



BBC UPDATE

BBTS Begins Spring Semester

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Bible Baptist Theological Seminary, a ministry of Bible Baptist Church, started the Spring Semester on Jan. 26, 2015 with several new students. The courses include Bibliology II, the Gospel of Matthew, the biblical language of Hebrew, and Baptist History I. All of these courses will

be made available online at

<http://www.bbc-cromwell.org/seminary.shtml>

Several additional men from around the world are now taking online courses, working toward seminary degrees. Pray for this ministry.



Some of the students taking Hebrew on Thursday nights at BBC



The Fifth Annual BBC



Ladies' Fellowship Saturday, March 7, 2015

10 AM - 1:00 PM

MRS. STEPHANIE BATES
GUEST SPEAKER

Mrs. Stephanie Bates wife of Pastor Steve Bates (Bible Baptist Church, Nashua, NH) will share her testimony. The fellowship will include special music, congregational singing, testimonies, and a brunch.

Please RSVP with the number of Ladies attending by March 1 to drtms_bbs@juno.com



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Baptist Heritage Conference



Dr. Noel Meadowcroft

Dr. Noel Meadowcroft will be speaking at Galilean Baptist Church in Stafford Springs, CT on **Feb. 21, 2015** from **10 AM to 2 PM**. He will deal with the history of Baptists and the doctrine of ecclesiology. All are welcome.



2014 BBTS Spring Semester

The first semester of BBTS for the 2014-2015 year begins January 26 with four courses being offered in residence and online. The schedule is as follows:

Mondays	
<i>Bibliology II</i>	9:00 AM - Noon
Wednesdays	
<i>The Gospel of Matthew</i>	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Thursdays	
<i>Biblical Hebrew I</i>	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Fridays	
<i>Baptist History I</i>	9:00 AM - Noon
BBTS On-line	

The Spring BBTS Classes will be online and available for viewing at

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BBC Spring Calendar

BBTS Spring Semester Begins

January 26, 2015

BBTS Module Classes

February 16 - 20, 2015 Philippines
I and II Timothy and Zechariah

BBC Ladies Fellowship

March 7, 2015
Mrs. Stephanie Bates

Seminary Module Classes

March 9 - 13, 2015 Endicott, NY
Hebrew and Zechariah

BBTS Lecture Series

April 10, 2015

Homeschooler SAT Testing

April 28 & 30, 2015

BBTS Graduation

May 17, 2015



The Rossignol girls sang "Psalm 136" together beautifully!

Ignorance of the History of Baptists

Every generation needs to be taught the truth. This fact is true relative to the family, society, or religion. Certainly this is the case for Baptists; every new generation of Baptists needs to be inculcated in the doctrine and history of Baptists. Unfortunately for Baptists, however, some generations have missed Baptist teaching and consequently many years pass without a continuous indoctrination in Baptist truth. "Baptist" is a biblical term, and the first Christians and the Lord Jesus Christ were Baptists (Mt. 3:1-17).

Several reasons may be put forth for the ignorance of Baptist history among Baptist churches. 1. The Modernist / Fundamentalist controversy beginning in the early 20th century labeled believers' immersion as a non-essential and consequently promoted non-denominationalism. 2. The extreme view of Landmarkism, or a visible lineage of Baptist churches back to the first century, caused many Baptists to accept the faulty view that Baptists came out of the Protestant reformation. 3. The universal church /

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mystical body of Christ heresy has caused many Baptists to misunderstand the New Testament teaching on Christ's church (*ekklesia* [ἐκκλησία]), and identify "church" history as Roman Catholic and Protestant.

The seminary course on Baptist History is an effort to teach Baptists about their rich biblical and theological history, based on the biblical teaching of the immersionist church movement through the first century (e.g., the Book of Acts) down to the present time (Mt. 28:19-20; I Tim. 3:15).

Learn more about Baptist History by taking the BBTs course on Friday mornings from 9:00 - 12:00 at BBC or watch online at

<http://www.bbc-cromwell.org/seminary.shtml>

BBC To host Stanford Achievement Test for Homeschooled Students

Bible Baptist Church will once again host the Stanford Achievement test for Homeschooled students. The Stanford-10 Achievement Test is a nationally recognized test used by educators across the US. As a norm-referenced test, the Stanford-10 not only offers the home educator information on their student's achievement, it also provides comparisons based on nationwide test results.



The Stanford-10 Achievement test will be administered at Bible Baptist Church, in Cromwell, CT on

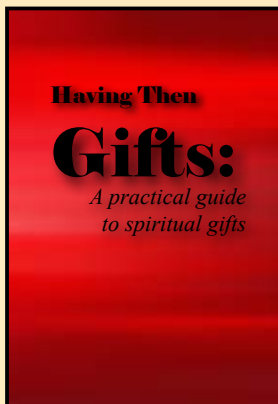
- Tuesday, April 28, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Thursday, April 30, from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

This test is available for any home educated student. It is *not* to BBC members.

Please contact Laura Hagglund at lhagglun@gmail.com to register.

Reprint of Dr. Strouse's booklet

Having Then Gifts: A Practical Guide To Spiritual Gifts Available Soon!



After salvation, baptism, and church membership, the greatest blessing for the child of God is to know how he/she fits into the assembly (I Cor. 12:18). This knowledge is based on knowing one's own spiritual gift (Rom. 12:6-8). Employing the spiritual gift is the reasonable service the believer must implement in the assembly—the body of Christ (Rom. 12:5).

The booklet *Having Then Gifts: A Practical Guide to Spiritual Gifts* by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse is an effort to instruct church saints in the doctrine and practice spiritual gifts. It is being readied for reprinting.

DEVOTIONAL CORNER

Swimming Iron:

Text: 2 Kings 6:1-7



Pastor Cas Reeves

The Situation – the dwelling place of the sons of prophets was too small

1. And the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us.

The Request and the Answer

2. Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye.

Elisha goes with the servants

3. And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go.

Elisha and the servants came to Jordan and there cut down trees

4. So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood.

One servant's axe head fell into the water as he was felling wood for the house

He cried to the master

The axe head was borrowed

5. But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed.

Elisha miraculously recovered the axe head

6. And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the iron did swim.

The servant received again the axe head

7. Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it.

LESSONS LEARNED:

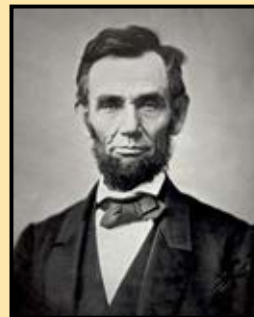
1. There are always situations that arise in life that need our attention (1). In this case, the dwelling was too small for the number of the sons of the prophets.
2. When change is necessary, it is good to seek the advice of the man of God (1-2).

3. When change is happening, one needs to be considerate (3) In this case, they invited the man of God to go with them and he accepted. Lesson: "Consideration begets consideration" The sons of the prophets were considerate to ask, Elisha was considerate to answer and accept.
4. Take care of the business at hand without delay (4). No procrastination!
5. Sometimes problems arise (5) In this case the axe head fell into the water.
 - Immediately report the problem to the one in charge.
 - Give him all the facts of the problem. In this case: The axe head fell somewhere into the water. The axe head was borrowed.
6. As the man of God, always be ready to help in all situations (6)
 - Whether mundane or spiritual
 - Take immediate action
 - Rely upon God's help, and not your own understanding
7. Remember the man of God can help, but personal responsibility is expected (7). -CAR

Quotes From the Past: Abraham Lincoln

1809-1865

16th President of the USA



Abraham Lincoln

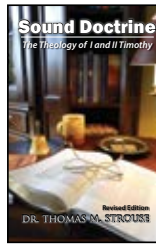
"I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have.

I must stand with anybody that stands right, and stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong."

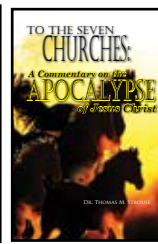
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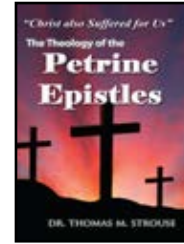
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I & II Timothy \$20.00



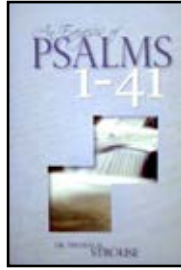
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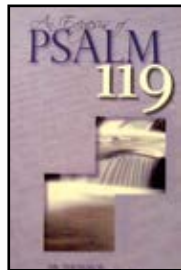
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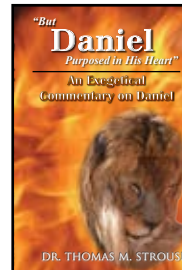
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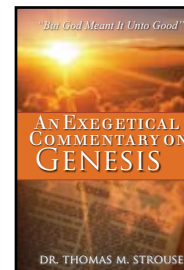
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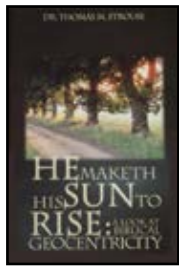
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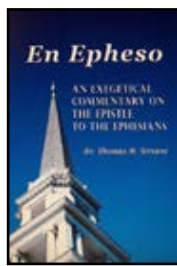
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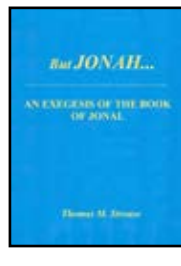
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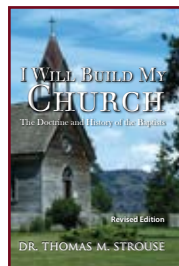
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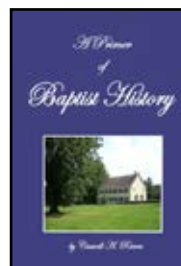
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Jonah \$10.00



I Will Build My Church \$15.00



A Primer of Baptist History \$20.00



The Lord God Hath Spoken \$15.00

BBC Fun!



BBC Youth enjoy a time of fellowship after a Wednesday evening service!

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