, which is attested to by His resurrection and ascension. The Believer has two important truths to point out to the lost man: 1) That he is a sinner and 2) that Jesus Christ can save him. Convincing a person of these two important truths is the work of the Holy Spirit. And third, it is the convincing work of the Holy Spirit to convince men of the judgment. The Devil has been judged; it attests to the judgment of sin and of men. The world is not convinced of this truth, but nevertheless it is true, and it is the work of the Holy Spirit to convince the world that it will be judged.

There is another truth that is important to point out from this passage. It is the importance of the Believer. The Holy Spirit is the Comforter, He is the one who works with the Believer. In other words, it is through the Believer that the Holy Spirit convinces men of sin, righteousness and judgment. Simply, as Believers share the truth of God's Word with the unsaved of this world, the Holy Spirit will attempt to convince lost men of their need for Jesus Christ. When men are convinced, it is because the Holy Spirit did the convincing as men shared the truth. -CAR

### Quotes From the Past:

**Herbert Hoover**

**1874-1964**

31st President of the  
United States



*"Democracy is the outgrowth of religious conviction of the sacredness of every human life. On the religious side, its highest embodiment is The Bible; on the political side, the Constitution."*

### 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

# GROW IN GRACE

## DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

### BY STRENGTH OF HAND...THE LORD

**Exodus 13:3** And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for **by strength of hand the LORD** brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten. (emphasis added)

4 And it shall be when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What is this? that thou shalt say unto him, **By strength of hand the LORD** brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage: (emphasis added)

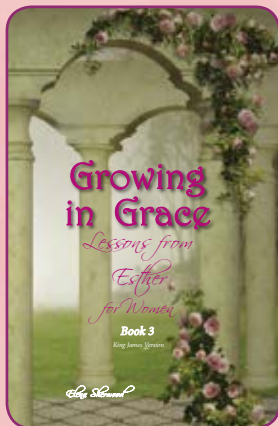
**Reflection:** Do you remember Moses going to Pharaoh repeatedly to free the Israelites from bondage so they could be separated to serve the Lord? Pharaoh also repeatedly wanted Moses to compromise and do things in ways that fell short of complete separation.

Moses was faithful to the Lord and obeyed exactly what He said in this account. He did not compromise with Pharaoh. The Lord wants to be obeyed down to the detail of His Words anything short of that is sin.

**Challenge:** The Bible is our guide, it is the Lord's letter to us, it is His way. Is there anything that you have knowingly and willingly compromised? Do you take the Lord's written Word more seriously than you take any other thing in your life? Is the Lord calling you to be more faithful in a particular area?

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)

### GROWING IN GRACE: DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN ON BOOK OF ESTHER



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).

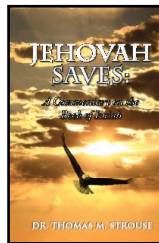


Sabrina Gagnon sang a beautiful special on Sunday.

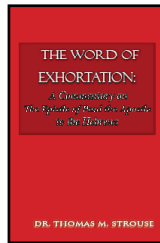
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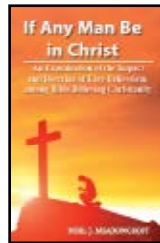
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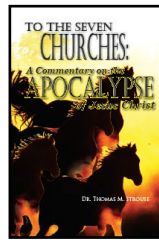
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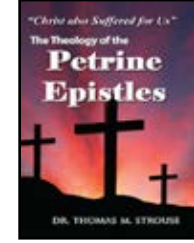
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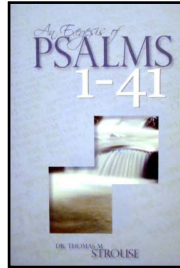
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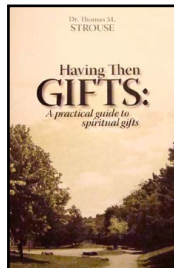
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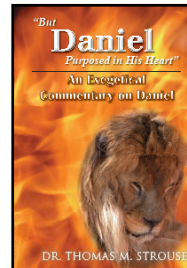
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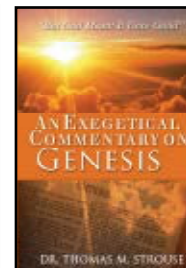
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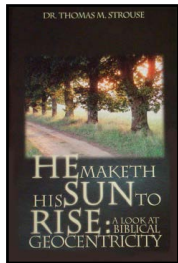
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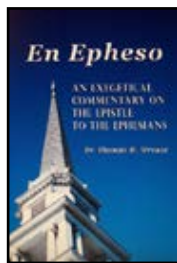
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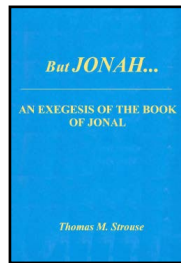
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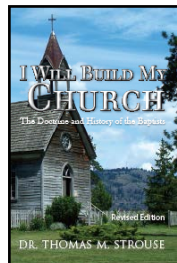
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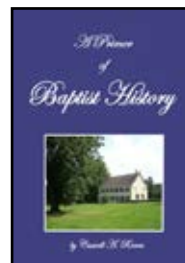
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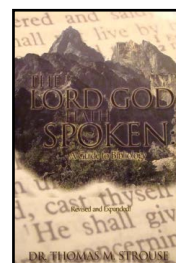
Jonah \$10.00



I Will Build My Church \$15.00



A Primer of Baptist History \$20.00



The Lord God Hath Spoken \$15.00

## BBC 2019 SCHEDULE

**May 19**  
BBTS Graduation

**Oct. 13-16**  
Willow Grove Baptist Church, Waynesburg, PA Bible Conference

**June 27-29**  
Vacation Bible School

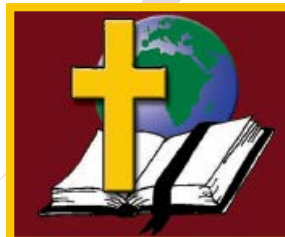
**Dec. 6-8**  
Bible Baptist Church Tenth Anniversary Conference



The women of BBC decorated the tables beautifully for the Ladies' Meeting.

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