



# BBC UPDATE

## BBC Annual Banquet

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse



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On December 18, 2016, Bible Baptist Church held its Annual Banquet commemorating the starting of the church. Bible Baptist Church began on Dec. 4, 2009 as a church plant in Cromwell, CT, with twenty-seven Baptists covenanting before the Lord to establish a Great Commission assembly (Mt. 28:19-20). The Charter members signed the church charter which included the doctrinal statement and purpose of Bible Baptist Church. The Lord has blessed Bible Baptist Church through these seven years of existence with many spiritual, physical, and financial blessings. Following the Annual Banquet, the members participated in a gift exchange.



*The BBC Children's Choir*



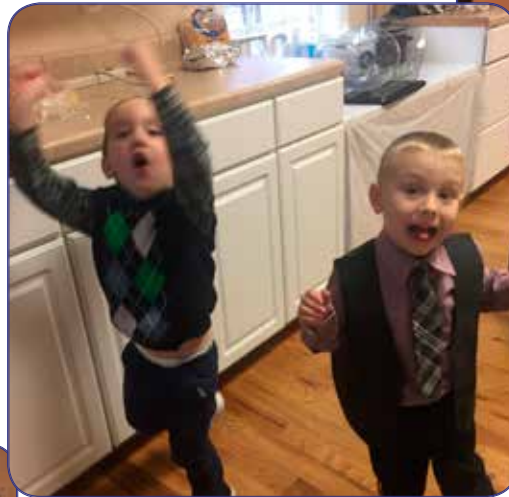
# ANNUAL BANQUET

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Annual Banquet

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## LAWRENCE VISIT

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Pastor and Mrs. Jim Lawrence visited Bible Baptist Church on the weekend of January 1, 2017 and presented their ministry to the Mormons in Utah. Pastor Jim received his MDiv degree from BBTS as he and Kathy were faithful church members of Bible Baptist Church. He was ordained and they were sent out to reach the cult of Latter Day Saints. The Lord blessed as these dear friends and former members re-acquainted with Bible Baptist Church over the weekend.



>>Bro. Jim Lawrence preached a message from 1 Corinthians



<<Mrs. Harding, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pastor and Mrs. Strouse



<<The Lawrences and Rossignol Family

>> Mrs. Lilia Harding and Lawrences



## NELSON~SLAUGHTER WEDDING

On January 7, 2017 at 2 PM, Mr. Darrell Nelson will give away his daughter Serena Marie Nelson to Corporal David Louis Slaughter in marriage. This will be the first wedding of a member of Bible Baptist Church with Pastor Thomas Strouse presiding on location in Ashford, CT. The couple will re-locate to California after the wedding. Pray for this godly couple.





Dr. Caswell A. Reeves

## WARNING TO THE RICH

The Bible teaches that God makes both the rich and the poor. In the book of James in verses 1-6 the rich are warned severely regarding their behavior. God says they are to weep and howl for their judgment is coming. God reveals that their riches are corrupt, their garments are moth-eaten, their money is cankered and stands as a witness against them. They have heaped treasures of judgment against themselves for the last days (vv.2-3).

They are warned to perceive their bad ways: defrauding their labourers of their wages, of whom the Lord of heaven's armies has heard their cries. Judgment is coming! They are to perceive they have lived in pleasure without want and nourished their hearts as the victors in slaughter. They are charged with having condemned and killed the just who resisted not (vv.4-6).

What God wants the rich to know is that they are accountable to Him. In the wisdom literature of the Bible in the book of Proverbs the LORD gives great insights for those who are blessed to be rich; thus the rich are to consider:

Prov:22:1: A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.

Prov:22:2: The rich and poor meet together: the LORD is the maker of them all.

Prov:22:16: He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want.

Prov:23:4: Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.

Prov:27:24: For riches are not for ever:

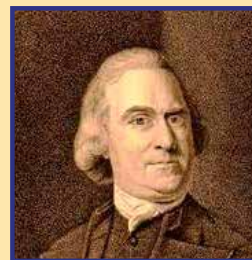
Prov:28:22: He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.

The rich need to remember that God is the source of their blessing. He rewards good labor even unto several generations of a family. He does not pit the rich against the poor or the poor against the rich, but rather asks of both mutual respect one for the other. *He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he. Do they not err that devise evil? but mercy and truth shall be to them that devise good* (Proverbs 14:21-22). -CAR

### Quotes From the Past:

### Samuel Adams

Early American Founding Father  
1722-1803



Samuel Adams

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

## *Grow in Grace for Women*

**Matthew 4:9-10** And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

**Reflection:** Satan is a deceiver. His deception is subtle. He desires you to worship him, as his desire is to steal God's glory. What are some ways that he accomplishes this in our culture today?

It is the Lord's will for His people to worship Him in the Church services. Consider these verses:

**Ephesians 5:19** Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

**Hebrews 10:25** Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another]: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

**Matthew 18:20** For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

**Romans 10:17** So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

These verses are all in the context of local church attendance. Is it possible that each time you are not in attendance the devil has accomplished his mission in your life?

**Is it hard at times:** Yes. **Is it a challenge at times:** Yes. But that is why the Bible calls it a **Battle**. Lack of church attendance reflects the health and vitality in each of the Lord's churches. When **you stand** before Him at the Bema judgment seat how will you explain your absence?

**Ephesians 3:21** Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

**Challenge:** Are you engaged in and winning this battle? Are you arranging your schedule with the primary importance of church attendance? Do you think the Lord will bless this effort? If you are struggling with your church attendance speak with your Pastor and sisters in Christ so they can support you to accomplish the Lord's will.



# MRS. DOROTHY VASSAR

Mrs. Dorothy Vassar

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Gujjarlapudi Family



Mrs. Dorothy Vassar entered into the Heavenly Jerusalem on December 15, 2016 after a short bout with illness. Mrs. Vassar was the first pianist for Bible Baptist Church, as she and her husband Mr. Bill Vassar became charter members. We thank the Lord for her godly testimony and Christian demeanor as she and her husband of 75 years of marriage were faithful members and supporters of the assembly. We grieve her passing and comfort her husband Bill, while we recognize the Lord's perspective: "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints" (Ps. 116:15). The funeral service will be at 10:00 AM in the Doolittle Funeral Home in Cromwell, CT, on Saturday January 7, 2017, with a gravesite service following.



*Vassars and Strouse Family*



*Vassars and Davidsons*



*Vassars Singing at 75th anniversary service*



*Vassars and Kwons*



*Mrs. Vassar playing piano at the newly planted BBC*



*Vassars and Rossignols*

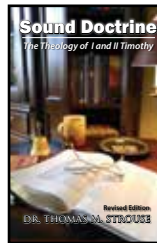
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gujjarlapudi, former members of BBC now back in India.



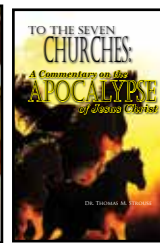
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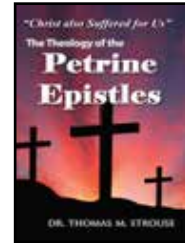
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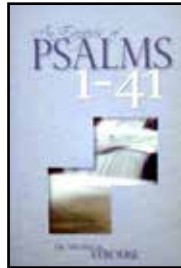
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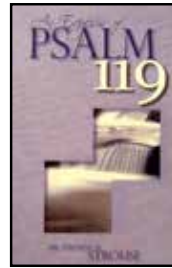
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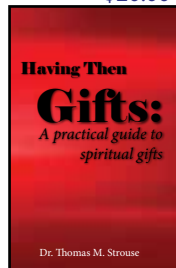
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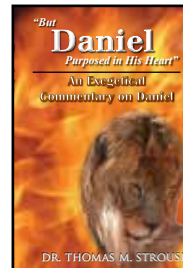
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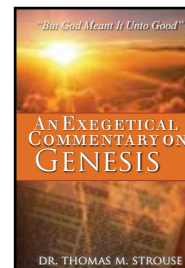
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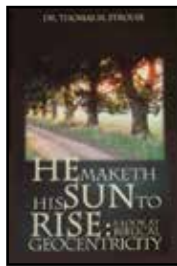
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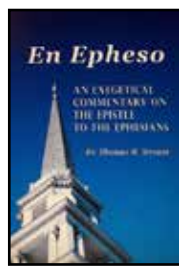
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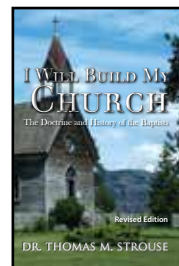
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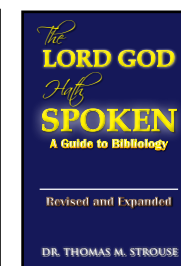
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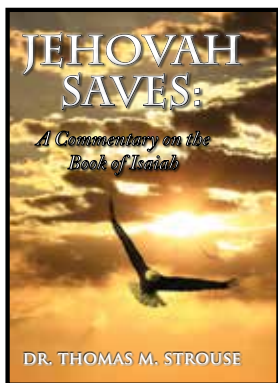
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A Primer of Baptist History \$20.00



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## NEW BOOK: JEHOVAH SAVES: A COMMENTARY ON THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

The new book by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse entitled *Jehovah Saves: A Commentary on the Book of Isaiah* is available for purchase. The book is an effort to exegete the contents of all sixty-six chapters of Isaiah, resulting in 508 pages of commentary with 746 footnotes chocked full of word studies, grammatical explanations, and theological teachings. It reflects over forty years of study, research, and reflection from the author. Available now! \$30.00

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