

# BBC UPDATE

## FELLOWSHIP



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

Recently, some of the members of Bible Baptist Church met at the house of Pastor and Mrs. Strouse for a Friday night fellowship of testimony, singing, eating, and playing games. It was an enjoyable evening for all as some reminisced about meeting in the "Strouse House" in December 2009 when Bible Baptist Church began as a chartered church plant. This year, Bible Baptist Church will celebrate, the Lord willing, her tenth anniversary as a New Testament church. We thank the Lord Jesus Christ for His direction and enablement in continuing the biblical movement of immersionist assemblies. He said, "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 alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Mt. 28:19-20).



*There was an encouraging time of singing hymns enjoyed by all.*



*A game of dominoes ended the night's festivities.*



*Pucket was a lively game that really brought out the competitive side in everyone!*



*February 8th was Bernadette Jacobson's 86th birthday, and we were able to surprise her with a cake to celebrate.*

## BREAKING THE BANK

Bible Baptist Church members had the privilege to contribute to and break open the Bamboo Bank for missionary giving to Cornerstone Baptist Church, Quezon City, Philippines. Dr. Strouse took the contribution on his trip to this church for the module on the Minor Prophets I course. He goes yearly to teach Filipino pastors various Bible Baptist Theological Seminary courses for their pastoral training. Eventually these pastors, who already have undergraduate degrees, will graduate from Bible Baptist Theological Seminary with seminary degrees. The pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church is Dr. Jed Raquintan who recently received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Bible Baptist Theological Seminary. Bible Baptist Church desires to apply the biblical injunction and pattern expressed by the Apostle Paul, saying, "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).



*Sabrina, Jack, and Hope fill up the bank in the weeks before it was opened*



*August & Bill Gagnon, and John Czako use teamwork and elbow grease to crack open the bank*

*A first look at all the money the BBC members generously donated*

## BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH 2019 LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

On April 27, 2019, 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.

Please RSVP Bible Baptist Church at [drtms\\_bbts@juno.com](mailto:drtms_bbts@juno.com).



## THE DEATH OF A SAINT



Pastor Cas Reeves

The Apostle Paul referred to his imminent death as a departure (2 Timothy 4:6). Moses recorded the death of a saint as: "...and he died..." (Genesis 5:5ff). Nevertheless, through the Psalmist David, we are told that God calls the death of a saint as "precious" (Psalm 116:15).

"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints."

Why is the death of a saint "precious" or "valuable" to God? It is precious because it is a coming home for the saint. The Bible shares with us that children are an heritage of the LORD (Psalm 127:3). That means children belong to the LORD and he lends them to us for a season. Children grow into adults and die. Throughout life they have opportunity to learn of God's gift of God's salvation from sin which causes death (Romans 6:23). This gift can give eternal life to each person who repents and receives Jesus Christ the Son of God as their Savior (John 1:12).

Jesus declared that He was the life (John 14:6; John 11:25). Therefore to all that believe in Him, they shall live in Him.

"It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:" (2 Timothy 2:11)

So, the death of a saint is precious because it is a reunion with the LORD. The Apostle Paul declared:

"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." (2 Corinthians 5:8)

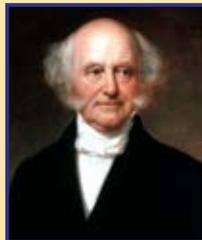
When a person is saved, there is no fear of death, because it is a departure from this life into heaven. For now, our confidence is in the truth of God's words that we may know without any doubts and that we may have eternal life. We note what God says in (1 John 5:11-13).

"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

Are you saved? Will you rejoice in your death? Jesus Christ makes death precious. -CAR

### Quotes From the Past:

**Martin  
Van Buren**  
1809-1865



8th President of the  
United States

*"May it be among the dispensations of His Providence to bless our beloved country with honors and length of days; may her ways be pleasantness, and all her paths peace."*

*"The atonement of Jesus Christ is the only remedy and rest for my soul."*

### BBTS Fall 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

*All Courses Taught by  
Dr. Thomas M. Strouse*

# GROW IN GRACE

## DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

### VICTORY

**Psalm 119:71** It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

**Reflection:** Trials: Where do they drive you?

They should drive us to the Words of God for the comfort we need. They cause us to petition our God and Father for His intervention! They strengthen us in our faith. They show us the power of the Lord. If we remain faithful, the Lord brings victory through the trials, which ultimately gives us a testimony to His greatness!

**Challenge:** While reading your Bible today, what have you learned, how has it encouraged you, strengthened you for your day?

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)



*Sophia intently focusing on playing a game at the fellowship*



*Sabrina and Jack enjoy chocolate cake after church on Sunday.*

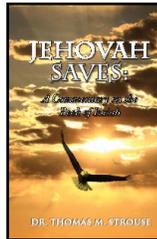


*Hope, Jack, and Sabrina helped pull out and count the money from the bank.*

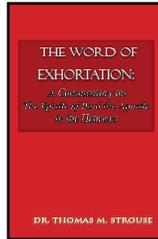
# THE BOOK CORNER

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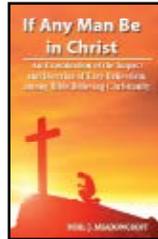
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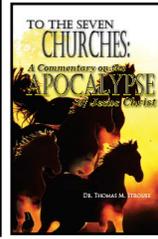
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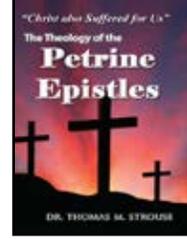
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If Any Man Be ... I & II Timothy \$20.00



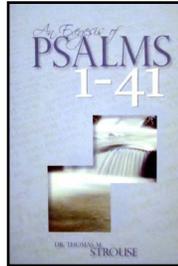
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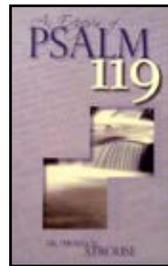
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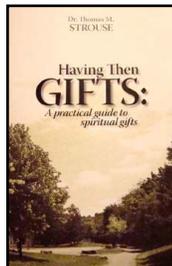
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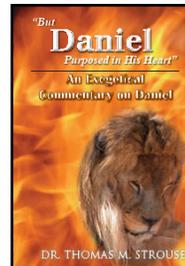
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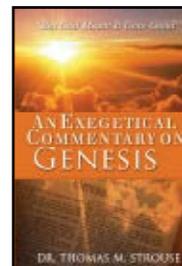
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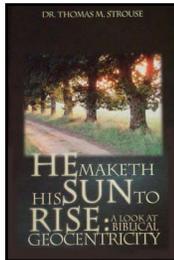
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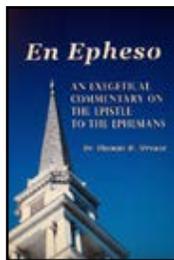
Daniel \$20.00



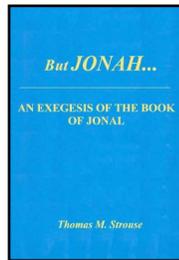
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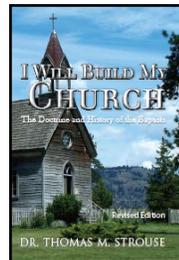
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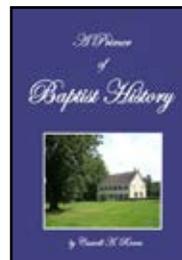
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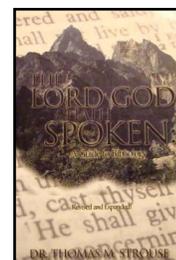
Jonah \$10.00



I Will Build My Church \$15.00



A Primer of Baptist History \$20.00



The Lord God Hath Spoken \$15.00

## BBC 2019 SCHEDULE

**January 28**

BBTS Spring semester begins

**February 18-22**

Philippine Module  
(Minor Prophets I)

**Mar. 4-8, 2019**

Endicott, NY Module  
Luke and Medical Terms

**March 23**

Galilean Baptist Church  
Baptist Heritage Conference

**April 12**

BBTS Spring Lecture Series

**April 13**

Ordination Council  
Community Baptist Church

**April 27**

Ladies' Fellowship

**May 19**

BBTS Graduation

**Oct. 13-16**

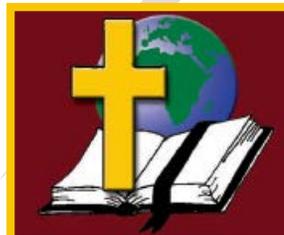
Willow Grove Baptist Church,  
Waynesburg, PA  
Bible Conference

**Dec. 6-8**

Bible Baptist Church  
Tenth Anniversary Conference

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