

# BBC UPDATE

## BBTS FALL 2019 LECTURE SERIES



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

On Friday, November 15, 2019, Bible Baptist Church hosted the tenth Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Fall Lecture Series dealing with the Epistle of James. Dr. Thomas Strouse and Mr. M. Ryan Strouse presented introductory, contextual, and expositional content about the person of the Apostle James and the Epistle of James. Over seventy church members and guests from nine different Baptist churches were in attendance throughout the day. The event was held in the beautiful Nutmeg room of Courtyard Marriott with a delicious luncheon at the Bible Baptist Church building in Cromwell. The essays are available on [www.bbc-cromwell.org](http://www.bbc-cromwell.org). Many of the members of Bible Baptist Church helped make the Lecture Series a blessing to all, as many attendees attested.



*Above: several of the pastors that attended the Lecture Series*

*Below: Over 70 attendees listen to the teaching on the book of James*



*Mr. M. Ryan Strouse*



*Dr. T. M. Strouse*



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## BBTS LECTURE SERIES PHOTOS

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BBC 10th Anniversary



*Above: Ms. Bobbie Chakraborty at the book table*

*Right: The delicious luncheon in between sessions was enjoyed by all.*



## BBC TENTH ANNIVERSARY

On the weekend of December 7-8, 2019, Bible Baptist Church is anticipating the Tenth Anniversary of her 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. On Saturday, Dec. 7, between 1 PM and 5 PM, keynote speakers for the weekend including Pastor Jerry Akers, Pastor Scott Blair, Dr. Cas Reeves, and Pastor Thomas Strouse will challenge Bible Baptist Church about her past, present, and prospect. At 6 PM BBC will host a sumptuous buffet banquet at the vast Rose Garden Room in Baci Grill, about a half a mile from the church. After the dinner, former and current church members will give testimony about their involvement in Bible Baptist Church, and special music from members and friends will be interspersed throughout the evening. A Power-Point show of the pictorial history of Bible Baptist Church will be presented as well. Of course all former and current Bible Baptist Church members are invited to attend the weekend activities. If you are a former member and cannot attend, you are invited to send a note of encouragement and/or testimony for the church to read. Please give name and number of party if you do plan on attending ASAP. See page 3 for a detailed schedule of the weekend's events.



BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

10th Anniversary Weekend

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

- 1:00-1:45 PM Introduction and Challenge: Dr. Thomas M. Strouse
- 1:45-2:00 PM *Special Music*
- 2:00-2:45 PM Preaching Challenge - Pastor Scott Blair
- 2:45-3:00 PM *Special Music*
- 3:00-3:45 PM Preaching Challenge - Dr. Cas Reeves
- 3:45-4:00 PM *Special Music*
- 4:00-4:45 PM Preaching Challenge - Pastor Jerry Akers
- 4:45-5:15 PM Fellowship

*\* No Nursery \**

**BACI GRILL**

Rose Garden Room  
134 Berlin Rd., Cromwell, CT

**6:00-10:00 PM**

Dinner . Special Music . Testimonies

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

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|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 10:00-10:45 AM | Sunday School     | Pastor Scott Blair |
| 11:00-11:45 AM | Preaching Service | Pastor Jerry Akers |
| 12:00- 1:30 PM | Lunch             |                    |
| 1:30 - 2:30 PM | Preaching Service | Mr. Ryan Strouse   |

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 15, 2019

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Pastor Cas Reeves

## GOOD QUALITIES IN CHURCH MEMBERS

*"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another."*

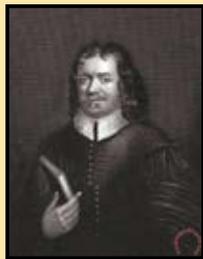
*Romans 15:13-14*

As Paul addresses the New Testament church that was in Rome, he reveals his desire that they be filled with all joy and peace in believing, abounding in hope through the strength of the Holy Ghost. He then mentions three qualities that he confidently recognized in the church's membership. The first was the quality of that they were full or bulging with goodness. The members of this church were full of good or virtuous things; in other words, they had many virtues that were a benefit for numbers of people.

Paul continues to reveal these good qualities, which were possessed by the church members at Rome. Secondly, He points out that they were being filled or bursting with all knowledge. This knowledge is a continual learning of the facts of truth from the scripture. This is a quality that all Christians should have, a teachable spirit that is always open to the truths of Scripture.

Finally, Paul reveals the last quality: They were also able to admonish one another. Now, admonishment speaks of instruction. It implies discernment and some times employs a gentle rebuke. For admonishment to be successful it should be noted that it follows the two other qualities of being full of goodness and knowledgeable of the truths of God's words. Truly, these are three qualities that all church members should desire and attempt to build in their life. Certainly this would add to the quality of the Lord's New Testament local churches. –CAR

### Quotes From the Past:



**Daniel Webster**  
1782-1852

Early American  
Political Leader

*"When tillage begins, other arts follow.  
The farmers, therefore,  
are the founders of human civilization."*

## GROW IN GRACE DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

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Devotional for Women

### OFFERINGS THAT PLEASE THE LORD

**Genesis 4:3** And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

**4** And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

**5** But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

**Reflection:** We come to **Genesis 4** and read about Cain and Abel's offering. Each offering brought forth had a consequence. Abel's offering, which pictures the salvation provision made for us by the Lord Jesus Christ, is approved by the Lord. But the fruit that Cain brought forth was disapproved.

What do these verses teach us about our sovereign LORD? Is it then possible that the things that we do, say, and think are not approved? Didn't Cain have good intentions? Wasn't he doing the best he could with what he had? No...Cain was in disobedience.

**Proverbs 14:12** There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

**It is only by the LORD's grace, great mercy, and compassion that we are not consumed but the Lord does want things done His way and we must learn and know the difference.**

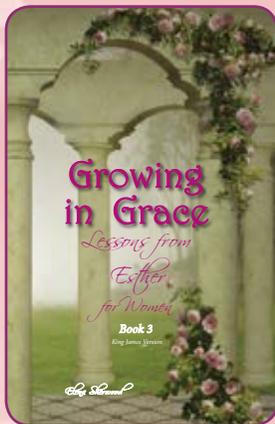
**Lamentations 3:22** It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

**23** They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

**Challenge:** Can we blame the LORD when He does not approve what we do? What we say? How we worship? What are you trying to justify in your own mind that conflicts with what the LORD has said in His Word? Is His Word the standard by which you measure all things?

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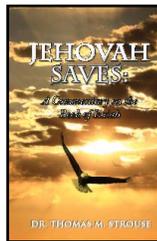


Bible Baptist Church has published the third book in its devotional series for women. If you would like to receive a complimentary copy, please contact the author, Elena Sherwood, at:  
[Elenas6259@gmail.com](mailto:Elenas6259@gmail.com).

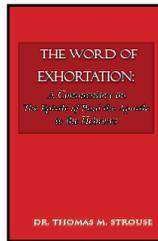
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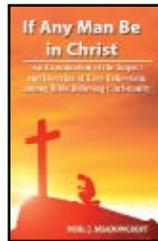
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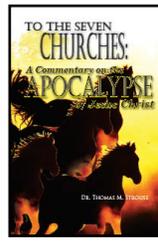
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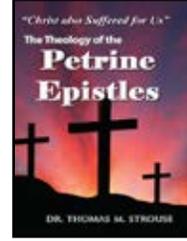
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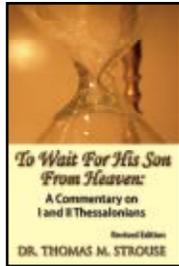
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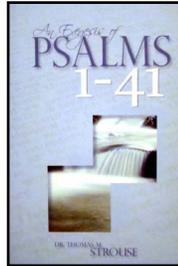
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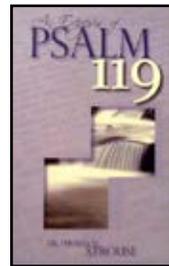
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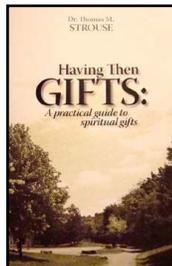
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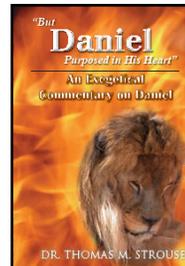
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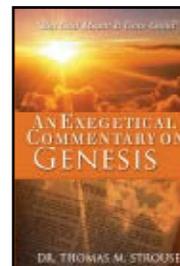
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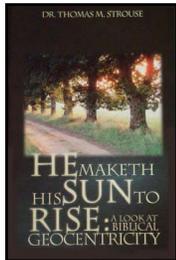
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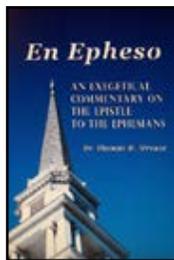
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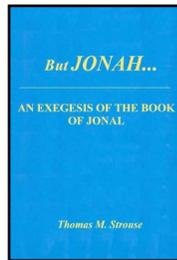
Genesis \$20



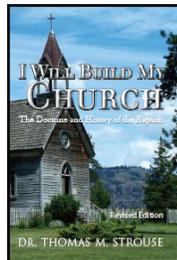
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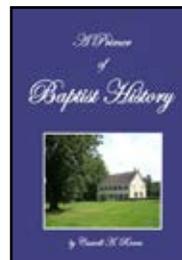
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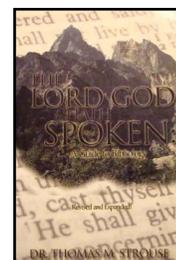
Jonah \$10.00



I Will Build My Church \$15.00



A Primer of Baptist History \$20.00



The Lord God Hath Spoken \$15.00

## BBC 2019/2020 SCHEDULE

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

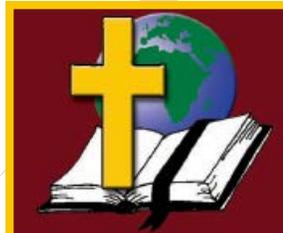
**Jan. 6-10**  
Dublin Module

**Feb. 10-14**  
Dubai Module

**Jun. 3-7**  
Quezon City

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