

BBC UPDATE

Filipino Module

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During the week of February 19-23, 2018, Dr. Strouse will teach the seminary module on the *Book of Isaiah* to the Filipino students at Cornerstone Baptist Church, Quezon City, Philippines. Dr. Jed Raquintan, recent BBTS doctoral graduate, and his gracious wife Eden will host the professor and students. Bible Baptist Church used several bamboo banks from the Philippines to collect money during the year to be given as a love gift.





Breaking the Bamboo banks for the Philippines ministry!



Dr. Meadowcroft's Ministry in Puerto Rico

Noel Meadowcroft and Brother Rick Hendricks ministered to recent Bible Baptist Theological Seminary graduate Pastor Luis Cuadrado and his church, Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida. These brethren canvassed the neighborhood of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, distributing literature and witnessing to sinners about their need for the Lord. They reached about a thousand homes, making known the biblical church in this city. Pray for eternal results from this labor of love.



^^ The Puerto Rico Ministers

>> Dr. Meadowcroft preaching through an intrepreter in Puerto Rico



IN MEMORIAM

Amy Snowden, 52, of Middletown, CT died on Friday, January 26, 2018 at her home.

She was born in Beaver Falls PA, and was raised in Hartford, CT, the daughter of Cecil David Snowden Sr (deceased) Beaver Falls, PA and Verna Lee Wallace Snowden (deceased) Hartford, CT. Amy graduated from Hartford Public High School, and she was a Certified Nurse Assistant.

In 1989 Amy received Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. Her life changed for the better. She was baptized into a local assembly at Emmanuel Baptist Church where she grew spiritually She discipled many new born

believers and loved to see them grow in grace. Amy was currently a volunteer with the Gilead Community Services in Middletown, CT. Amy was an active member at Independent Bible Baptist Church in Middletown, CT.

She is survived by her Husband Darrell Nelson of Meriden, CT and their three children, Daniel Nelson of Meriden, CT, Serena Slaughter and her husband David of Oceanside, CA, and her daughter Allayah Nelson of Meriden, CT. She had five brothers, Cecil David Snowden Jr (deceased) of Hartford, CT, Richard Snowden of Hartford, CT, Warren Snowden of Middletown, CT, Darnell Snowden and his wife Georgia Snowden of Windsor, CT Jerome Lee Snowden Sr and his wife Lisa Snowden of Westfield, IN and three sisters, Alvetta Brooks (deceased) of Hartford, CT, Veronica Jean Burney (deceased) of Portland, CT, and Brenda Snowden of Hartford, CT, and a host of nephews and nieces.

The funeral service will be held Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 11 a.m. at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St, Middletown, CT. Her burial will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery, 817 Old Colony Rd, Meriden, CT. Friends may call at Biega Funeral Home from 10 a.m. to 11a.m.

The Repass will be held at Bible Baptist Church, 40 Country Squire Dr, Cromwell, CT

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude and well wishes to friends who have supported the family in this time of grief. Your prayers, kindness, thoughts, and care have been a source of strength.

Those who wish may make a memorial contribution to the American Diabetes Association.









Run The Race

"I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air" 1 Corinthians 9:26



One of the motifs of the Christian life is that of a runner in a sporting event. The sporting event is our lifetime. The race is what God has called us to do. And we are the active participant, the runner, as the Scripture depicts, once we are

Pastor Cas Reeves saved. In our verse today, the Apostle Paul, declared,

he ran with a certainty and purpose. Likewise, as we run our Christian race in this lifetime and before the Lord, let us run with a certainty and purpose. We should run to win. "Know ye not that they which

run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain" (1 Corinthians 9:24). Run for the gold, silver and precious stones and not for the wood, hay and stubble. "It shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward" (1 Corinthians 3:12-14). We must run our race on only one premise, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11). We must be saved and yielded to Christ.

We should run by the rules. We must "...serve him in truth with all [our] heart" (1 Samuel 12:24).Note the Apostle Paul's warning: "And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive

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lawfully" (2 Timothy 2:5). King Saul is an example of not running correctly. The result of his disobedience cost him greatly. The rebuke God gave him, we should all consider. "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice" (1 Samuel 15:22). God clearly tells us, we are to harken to his Word, and that it is more important than what we might give in sacrifice.

We should run to finish. We are told, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10). God expects us to finish. Our goal should be that of the Apostle Paul's. First, remembering our accountability to "the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom" (2 Timothy 4:1). And second, to know we are ready in a clear conscience to receive the results of our race. Paul said, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:6-8). We know our conscience is clear, about how we are running our race, if we can truly say, we are "loving his appearing." Run the race, Christian! - CAR

Quotes From the Past:



James Madison

James Madison 1751-1836

4th President of the USA

"We hold it for a fundamental and undeniable truth that religion, or the duty which we owe our Creator, and the manner of discharging it, can be directed only by reason and conviction, not by force or violence."

GROW IN GRACE DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

Please Give Me Scripture!

Read: Esther 5:9-14

Reflection: As we read through Esther 5, we come to understand that Haman's heart is full of wrath, indignation, and pride, not unlike Satan. In verse 5:13, he can't seem to focus on anything, seemingly good, in his life outside of Mordecai's refusal to worship him.

When he speaks with his wife and friends, how do they counsel him? Do they give him godly counsel and encourage him to get his heart right? Do they feed his hatred and wrath? How does that turn out for him (Esther 7:10)? Would you say that the principle of sowing and reaping would apply here?

²⁰He that walketh with wise [men] shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

²⁴Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: ²⁵Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

Proverbs 22:24-25

²⁶A righteous man falling down before the wicked is as a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring.

Proverbs 25:26

Challenge: Do you have current situations of being persecuted for your faith? Do others want to see your demise? Are you swept up in those emotions? What company are you keeping? Are you being strongly encouraged to apply Biblical principles or is your ungodly attitude being justified?

Ask your companions to give you Scripture when you struggle!!



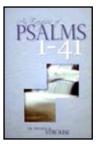
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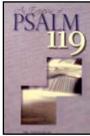
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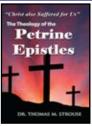
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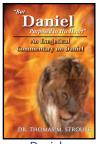


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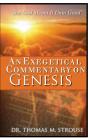


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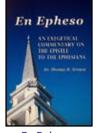
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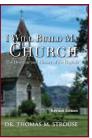
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The Word of Exhortation: A Commentary on The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Hebrews by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse. The book is the product of about forty-eight years of intense study of the Greek text by a pastor and seminary professor, containing commentary on every verse with over 2000 footnotes in about 700 pages of exegetical interpretation. The commentary should be ready by the end of March, 2018.

BBTS Spring Schedule

Mondays

Bibliology I 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Tuesdays

Revelation 6:00PM - 9:00PM

Wednesdays

Angelology 9:00AM - 12:00PM

All Courses Taught by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

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