



BBC UPDATE

Mrs. Lilia Harding's Home-going Service

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse



Mrs. Lilia Harding

On Monday, March 13, 2017, the family and friends of Mrs. Lilia Harding along members of her church, Bible Baptist Church, celebrated her heavenly home-going. The 10 AM funeral service was held at Central Baptist Church in Southington, CT, with burial at Oak Hill Cemetery. The family gave testimony, the congregation sang songs, and her pastor, Dr. Thomas M. Strouse gave the eulogy and salvation message. Afterward the attendees were invited to her son-in-law's Lola's Bistro for the reception. Dr. Strouse's eulogy of this repentant sinner's saved life included the following:

- *She was a good wife and mother and loved her family, raising three wonderful children.
- *She was unselfish in her dedicated service to others.

- ***As her Pastor**, I appreciated her Christian commitment, spiritual gift of service, interest in hearing the Bible, doing God's will, and the fact that she was a great prayer warrior always wanting to pray for others.
- *We met her in 2000 when we first came to CT. We struck an initial and lasting bond with her because of physical age and spiritual perspective.
- *We realized she loved the Lord, loved His word, and loved serving Him.
- *She told me she always prayed for her children and grandchildren as well as her pastor and his family.
- *She worked with my wife Jan on many projects with a creative eye, including seminary banquets



Mrs. Lilia Harding pictured with the BBC assembly when the church first planted 2009.

MRS. LILIA HARDING

Mrs. Lilia Harding

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and church decorations.

*On several occasions she opened her home and swimming pool for our baptismal services.

*She enrolled in several seminary Bible courses including first year Greek and first year Hebrew. She was a diligent student of Scripture.

*In the end she proofread the first three chapters of my commentary on Hebrews, always giving insight into the text and corrections of references. Now she knows the reality of the figures and shadows of the OT and is probably thinking that her pastor needs to dig deeper into the book because she now has absolute knowledge. I have dedicated my commentary to her.

*When she discovered that she had a few months to live she hoped that her funeral would not be in the cold snowy month of January. The Lord answered that prayer.

Included in the funeral service is her salvation testimony:

Mrs. Lilia Harding's Testimony **(July 22, 1947-March 8, 2017)**

I grew up in a Christian home in Poland. My family attended a Bible believing church. Sunday school was my favorite time on Sunday. I was always brought to tears hearing the stories of Jesus. I thought that was my salvation because I believed.

Mrs. Harding was an encouragement to the women of BBC



Mrs. Harding with Mrs. Reeves and Mrs. Strouse wearing similar outfits Labor Day 2016



MRS. LILIA HARDING

As a teenager I moved to America with my family. Christians always find other Christians since the Lord leads us this way. During my first year of marriage I realized that I had no peace in my heart about salvation and how a person can be sure they are going to heaven when they die. An older Christian lady told of her assurance of salvation upon her repentance of her sin and trusting by faith in the Lord Jesus. She stressed to me to search the Scriptures. That is when my understanding began. The Lord showed me through the Scriptures and through sitting under teaching and preaching of godly men at the local church we attended that I needed a complete turnaround.

I repented of my sins against the Lord. I trusted Him as my personal Saviour putting my faith in His blood paid on the cross for me. I read the Bible and studied to know who my Redeemer is. All this that I have written is for no glory to me, but all honor and glory goes to the merciful, loving Lord Jesus, my God and my Saviour. He it is who loved me (the unlovable wicked sinner) and gave Himself on the cross that I may have eternal life through His precious blood spilled on the cross for me. He gave His life willingly and no one could take it away from Him. He is God, and when God the Father looks at me, the miserable sinner, the Lord Jesus will stand before me and proclaim me His own, washed clean by His blood.

This is the absolute wonder of it all. All praise and glory be to God for the greatest sacrifice of "His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him

should not perish but have everlasting life" (Jn. 3:16). And now I know for sure through the truth of God's Holy Word that I am saved and have eternal life. As I write this I am praying that you also will seek the Lord and surrender to Him that I shall see you in heaven.

My favorite verses are *"The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower"* (Ps. 18:2) and *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name"* (Jn. 1:12).

Sincerely,

Lilia Harding



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Photos



Mrs. Harding with Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Strouse



The room always looked beautiful for special occasions, thanks to Mrs. Harding's touch



MRS. LILIA HARDING



*Mrs. Harding with the
Lawrences January 1, 2017*



*Beautiful memorial for Mrs. Lilia
Harding*



*Mrs. Harding with Jack Strouse
December Banquet 2016*



BBTS MODULES IN ENDICOTT, NY

BBTS Modules Endicott, NY

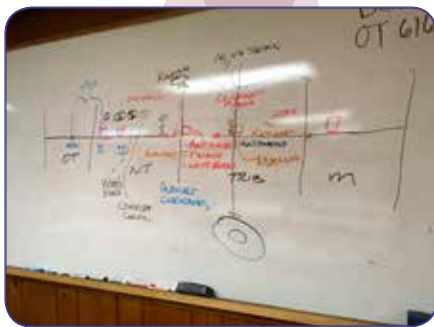
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The Lord blessed with another week of Bible Baptist Theological Seminary modules on Scripture, this time with Dr. Thomas Strouse teaching of the book of Daniel and Professor Jeff Skorupski teaching the biblical language of Hebrew. During the week of March 6-10, 2017, Dr. Cas Reeves was the host pastor along with Heritage Baptist Church in Endicott, NY. Over twenty eager students attended with good discussions and great fellowship. In attendance were not only Heritage Baptist Theological Seminary students Pastor Jake Reeves and Pastor Keith Main (PhD candidate [HBTS]), but also Mr. Clint Schreiber (MDiv candidate [Fairhaven Baptist College]) and Pastor Stephen Hinebaugh (MBS candidate [Galilean Baptist Church]). These respective pastors see the need and sense the urgency to train the next generation of Baptists in biblical truths, as the Apostle Paul, enjoined, saying, *“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also”* (II Tim. 2:2).

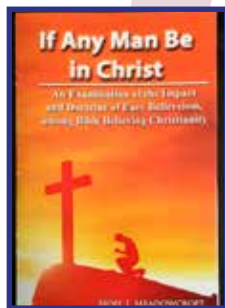


*Daniel module Endicott,
NY*



Bro. Paul Reeves

*Timeline for Daniel
module.*



NEW BOOK!

The recent book, *If Any Man Be In Christ: An Examination and the Impact of the Doctrine of Superficial Easy Believe-ism among Bible Believing Christianity*, by Dr. Noel Meadowcroft, has put forth the biblical case for the teaching of the need for repentance in conversion, as well as for elucidating the biblical perspective of so-called “Lordship Salvation.” Dr. Meadowcroft has been a student of the trends and movements in conservative Christianity for many decades, observing the faulty doctrine of easy believe-ism and its fruitless “conversions.” Because of his heartbreak over the empty lives of many “unrepentant Christians” and because of his passion for truth, he has written *If Any Man Be In Christ*. It is my privilege to recommend this book as a defense of biblical soteriology, readable for both the babe in Christ as well the seasoned saint of the Lord. (\$8.00 each).

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

Bible Baptist Church, Pastor

BBTS/BBC SPRING SCHEDULE

Mar. 6-10, 2017

Endicott, NY

“ Daniel and Hebrew VI “

Mar. 25, 2017

“ Ladies Fellowship “

Apr. 14, 2017

“BBTS Spring Lecture Series “

May. 20, 2017

“ BBTS Banquet “

May. 21, 2017

“ BBTS Commencement “

May. 29-June 2, 2017

Ireland

“ Matthew and Creation and the Flood “

BBTS SPRING 2017

Bible Baptist Theological Seminary began its eighth Spring Seminary Semester, offering the courses Ps. 119, Cults, and Ecclesiology. All of these courses as well as past courses may be viewed online at www.bbc-cromwell.org under “Seminary.” Students may view these courses for credit towards the Master of Biblical Studies, Master of Divinity, or Doctor of Ministry degrees or may audit the courses.



BBTS SPRING LECTURE SERIES “UNDERSTANDING OF THE TIMES”

On Friday, April 14, 2017 BBC will host the BBTS Spring Lecture Series at the Marriott Courtyard Motel in Cromwell, CT. The times will be from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM with lunch provided at 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Dr. Thomas Strouse will deal with “Understanding of the Times” (I Chr. 12:32), giving a biblical template to understand the current political, national, global, economic, and religious issues of the day. Dr. Cas Reeves will deal with “Christian Financial Stewardship in a Trumpian Era.” For those planning on attending, please give a total number of persons in your group or church as soon as possible. A book table will be available.

GET OUT OF DEBT



Dr. Caswell A. Reeves

Proverb 22:7

Get out of debt as fast as you can. Don't be hood-winked by the idea that the more debt you have the higher your credit score - and that some how is good a good thing.

As you study the end times and if you believe the Lord's coming could beat any time now, then you are aware of three major changes that will take place in the end time. Those changes are going to be economic, political and religious and they will all advance a one world government.

Of course the most important thing that one must recognize is that they need to be prepared spiritually by being saved through the grace of God and faith in Jesus Christ that comes not by good works (Jn.3:16; Eph.2:8-9; Titus 3:5). For the children of God, it is important to discern and understand the times in which they are living.

Today most everyone is being boiled to one degree or in the pot of debt. They are slaves to the government's monetary policies. And when in the course of time an economic crises develops, then people will cry out for the government's help. At that time political change will take place at the cost of everyone's

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unalienable rights and liberties. This will lead to a one world religion born out of political persecution.

The good news, if you are saved you will not be here during this time of great tribulation and persecution, but in heaven with the Lord till he returns in glory. But even now we are witnessing the forward events of a world soon to be controlled by the Anti-christ. Debt is a tool, which is being used to help usher in the one world government of the end times. Get out of debt! -CAR

Quotes From the Past:

Theodore Roosevelt

Theodore Roosevelt
1858-1919



Theodore Roosevelt

"In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing."

Naomi

Ruth 1:1 Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehemjudah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

Ruth 1:2 And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehemjudah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.

Reflection: Sometimes a husband will lead wrongly. What is a woman to do? Will the Lord make a way? I wonder what kind of faith Elimelech had. Did he trust the Lord to provide or was he going to make his own way? He led his family to Moab which was a pagan land.

1 Kings 11:33 Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father.

The two sons now married women from Moab which worshiped other gods. The Lord takes the lives of all three men in this family. After Elimelech died the two sons had the choice to lead their families back to the land of Judah from where they came and did not. Now Naomi is left

to make these decisions and she goes back to Bethlehem.

Ruth 1:19 So they two went until they came to Bethlehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Bethlehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, Is this Naomi?

In Verse 19, one can surmise that those in the city survived this famine. Had Elimelech stayed and trusted, the Lord would have provided.

Challenge: It is vital in decision making you are certain you are in the will of the Lord and not compromising Truth for error. How often are we tempted to take matters into our own hands? Are there decisions that you are making today that are based on circumstances rather than the will of God? Decisions based on escaping a situation? The Lord will reward faithfulness and obedience to Him, be sure you are in His will.

As you submit to your husband's leadership, even when not in agreement, trust the Lord with the outcome and pray.

- Please contact Elenas6259@gmail.com if you would like to receive Grow in Grace each morning through email.
- Also, A Complimentary *Grow in Grace 12 Week Devotional* Book is available upon request.

Ladies' Fellowship

Bible Baptist Church will host the annual Bible Baptist Church Ladies' Fellowship with Mrs. Mandy Breeden, wife of Pastor Greg Breeden of Northside Baptist Church in Windham, ME, giving her testimony on March 25, 2017 (10 AM to 1 PM). All ladies are invited, and there will be crafts and a luncheon but no nursery.



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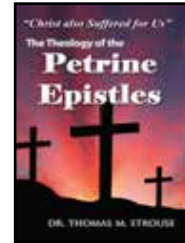
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I & II Timothy \$20.00



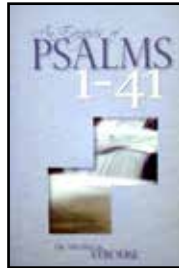
Revelation \$30.00



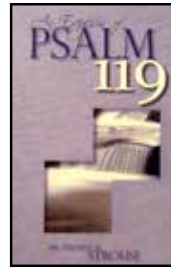
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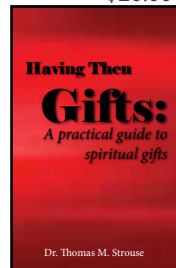
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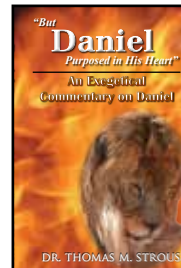
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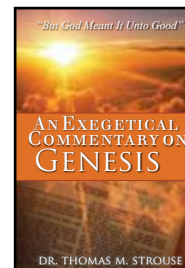
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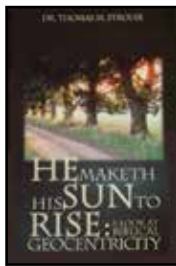
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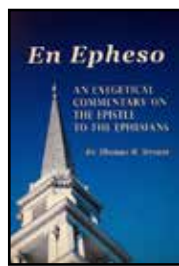
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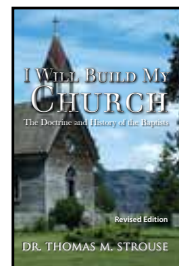
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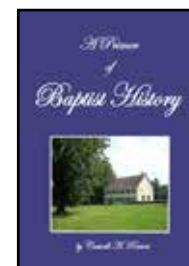
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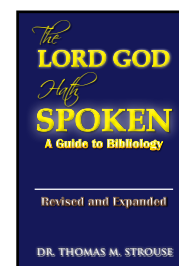
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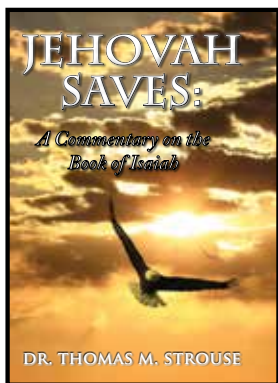
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NEW BOOK: JEHOVAH SAVES: A COMMENTARY ON THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

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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