

# BBC UPDATE

## BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH BAPTISMAL SERVICE



On Sunday, June 9, 2019, Bible Baptist Church observed one of two church ordinances, witnessing the baptisms of three recent converts to the Lord Jesus Christ. The church service was held at the swimming pool of Mr. and Mrs. Gagnon as the assembly received instruction about believer's baptism and observed the ordinance on the warm Sunday afternoon. Pastor Thomas Strouse immersed Ashiana and Terrell, Jr. Johnson upon profession of their respective testimonies of faith in Christ. Mr. Ryan Strouse, studying for the Lord's ministry, had the privilege to baptize his son Jack Strouse upon his profession of faith. Baptism identifies the repentant sinner with the Lord Jesus

Christ ("Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection" [Rom. 6:3-5]), and is the entrance into New Testament church membership ("Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls...Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" [Acts 2:41, 47]). We are thankful for these young believers who will be the future leaders in the Lord's churches.



*Above: Pastor and Ryan baptizing the three new converts in the pool*

*Left and Right: Pastor teaching about baptism in the basement of the Gagnon's home.*



## BBTS MODULES

Recent Bible Baptist Theological Seminary modules included the Dublin, Ireland module during the week of May 27-31, 2019, with 12 seminarians in attendance for the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary courses on Minor Prophets I and II Thessalonians. The following week of June 3-7, 2019, Bible Baptist Theological Seminary held the module course on the Book of Acts, in Community Baptist Church, Coopersburg, PA. Dr. David Smith hosted the module with 11 students enrolled. It was a time of great blessing and fellowship.



*The attendees of the module in Ireland.*

## COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH



## BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



*The founding members of Bible Baptist Church*

On the weekend of December 6-8, 2019, Bible Baptist Church is anticipating her Tenth Anniversary of biblically-authorized existence by the will of God. Having a nucleus of twenty-seven Baptist church members from area churches, Bible Baptist Church organized under the headship of Dr. Thomas M. Strouse as a chartered New Testament assembly known as Bible Baptist Church on Dec. 4, 2009. Keynote speakers for the weekend will include Dr. Harold Davidson, Pastor Jerry Akers, and Pastor Thomas Strouse, as well as key men in the founding of Bible Baptist Church. Please make plans for this Christ-honoring weekend as details unfold.



Pastor Cas Reeves

## THE TRUE VINE

*John 15:5*

*"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."*

In John 15, we learn that Jesus Christ the Son of God is the True Vine and that we who are saved are the branches. The analogy is that of the relationship of the branch that holds the grape cluster to the grape vine. We also learn that God the Father is the husbandman of The Vine, who tends the vine branches to make a productive product.

There are several things of importance which we glean from this passage. Just as it is a must for a branch to have life by abiding in the vine, so it is for the Believer to abide in The Vine, Christ, to have life. This life in the True Vine brings certain expectations to the Believer's relationship with Christ Jesus.

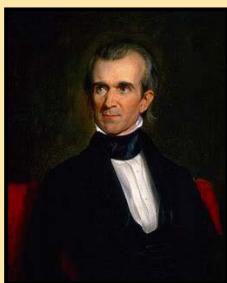
The Believer's relationship in the Vine brings with it the expectation of pruning. As branch in Christ, the Believer will, from time to time, be chastened. There are old habits that the Lord must prune from the Believer's life (v.2). The Believer can also expect a purifying or a cleansing of his life (v.3). Further, the Believer can expect to see a fruitfulness in his life (v.4-5).

Are you abiding in The True Vine, Jesus Christ? That is, are you saved and living with Christ as your Savior and Lord? Are you allowing His words to abide or live in you? The Lord Jesus promised the true Believer abiding in Him an abundantly fruitful life. Do you have that life? -CAR

### Quotes From the Past:

**James K. Polk**  
**1795-1849**

11th President of the United States



*"There is more selfishness and less principle among members of Congress than I had any conception of, before I became President of the U.S."*



*People crowded on the deck and around the pool to get a good view of the baptisms.*

# GROW IN GRACE

## DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

### REVIVAL OR WALK IN THE SPIRIT

**Jonah 1:2** Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

**Galatians 5:25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

**Reflection:** There is much error today regarding the term *revival*, used in the dispensation of the Church age. Revival is a term that was used in the Old Testament referring to the Nation of Israel and not New Testament believers. In the Old Testament, individuals did not have the indwelling Spirit of God.

We read the LORD sent Jonah to this great city for revival.

**Revive chayah:** Be alive, be quickened, be whole (This word is not found in the New Testament)

**Psalm 85:6** Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

In our day, there are some who have fallen away from the Lord, there are some who have lost their zeal, and there are some whose hearts have grown cold, what is a Pastor to do?

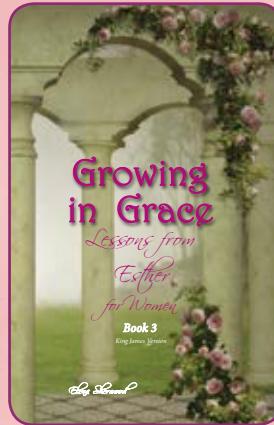
Many Pastors bring in other Preachers to stir up the peoples' hearts and this will often times be called a revival meeting. When we are saved, we receive the indwelling Holy Spirit individually and we begin a new life of *walking in the Spirit* rather than what we were doing, *walking in the flesh*. These are the terms used for believers in the New Testament. You will not find revival in the New Testament because saints of God already have new life, but we do need to walk in the Spirit to fight the spiritual battle we face daily. .

**Challenge:** You can't fault a Pastor for wanting to encourage his people to walk with the Lord and serve Him. Have you had a time when you were translated from death to life? Is your walk with the Lord growing stronger, are you becoming more like Christ?

Would Jesus describe you as lukewarm or filled with zeal for Him?

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

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



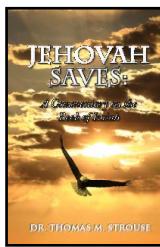
Bible Baptist Church has published the third book in its devotional series for women. If you would like to receive a complimentary copy, please contact the author, Elena Sherwood, at:

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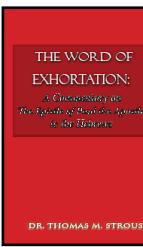
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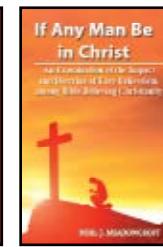
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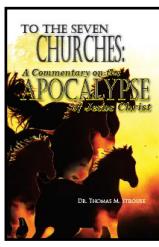
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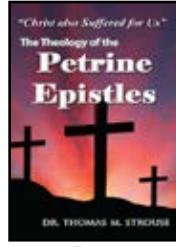
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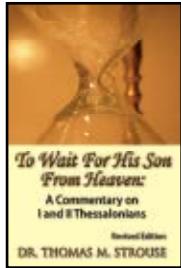
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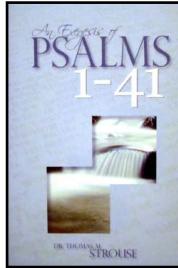
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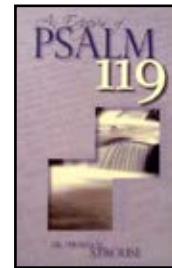
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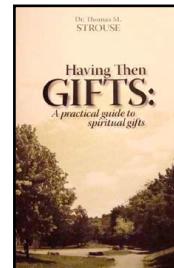
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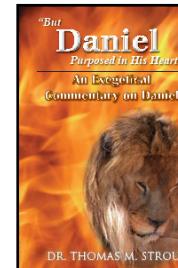
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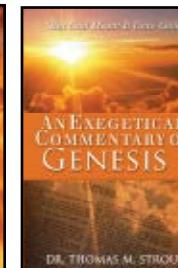
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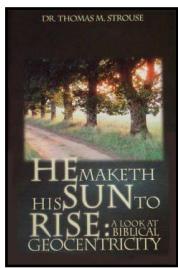
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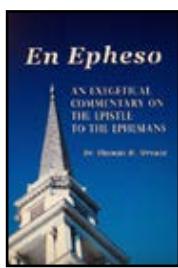
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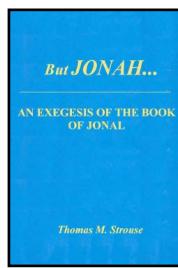
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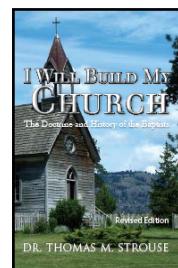
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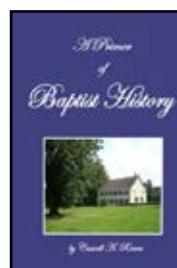
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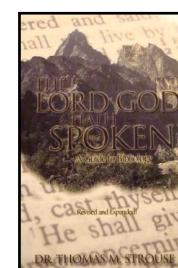
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## BBC 2019 SCHEDULE

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



Landon and Amanda Gagnon's dog Bunny  
warily greet one another.

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