



# BBC UPDATE

## THE CHRISTIAN'S FUTURE



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

Having recently officiated in a funeral service for a Christian, I am reminded of the blessed future all believers may anticipate biblically. Two imminent realities face the Christian, namely Death and the Rapture. Certainly, funerals are a time for showing respect for the deceased and reflection upon one's passing into eternity.

The Bible gives great revelation concerning the death of the believer. Consider the following:

1. Death for the believer is gain, which is far better: *"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain"* (Phil. 1:21) and *"For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better"* (Phil. 1:23).
2. Death for the believer is immediate presence with the Lord Jesus Christ: *"Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord"* (II Cor. 5:6-8).

3. The heavenly home for the believer is the New Jerusalem wherein is great beauty and splendor, including pearly gates, a street of gold, and the precious Saviour (read Rev. 21:1-27). The Lord said, *"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you"* (Jn. 14:2). Deceased Christians are presently experiencing these great blessings, being without pain and alive with Christ!

4. The Rapture (or catching up) is imminent and will occur when Christ returns for the Second Advent, as Paul described, *"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"* (I Thes. 4:15-17).

How may one obtain the imminent blessings of these promises in Scripture? The Lord Jesus Christ stated very clearly, *"Repent ye, and believe the gospel"* (Mk. 1:15).

## BIBLE BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY 2019 FALL SCHEDULE

Starting on Monday August 26, 2019, BBTS will start her tenth year of offering seminary level courses to pastors, missionaries, and church member for various seminary degrees, including the MBS, MDiv, DMin, and ThD degrees. Under the guidance of Dr. Thomas Strouse, over forty-five seminarians have received the doctorate degree, having completed the required courses including having written and defended their respective dissertation. BBTS has graduated ninety seminarians in her history.

The following is the schedule of courses for the Fall Semester:

<b>Mondays</b> Prison Epistles Dr. Strouse 9:00AM - 12:00PM	<b>Wednesdays</b> Jeremiah Dr. Strouse 9:00AM - 12:00PM
<b>Tuesdays</b> Jeremiah Dr. Strouse 6:00PM - 9:00PM	<b>Thursdays</b> Malachi Prof. Skorupski 6:00PM - 9:00PM

# BBTS 2019 LECTURE SERIES

BBTS Lecture Series

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BBC Tenth Anniversary

## *"The Book of James: Context, Interpretation, and Application"*

Dr. Thomas Strouse will deal with the introductory issues of James from 9-10 AM.

Mr. Ryan Strouse will give an overview of James with practical application at 10-11:30 AM and 1-2 PM.

Dr. Strouse will deal with the specific topic of "James and Astronomy" (Jam. 1:13-18) from 2-3 PM.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019,  
AT THE COURTYARD MARRIOTT  
IN CROMWELL, CT  
FROM 9AM-3PM

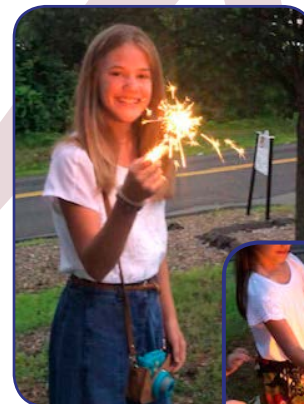
### BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

### TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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 with 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.



*On Wednesday, July 3rd, Bible Baptist church members enjoyed an ice cream social after the evening prayer service. The kids were able to light sparklers and everyone enjoyed a great time a fellowship.*





Pastor Cas Reeves  
of sin is death...” (Romans 6:23a)

## HOW TO PREPARE FOR AN APPOINTMENT YOU CANNOT MISS

Hebrews 9:27

*“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:”*

How can you be ready for your appointment with death and what follows?

First, you can recognize the fact of your sinfulness and the fate of that sinfulness. *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”* (Romans 3:23) *“For the wages of sin is death...”* (Romans 6:23a)

Second, you can resign humbly to the fact that your sin’s fate is just and deserved. *“And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.”* (Luke 18:13)

Third, you can repent – which is to turn from yourself, your sin, and anything and everything you have depended upon for salvation and turn to Christ alone. *“I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”* (Luke 13:3)

Fourth, you can request by sincere prayer the salvation provided by God in Christ. *“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.”* (John 3:16) *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”* (Romans 10:13)

Fifth, you can receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. *“But as many as received him, to them gave he the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:”* (John 1:12) *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”* (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Note: If your faith is insufficient for acquiring this gift of salvation, God’s remedy for that insufficiency is the hearing of God’s Word. *“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”* (Romans 10:17). You will need the faithful preaching of God’s Word in a Bible preaching church. *“How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?”* (Romans 10:14)

-Dr. Charles Nichols

## Quotes From the Past:



**John Adams**  
1735-1826

2nd President of  
the United States

*“Because power corrupts, society’s demands for moral authority and character increase as the importance of the position increases.”*



*The young adults enjoy good conversation after a Wednesday Evening Prayer Service.*

# GROW IN GRACE DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

Grow In Grace

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Devotional for Women

## CORRECTION IN LOVE

**Jonah 1:17** Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

**Reflection:** Jonah calls out to the LORD and has a change in course. I just had a conversation with a parent at my job a week ago regarding parenting and discipline. Parents today seem to be afraid to discipline their children. Jonah called out to the LORD when the situation became uncomfortable and such is the case with us and with children. The LORD gets Jonah's attention by turning up the heat, He gets our attention by turning up the heat, and we must get the attention of our children by turning up the heat.

It seemed Jonah would have continued on this course of indifference had the consequences not been so distasteful. Children need boundaries, consequences, and discipline. One must not be afraid to level discipline that is unpleasant to the child. If the child is indifferent to the consequence, you have lost the battle and in time behaviour will only get worse.

In **Matthew 18**, Jesus established discipline for church members who are unruly and out of step with the church body. There are consequences that will be, to the believer, very serious as we read in **1 Corinthians**. Of course, if a non believer is put out of the church they already live under the domain of Satan.

**Matthew 18:15** Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

**16** But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

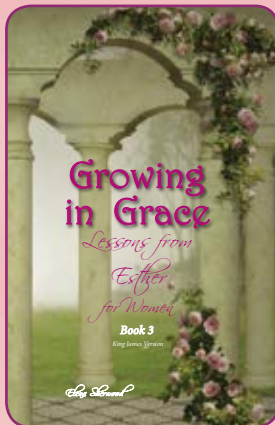
**17** And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

**1 Corinthians 5:5** To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

**Challenge:** Can you remember a time that you have been in rebellion, as a child or in school or as an adult, what was the action taken to bring correction to you? Was the consequence weak or intense? Did it do what it was intended to do? Is there a situation today that needs correction in your heart, repent! Is there a situation today that needs correction in the heart of your child? Bring discipline that will get their attention.

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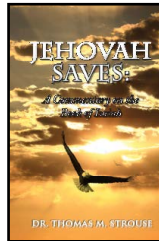
Bible Baptist Church has published the third book in its devotional series for women. If you would like to receive a complimentary copy, please contact the author, Elena Sherwood, at:

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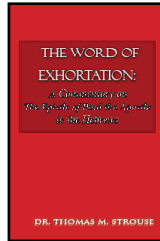
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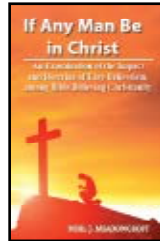
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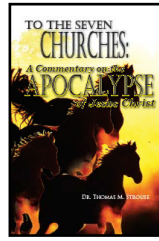
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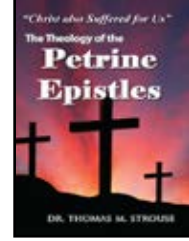
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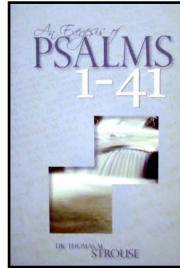
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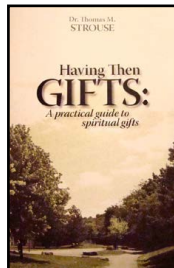
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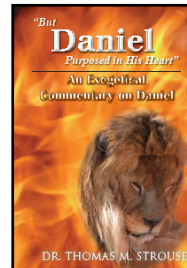
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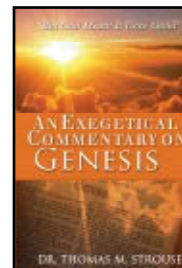
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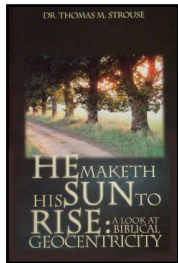
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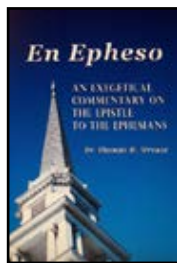
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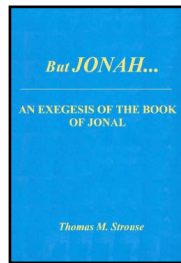
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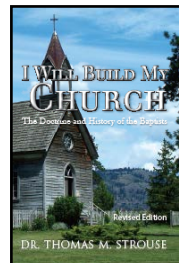
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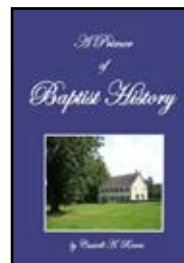
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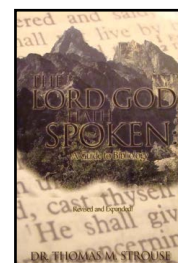
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## BBC 2019 SCHEDULE

**July 22-26**

Plymouth, NH Module  
"Minor Prophets II"

**Aug. 19-23, 2019**

Chesterton, IN Module  
"Minor Prophets II"

**Aug 28th, 2017**

BBTS Fall Semester Begins  
see page 1 for class times

**Sep. 2, 2019**

Labor Day Picnic

**Sep. 28, 2019**

Bible Baptist Church  
Nashua, NH  
Baptist Heritage Conference

**Oct. 13-16**

Willow Grove Baptist Church  
Waynesburg, PA  
Bible Conference

**Nov. 15**

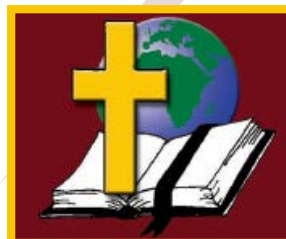
BBTS Fall Lecture Series  
Courtyard Marriott, Cromwell

**Dec. 6-8**

Bible Baptist Church  
Tenth Anniversary  
Conference

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