

# BBC UPDATE

## Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Fall Lecture Series



*Dr. Thomas M. Strouse*

On Friday, November 9, 2018, Bible Baptist Church will host the ninth annual Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Fall Lecture Series entitled "The Theology of Geography: A Pictorial Description of Israel." This will be an effort to use pictures through a PowerPoint presentation to depict significant geographical places in Israel relating to biblical episodes and their theological significance. The pictures will be recently taken photographs by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Strouse who will have just returned from a ten-day tour of Israel, the Lord willing. Some of the locations will include Mount Carmel (site of Elijah's victory over the prophets of Baal), Megiddo (site of the future battle of Armageddon), the Sea of Galilee (place of the Lord's ministry and miracles), the Jordan River (site of John the Baptist's immersion ministry), the Dead Sea (lowest place on the surface of the earth), Engedi (David's cave of hiding), and, of course, Jerusalem. In Jerusalem, the sites will include the Temple Mount, the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, Golgotha, and, of course, the site of the empty Tomb. Prayerfully, this presentation will enhance the believer's interest in and appreciation for the LORD's gift of land to His chosen people as revealed in detail in the Scripture. The city of Jerusalem is the most important piece of real estate in all of God's creation, since the Lord said, "This is Jerusalem: I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are round about her" (Ezk. 5:5).

The Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Lecture Series will be held at the Marriot in Cromwell, CT beginning at 9 AM and ending at 3 PM. Please RSVP the number in your group attending.



## Men's Retreat



*Pastor David Smith*

Galilean Baptist Church of Stafford Springs, CT, hosted the annual Men's Retreat on September 20-22, 2018. Host Pastor Stephen Hinebaugh and the men of the church graciously provided for area churches an enjoyable time of camping, eating, shooting, fellowshiping, and hearing the preaching of the Word of God. Dr. David Smith, pastor of Community Baptist Church of Quakertown, PA, gave good godly challenges to the men about being "the man of God" in the family, the church, and even in society. Churches from CT, MA, NY, PA, and WV had representative men attending the camp, including several from Bible Baptist Church. We are thankful for this local church ministry in the area.

# MEN'S RETREAT

Men's Retreat Photos

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August Gagnon having fun skeet shooting



Jeff, Andrew, Darrell, and Jake enjoying a time of fellowship



Bill Gagnon and Pastor Smith



Getting ready to hear good preaching!



Pastor Hinebaugh leading the congregational singing



## BBTS Fall Schedule

**Mondays**  
*Bibliology II*  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Tuesdays**  
*Greek I*  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Wednesdays**  
*Minor Prophets I*  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

*All courses taught by  
Dr. Thomas M. Strouse*

## Pastor's Trip to Israel



The Lord willing, Pastor and Mrs. Thomas M. Strouse will be taking a trip to Israel, visiting various biblical sites on a guided tour (Oct. 8-18, 2018). This should be a tremendous blessing for both to see various geographical and historical sites giving a new dimension to the Bible.

## Upcoming Events

**November 9, 2018**  
BBTS Fall Lecture Series  
"The Theology of Geography"

**December 9, 2018**  
BBC Annual Banquet  
1:30 p.m.

**April 12, 2019**  
BBTS Spring Lecture Series

**April 27, 2019**  
Ladies' Fellowship

## September in the Philippines



Pastor Cas Reeves

On the 13th of September, I flew out of Binghamton, New York to Detroit and then to Tokyo, Japan and from Japan to Manila, Philippines, a total of 26 hours of travel. The Philippines are exactly 12 hours ahead of our time here in New York, so our arrival was at eight o'clock Friday evening. Upon arrival Dr. Raquintan and Bro. Robin Santiago a seminary student met me in the airport.

Saturday was a day of rest and Sunday was a full day of preaching in the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Quezon City and in Pampanga about two hours north of Quezon City, which is a church plant of Cornerstone and is being pastored by Alvin Bautista who is also a student in the seminary directed by Dr. Jed Raquintan.

Monday began the module week with Dr. Raquintan teaching Contemporary Theology in the morning the morning, while I taught the books of Colossians and Philemon in the evening. On Friday we concluded our modules of respective studies. Following some refreshments the students departed for the bus station, the airport and other sources of transportations, heading home. The week of classes went very well with both classes having ten to twelve students participating. Of these students, half were pastors from a number of Baptist churches from throughout the Philippines.

Again, Sunday was a full day of preaching in the morning service, a devotional to the men in the afternoon and preaching again in the evening service. Following some farewells and fellowship it was time to pack what the very generous members at Cornerstone had given me to take home to the church folks at Heritage Baptist Church. After some sleep Dr. Raquintan took me to the airport in Manilla for the trip back home. I left Manila at eight AM for Tokyo and then to the USA. I am grateful that the Lord gave us a wonderful time in sharing the Words of God and truth.



Pastor Cas Reeves with those who attended the module in the Philippines

### Quotes From the Past:

**John Bunyan**

1628-1688

Baptist Preacher and Author



*"Afflictions make the heart more deep, more experimental, more knowing and profound, and so, more able to hold, to contain, and beat more."*

# GROW IN GRACE

## DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

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Devotional for Women

### The Army of Heaven

**Daniel 4:34** And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and **mine understanding returned unto me**, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:

**35** And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the **army of heaven**, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

**36** At the same time **my reason returned** unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.

**37** Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the **King of heaven**, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

**(emphasis added to verses)**

**Reflection:** Here are 4 beautiful and encouraging verses in the Bible. The LORD is lifted high and extolled, at the same time King Nebuchadnezzar learns his place and lets all that is within ears

reach know that they also should think and regard themselves as nothing!

Did you know the LORD has an ARMY? This army is positioned, anticipating, submitted and ready at any given moment to hear the will of the LORD and fulfill it.

How would it feel to have the army of the United States ready and willing to defend you, **you personally?** The Lord Jesus Christ has His army ready to accomplish His will in the life of the believer!

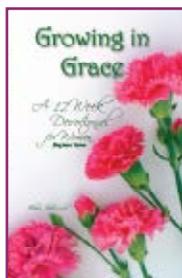
In verse 37 we see that Nebuchadnezzar is no longer the king of his world, he now praises and honors the King of heaven. What a glorious testimony of a life transformed by the King of heaven. Can we not claim the same testimony?

**Challenge: Psalm 103** says that we are but dust... it is the LORD who is all, has every power in all situations, and every dominion belongs to HIM! When you read these verses, what stands out to you personally? How do they encourage and strengthen you for the battle you will face today?

If you would like to receive Grow in Grace morning devotions emailed to you Monday - Friday, please email me at:

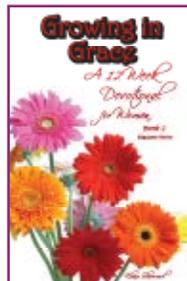
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### *Growing in Grace: A 12 Week Devotional for Women Books 1 & 2*



Book 1

This 12 Week Devotional is a ministry of Bible Baptist Church in Cromwell, CT. It is designed for women, and is meant as a support for victory in daily Christian living. Spiritual victory comes by having the Genuine Christ, Accurate Biblical Teaching, Applying the Infallible Word of God, and a Humble Heart.



Book 2

reflect and a challenge for the day. To get the most out of this book, it is encouraged that you take the time each morning to reflect upon and apply each devotion.

*"Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart." (Psalm 119:2)*

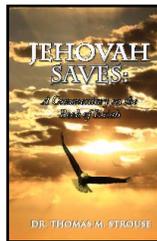
Please contact Bible Baptist Church ([Elenas6259@gmail.com](mailto:Elenas6259@gmail.com)) if you would like a complimentary copy of Book 1 or 2.

Using this Devotional Each day you will be given a daily Scripture followed by thoughts upon which to

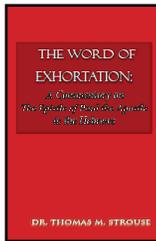
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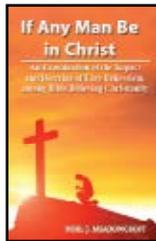
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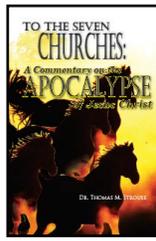
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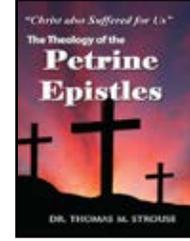
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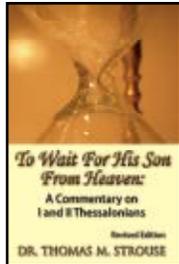
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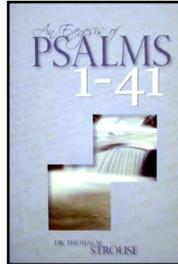
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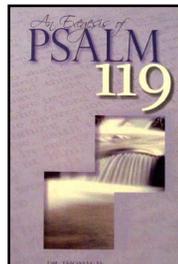
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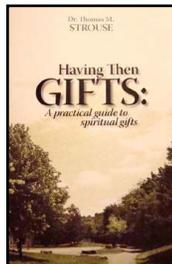
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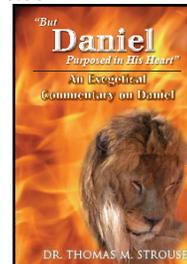
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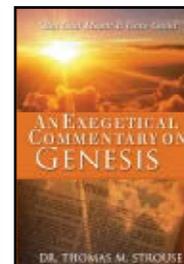
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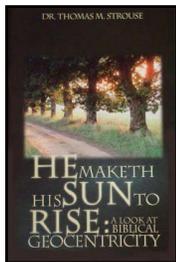
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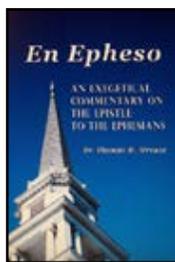
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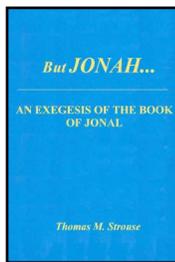
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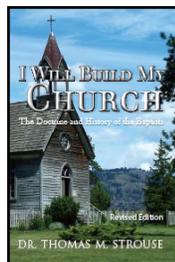
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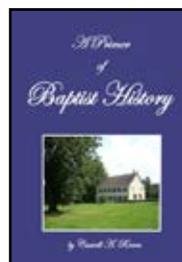
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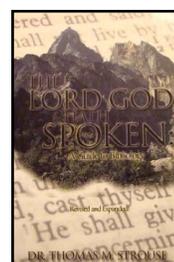
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Left: Ryan Strouse and Bill Gagnon fellowshipping at church on Sunday...with matching ties!



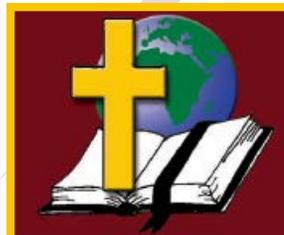
Below: the BBC Choir sang a special from the Psalter



Above: Sophia and Landon enjoy the beautiful Sunday afternoon weather

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