



# BBC UPDATE

## ENDICOTT, NY MODULE



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

During the week of March 9-13, 2020, the Lord blessed with about forty-five students and seminarians in the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Module on Genesis taught by Dr. Thomas Strouse. Men came from Colorado, Connecticut, Indiana, and Pennsylvania to join the church members and seminarians at Heritage Baptist Church for required graduation courses. Good friends Dr. Cas Reeves was the host pastor and Dr. Keith Main oversaw the seminary program. Their wives, Mrs. Linda Reeves and Mrs. Rhonda Main were a great blessing to all including Mrs. Jan Strouse. Heritage Baptist Church and Bible Baptist Church are sister churches working together through their respective seminaries to train men for the Lord's work including missionary church planting.



Although the prophet of old predicted a spiritual dearth, saying, "*Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD*" (Amos 8:11), it is encouraging to see that in this darkened world there is a believing remnant that desires to understand the truth of Scripture.

## SPRING LECTURE SERIES

On April 17, 2020, Bible Baptist Church will host the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Spring Lecture Series at Marriot Courtyard in Cromwell, CT from 9AM to 3 PM with a luncheon at 11:30 AM-1:00 PM. A book table will be available with books authored by Bible-believing writers including the excellent work by Dr. Noel Meadowcroft entitled *If Any Man be in Christ*. If you are planning on attending, please give name and number and RSVP by April 1, 2020. The Lecture Presentation, entitled:

### ***"I Will Joy in the God of my Salvation"***

#### **BIBLICAL SOTERIOLOGY,**

will be an effort to instruct and encourage believers in a wicked and chaotic world about the blessing of salvation and the need to rejoice in the Saviour.

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An Excerpt:

"About 606 BC, the prophet Habakkuk watched the surrounding nations of Judah fall to the growing threat of the Babylonian army. He recognized that Judah was in the ferocious and brutal swath of King Nebuchadnezzar, knowing that the wicked Judean kings since Josiah were feckless to stop the advance, albeit his people were ripe for judgment. The prophet asked about two problematic situations, namely querying about the unpunished injustice of wicked Judah and about the incredulous employment of the Babylonians to judge the Southern Kingdom. Although Isaiah had predicted the ascension of Babylon and her coming atrocities toward all nations (Isa. 40-66), Habakkuk was dumbfounded that Jehovah would use them to punish His chosen people. The LORD's succinct answer to His prophet was "*the just shall live by his faith*" (Hab. 2:4; cf. also Rom. 1:17, Gal. 3:11, and Heb. 10:38). Finally, in his Book, the prophet penned a musical prayer to the chief singer (Hab. 3:1, 19) about his glorious and powerful Marching Warrior and His past victories. Then the poetic prophet concluded with the present realization of the prophecy of the Babylonian advance, recognizing the ultimate destructive devastation of the land, saying, "*Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls*" (Hab. 3:17). His people, country, city, and Temple were about to be decimated (ultimately in 586 BC). In effect, Habakkuk bemoaned that his whole world was ready to collapse! Nevertheless, he could say, as one living by faith (Hab. 2:4), "*Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation*" (Hab. 3:18)."



Pastor Cas Reeves

## HEAR A TRUTH

*"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. Galatians 6:7-8*

Hear one of the great truths of the Bible. Our text today reveals that truth. It is a truth that all men need reminding of, especially those of the household of faith. It is a truth easy forgotten for one reason or another, but one extremely vital to our Christian life.

As God's children we are command not to be deceived. The exhortation may even imply that we are to stop being deceived. The Greek word for deceived shares the thought of err, or being seduced, or wandering from, as to stray from truth or what is right to do. Certainly we all know that when a Christian strays from truth or a right walk his actions mock his God. Yet we are told God is not mocked; thus, we basically learn that when we stray we mostly hurt ourselves. So we need to stop straying or being deceived.

As well, we are reminded of a great truth: "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." This is a great truth, which we all need reminding of, lest we stray away from it. We are also given an explanation: if we sow in the flesh we shall reap in the flesh, but if we sow in the Spirit we shall reap in the Spirit. Thus, we need to be attentive to what we are sowing. Therefore let us sow the truths of God's words throughout our life and reap the blessing of God throughout our life everlasting. -CAR

## Quotes From the Past:

**Desiderius Erasmus**  
**Roterodamus**  
**1466-1536**

Dutch Renaissance Theologian



*"No one respects  
a talent that is  
concealed."*

## GROW IN GRACE DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

Grow In Grace

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BBTS Spring Semester Schedule

### HEALTHY FEAR

**Deuteronomy 6:1** Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it:

**2** That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

**3** Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

**Reflection:** Moses, a prominent prophet in the Old Testament, gave the nation of Israel this message which was delivered on behalf of the LORD. It would be much like our Pastor today who delivers God's

Word in the church. After the LORD delivers the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the Israelites embark on a journey that should have taken 11 days. Numbers 32:13 tells us how long this journey took and why it took so long: **Numbers 32:13** And the LORD'S anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of the LORD, was consumed.

Did this people demonstrate a healthy fear of the LORD?

**Challenge:** Through faith in Christ, today believers should demonstrate the fear of the LORD in our own hearts and it should drive our thoughts, speech, and actions. What we believe about who the LORD is, will drive who we are and choices we make. There are consequences when disregarding, dismissing, disrespecting, and rebelling against the LORD. Examine your own heart, do you fear the LORD?



*Sabrina reading to Jack and Landon in between services on Sunday*

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### BBTS SPRING SEMESTER SCHEDULE

STARTING JANUARY 27, 2020

**MONDAY** ~ 9 AM to Noon  
Ezekiel with Dr. Strouse

**TUESDAY** ~ 6-9 PM  
Ezekiel with Dr. Strouse

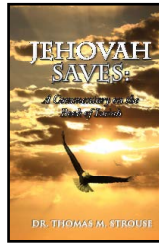
**THURSDAY** ~ 6-9 PM  
Malachi with Prof. Skorupski



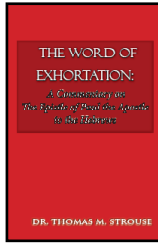
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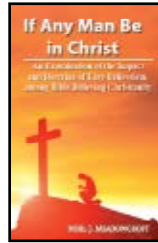
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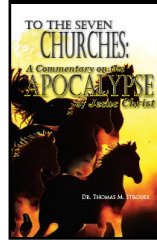
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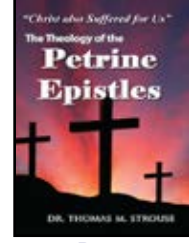
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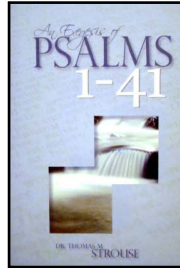
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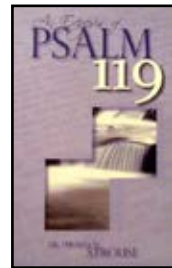
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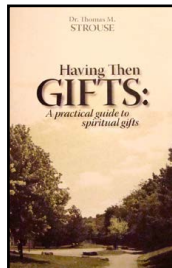
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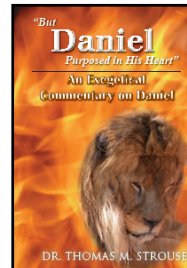
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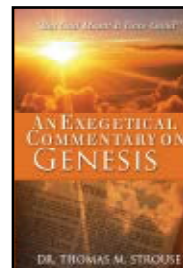
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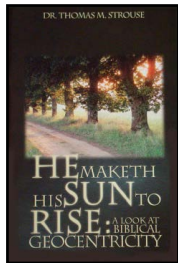
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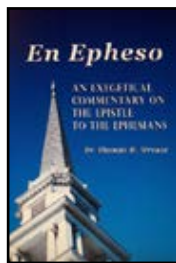
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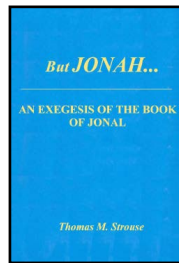
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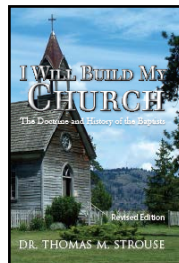
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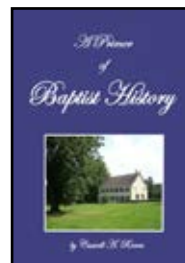
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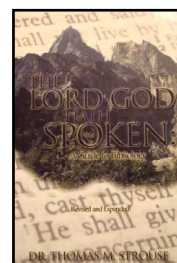
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## BBC 2020 SCHEDULE

**April 17**

BBTS Spring Lecture Series

**May 17**

BBTS Graduation

**May 30**

Gagnon-Reeves Wedding

**June 8-12**

Quakertown, PA  
"Eschatology"

**June 22-26**

Quezon City  
"Ecclesiastes"

**July 20-24**

Plymouth, NH  
"The History of the English Bible"

**August 24-28**

Fairhaven Baptist Church  
"Minor Prophets"

**September 7**

Labor Day Cookout  
Strouse House

**September 14-18**

BBC of Nashua, NH  
"Bibliology"

**October 6-17**

Israel Tour

**October 25-28**

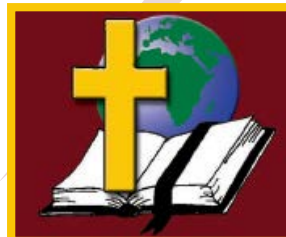
Willow Grove Baptist Church  
"Timeless Truths Bible Conference"

**November 13**

BBTS Fall Lecture Series

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