

# BBC UPDATE

## BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH LABOR DAY COOKOUT



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

Although rain and thunderstorms were in the forecast, the Lord withheld the heavy rain and blessed the day of the Bible Baptist Church/Bible Baptist Theological Seminary cookout. About seventy attendees from six different sister churches enjoyed the occasional sunshine, food, fellowship, and testimonies. We are thankful for the unity Bible Baptist Church

has with other churches as well as within her assembly. Dr. Cas Reeves, pastor of Heritage Baptist Church, brought the finished BBTS dissertation of Dr. Jed Raquintan, pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church, Quezon City, Philippines for the final signatures of the Dean and Registrar, Dr. Strouse and Prof. Skorupski, respectively. Dr. Reeves will be delivering the dissertation when he teaches a module at Cornerstone Baptist Church later in September.



Above: Pastor gave a small message.  
Right and Below: Many enjoyed games of volleyball and croquet in between short bursts of rain.



Above: Darrell Nelson led the group in song.  
Below: Several children enjoyed playing outside, even in the rain.



Above: Tommy Thompson, Pastor Bates, and Darrell Nelson (above) and Jazmine Johnson, Kirsten Gagnon, and Stephanie Bates (left) enjoy sweet fellowship.



## BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

### TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

BBC Anniversary

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BBTS Lecture Series

On the weekend of December 7-8, 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. On Saturday, Dec. 7, between 1 PM and 4 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. After the dinner at 6 PM, church members will give testimony about their involvement in BBC. Please make plans for this Christ-honoring weekend as details unfold.

## BBTS 2019 LECTURE SERIES

### *"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 THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY BEGAN

<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





## PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11*

The Blessed Hope Passage of the Bible: it is from this passage we find a comforting hope in the future. Here the Believer learns about the “rapture” of the living saints and the glorious resurrection of the departed loved ones who were saved and died before the second coming of Christ. It is a shame that some would take this joyous hope from Christians by teaching a post-tribulation position – teaching that the rapture doesn’t take place until after the great tribulation period. Do you know why you believe in a Pre- Tribulation Rapture?

Let me share with you several reasons why the “rapture” is a pre-tribulation event:

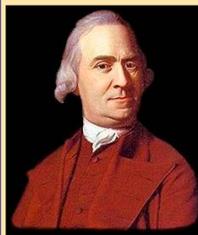
- 1) Because a pre-tribulation rapture is comforting as opposed to a post-tribulation rapture (v.18).
- 2) Because a post-tribulation rapture doesn’t fit with the fact that N.T. Believers are “not appointed to wrath” (v.5:11).
- 3) Because, to hold to a post-tribulation rapture, you must allegorize that Israel and the church are the same. A plain or literal or normal interpretation of Scripture won’t allow for confusing of Israel and the church.
- 4) Because events spoken of in Matthew chapter twenty four, are events relating to Israel and not to the church as the post-tribulation rapture position asserts.

Christian, you should understand and know what you believe. Don’t let anyone steal your joy and hope through teaching things which can not hold up to the scrutiny of ‘literal’ interpretation. The old prophet Isaiah said it clearly, “For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little” (Isaiah 28:10). You must recognize and trust that “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). -CAR



Dr. Keith Main, Pastor Cas Reeves, Professor Jeff Skorupski, and Pastor Strouse sign the final copy of Dr. Raquintan’s dissertation.

### Quotes From the Past:



**Samuel Adams**  
1722-1803

Founding Father of  
the United States

*“He who made all men  
hath made the truths  
necessary to human  
happiness obvious to all.”*



Pastor and Mrs. Bates enjoyed a relaxing time around the fire at the Labor Day Cookout.

# GROW IN GRACE

## DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

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#### **Read: Jonah 3**

**Jonah 3:1** And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying,

**2** Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.

**Reflection:** What a merciful and longsuffering Father we have that He would give Jonah a second chance and speaks to Jonah a second time! Think about it, before creation, He always existed...He doesn't need us...and yet He loves us and desires to invite us to co-labour with Him in the things of God. Do you see it as an honor?

We read in **1 Corinthians** what Paul says to the church in Corinth regarding working together to accomplish the things of God:

**1 Corinthians 3:6** I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

**7** So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

**8** Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

**9** For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

**10** According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

Are you working together in your local church? Do you see yourself as part of a body striving to bring the Lord glory together? Have you been taught that each member in the local church has one gift and has been uniquely chosen, by the Lord, to be part of that body?

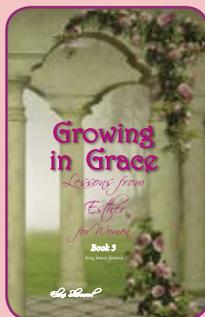
**Challenge:** How many chances has the Lord given you as the temptations of the day pull you away repeatedly? He is a God of second chances and so must we show this compassion and longsuffering toward others.

Thank the Lord for His grace and mercy, which we do not deserve! Are you co-labouring with Him? What has He bid you to do?

If you would like to receive Grow in Grace morning devotions emailed to you Monday through Friday, please send an email to:

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### GROWING IN GRACE: DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN ON BOOK OF ESTHER

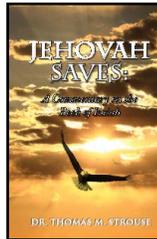


Bible Baptist Church has published the third book in its devotional series for women. If you would like to receive a complimentary copy, please contact the author, Elena Sherwood, at: [Elenas6259@gmail.com](mailto:Elenas6259@gmail.com).

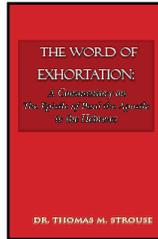
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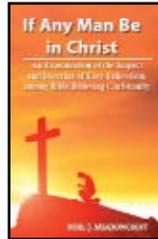
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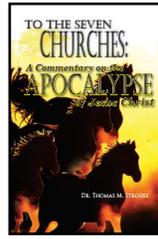
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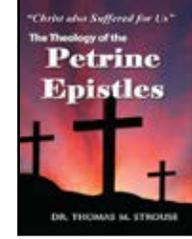
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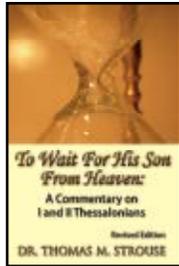
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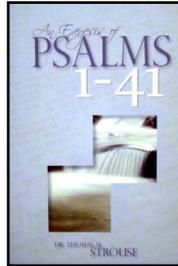
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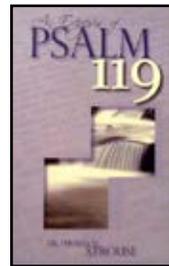
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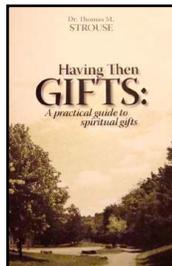
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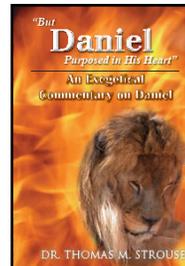
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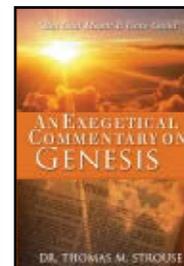
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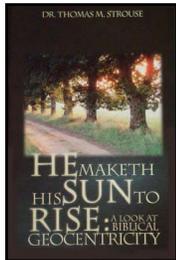
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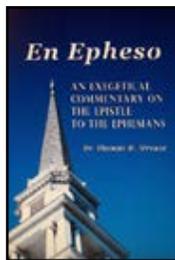
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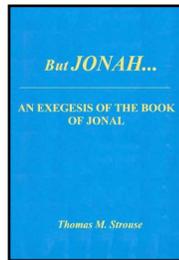
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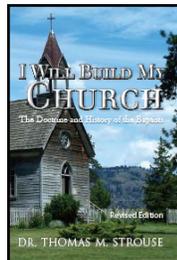
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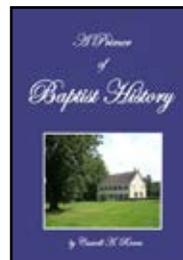
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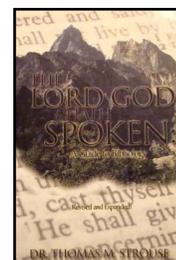
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The Lord God Hath Spoken \$15.00

## BBC 2019 SCHEDULE

**Sep. 28, 2019**  
Bible Baptist Church  
Nashua, NH  
Baptist Heritage Conference

**Nov. 15**  
BBTS Fall Lecture Series  
Book of James  
Courtyard Marriott, Cromwell

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

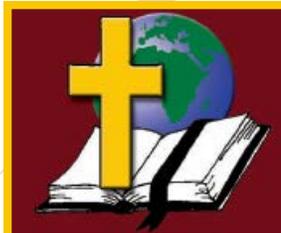
**Dec. 6-8**  
Bible Baptist Church  
Tenth Anniversary  
Conference



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