

BBC UPDATE

ENDICOTT, NY MODULE



During the week of March 4-8, 2019, Dr. Thomas Strouse taught the *Gospel of Luke* with emphasis on medical terms. The module was well attended, with over thirty church and staff members of Heritage Baptist Church in attendance. Pastor Dr. Cas Reeves and his wife Linda were gracious hosts for the week. Several attendees stayed in Toepke Hall which was serviced by Heritage Baptist Theological Seminary Dean Dr. Keith Main and his wife Rhonda. We thank the Lord for this prospering sister church which evidenced growth through renovation and expansion.

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

The physician Luke employed many medical terms in his written Gospel account as he gave his spiritual/theological *autopsy* (“*eye-witnesses*” [cf. Lk. 1:2]) of the God-Man Jesus of Nazareth. He gave his physician’s report (“*declaration*” [cf. Lk. 1:1]) on the parents, birth, nativity, early life, adult life, suffering, death, and resurrection of his “patient,” the precious Saviour of the world, the Lord Jesus Christ.



BAPTIST HERITAGE CONFERENCE

On March 23, 2019, Galilean Baptist Church in Stafford Springs, CT, will host her annual Baptist Heritage Conference. Pastor Stephen Hinebaugh will host the conference and has invited Dr. Thomas Strouse, pastor of Baptist Bible Church, to speak on “Baptists and Heresies.” Starting at 10 AM, Dr. Strouse will deal with successive topics “The Heretical Interpretation of Baptist History,” then at 11 AM “The Heretical Development of the Roman Catholic Church,” and concluding at 1 PM after lunch break with “The Heretical Development of the Universal Invisible Church Theory.” Those planning on attending should RSVP the host pastor and church.



Pastor Hinebaugh and family



Galilean Baptist Church

BBTS SPRING LECTURE SERIES

Spring Lecture Series

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Bible Baptist Theological Seminary presents:

The Tenth Annual Spring Lecture Series

“Baptist Polity in the Book of Acts”

The *Book of Acts* gives the historical, theological, and practical presentation of church polity for New Testament assemblies. The word “Polity” refers to the governing of an agency including leadership and policies. The Lord’s Baptist churches have received the biblical examples for church polity, including the Offices, the practice of Business Meetings, the practice of Baptism, the observance of the Lord’s Supper, the application of Church Giving, the practice of Church and Prayer Meetings, the implementation of Church Discipline, the Ordination of Elders, and the sending and supporting of missionaries for the Mission Program. Biblical churches should measure and adjust (if need be) their respective practices of polity to Scripture in order to honor the Lord and His word.

A book table will be available with pertinent books for sale. Bible Baptist Church will provide lunch for all attendees at 11:30 AM. Please RSVP with number in party to drtms_bbts@juno.com.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019, AT THE MARRIOTT IN CROMWELL, CT
FROM 9AM-3PM



Above and Below: Sabrina and Landon help the men set up the auditorium after the Sunday luncheon



Above: Sophia and Landon enjoy one of the beautiful Sunday afternoons after church.



Ryan celebrates his 30th birthday!



Right: Karen Williams samples some of the many delicious desserts available after the Sunday meal each week.



ALL HAVE SINNED

"FOR ALL HAVE SINNED, AND COME SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD."

ROMANS 3:23



Pastor Cas Reeves

There is no question about it - we've all sinned, and we all know it. Some may not want to acknowledge that they have sinned, but we know better. Each of us have recognized from time to time our shortcomings and our failures when it comes to keeping God's commandments. And that is what sin is. Sin is missing the mark or the goal that God has given to us. The Ten Commandments of Exodus chapter twenty, like a road sign, tell us that we are breaking the Law of God and missing the mark, which He has given to us. "There is none that doeth good, no not one" (Romans 3:12).

The problem is - when we think of being a sinner, we like to compare ourselves to other fallible and sinful men. We can always find someone who is a greater sinner than ourselves. By comparing ourselves to the greater sinner, we are able somehow to justify ourselves as not being too bad. It makes us feel better and soothes the harsh reality of sin. The Bible tells us, "There are many devises in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand" (Proverbs 19:21). God says, we are sinners, and that is the truth. "Every way of man is right in his own eyes: but the Lord pondereth the hearts" (Proverbs 21:2). No matter how we sugar coat our sin, we know the Lord still knows the truth and reality of our hearts.

Now, rather than comparing ourselves to other sinful men, let us compare ourselves to God. Let us receive the truth of God that we have "...come short of the glory of God." That's right, we have come short of God's glory, not the glory of another sinful man. It is the devil, and not God, who would have us compare ourselves wrongly with other fallible men. The devil does this because he abides "not in the truth, [and] because there is no truth in him" (John 8:44). Remember, what he did to Eve in the garden? Do not fall into the same trap! God will only help those which recognize and confess their sinful condition. Sinful man must acknowledge the warning of God in order to receive the mercy of God, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).-CAR

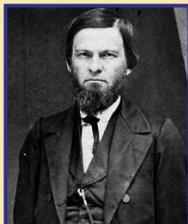
Quotes From the Past:

John

Broadus

1827-1895

19th Century
Baptist
Preacher in the
United States



"An unthankful and complaining spirit is an abiding sin against God, and a cause of almost continual unhappiness;"

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

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

GROW IN GRACE

DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

WHO IS WATCHING?

Read Ruth 1

Ruth 1:1 “Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land...”

Reflection: *Have you noticed that often times the Lord tests the faith of His people in trials? There have been many famines in our Biblical history and perhaps in our future. How would you handle it? Do you try to escape trials? Often times that can make matters worse.*

Naomi's husband tried to escape his problems but after he passed, Naomi decided to return to the land of the LORD and His people. Did her family have a positive influence on her daughters-in-law? Orpah decided to stay with the ways of the pagans and their false gods but Ruth, on the other hand, seemed to have put her faith in the God of Naomi. .

Ruth 1:14 And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.

Ruth 1:15 And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law.

Ruth 1:16 And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:

The unsaved are watching the choices we make, the things we do, and the things we say. But who else is watching: Our children are watching, new converts are watching, our extended families are watching. Will your testimony and decisions bring others closer to the Lord or away from Him? Will your choices be an example of godly living?

Is it possible that Elimelech the patriarch of this family, by his choice to move, affected the spiritual condition of his family? Maybe Orpah would not have been drawn into the paganism of this land to follow after false gods. Perhaps the two sons would have led their families in the ways of the LORD.

Challenge: *What can you identify with in this account? Are you more like Orpah or Ruth? Are you allured by the world and its shiny temptations or are you faithfully walking in the ways of the Lord? Will you pray and trust Him with your circumstances?*

Is there someone in your life that sets a godly example for you to follow? Today, let them know, it will be an encouragement to them!

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

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.

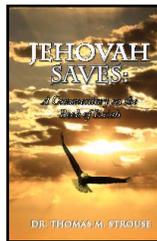
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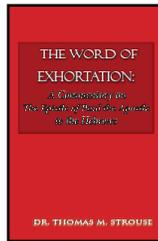
THE BOOK CORNER

These Books may be purchased through Bible Baptist Church: 40 Country Squire Rd. Cromwell, CT 06416 860-229-5387

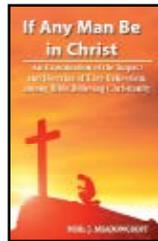
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Isaiah \$20.00



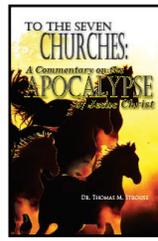
Hebrews \$30.00



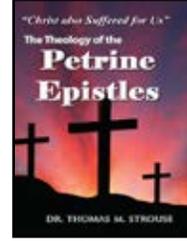
If Any Man Be ... \$10.00



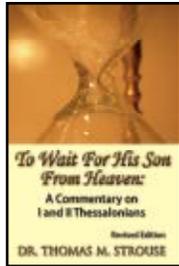
I & II Timothy \$20.00



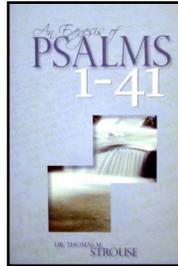
Revelation \$30.00



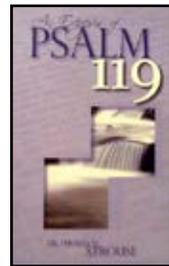
Peter \$20.00



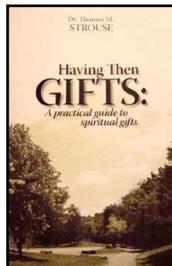
I & II Thessalonians \$20.00



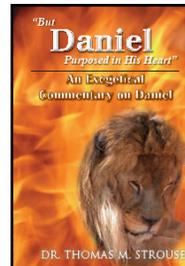
Psalms 1 - 41 \$20.00



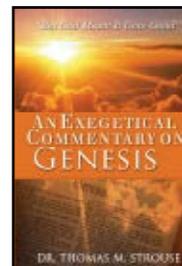
Psalm 119 \$20.00



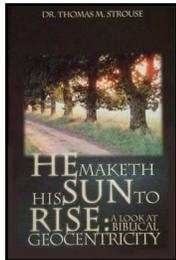
Spiritual Gifts \$8.00



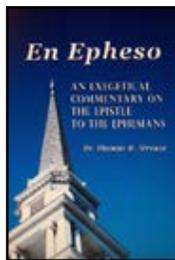
Daniel \$20.00



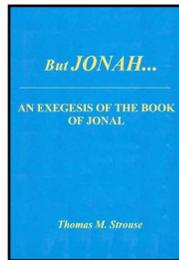
Genesis \$20



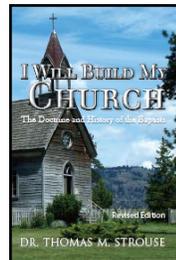
Geocentricity \$10.00



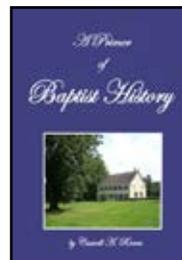
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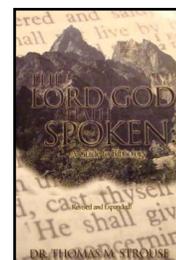
Jonah \$10.00



I Will Build My Church \$15.00



A Primer of Baptist History \$20.00



The Lord God Hath Spoken \$15.00

The Book Corner

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BBC 2019 Schedule

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March 23
Galilean Baptist Church
Baptist Heritage Conference

April 12
BBTS Spring Lecture Series
"Baptist Polity in Acts"

April 13
Ordination Council
Community Baptist Church

April 27
Ladies' Fellowship

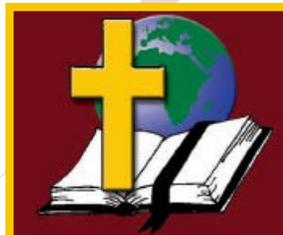
May 19
BBTS Graduation

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

Dec. 6-8
Bible Baptist Church
Tenth Anniversary
Conference

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