

BBC UPDATE

Two BBTS Modules Held in Endicott, NY

Dr. Thomas Strouse



The Lord gave a full group of seminarians for the Spring Modules of BBTS at Heritage Baptist Theological Seminary under the aegis of Heritage Baptist Church, Endicott, NY. Pastor Cas Reeves, MDiv graduate of BBTS, hosted the modules which included the course of beginning Hebrew with BBTS

Dr. Thomas Strouse Associate Professor Jeff Skorupski, and the course of Luke's Gospel with Emphasis on Medical Terms with BBTS Dean Dr. Thomas M. Strouse.



Top Right: Beautiful Toepke Hall, Home of Heritage Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Strouse and Jeff Skorupski each taught a seminary Module class there last week!

Above: The seminarians that attended the module on "Luke's Gospel with Emphasis on Medical Terms"

**2012 BBTS
Spring Lecture Series
Who Are the Baptists?
Thursday, April 19, 2012
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Cromwell, CT
See Page 5 for details**

Special Thanksgiving and Praise Service for the Davidsons Held at BBC

BBC held a special thanksgiving and praise service to show gratitude for the blessings of the Lord on and through Dr. and Mrs. Harold Davidson. "The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it" (Prov. 10:22).



Above: A special service was followed by delicious cake and time of fellowship.

Right: Harold and Edith Davidson



BBTS Commencement Service Announced

There are seven candidates for *BBTS graduation* on **May 20, 2012 at 1:30 PM**. Three of these candidates are from the Philippine and Ireland modules and the remainder are from the USA. The Sunday AM preacher will be Dr. Robert Zemeski, long term missionary to Ireland, and the commencement preacher will be Pastor Ken Brooks of Calvary Independent Baptist Church, West Redding, CT. The *Graduation Banquet* will be **Saturday, May 19, 2012 at 6:00 PM**. Pray for these men.

Easter Services

Please join us Sunday Morning, April 8 for Easter services. Pastor Strouse will be preaching Sunday School at 10:00 and Morning Service at 11:00. As always, a delicious lunch will be served following the afternoon service. During this service, we will have a special music program, followed by more great preaching!



Biblical Reconciliation

By Dr. Thomas Strouse

I. Biblical Background (Gen. 37-41)

- A. As a seventeen year old, Joseph developed animosity with his brothers and eventually was sold into slavery (Gen. 37:5-11; 28).
- B. In the providence of God, Joseph prospered in the household of Potipher, was wrongly accused and imprisoned (Gen. 39-40)
- C. Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dream and was promoted to second highest in land (Gen. 41:37-45).
- D. This promotion set up the background for Joseph to deal with his sinful brothers, taking this destructive and dismal family to become the Lord's chosen nation!

II. Biblical Steps (Gen. 45:1-15)

- A. Privacy (v. 1)
- B. Broken and humble heart (vv. 1-2)
- C. Directness (v. 3)
- D. Sin acknowledged (v. 4)
- E. Forgiveness (v. 5)
- F. Divine perspective (vv. 5-8)
- G. Hope (v. 7)
- H. Instructions (v. 9)
- I. Future grace (vv. 10-11)
- J. Pattern of love and compassion (vv. 12-15)

III. Biblical Results (Gen. 45, 50)

- A. The brother's guilt coupled with the father's grief and Joseph's grace accomplished God's good (cf. Rom 8:28).
- B. Seventeen years later when Jacob died, the brothers finally confessed their sin and Joseph assured them of forgiveness (Gen. 50:15-21).

<< *Left: BBC's finest grillmasters kick-off the grilling season of 2012!*

“The Walk in Truth”

II Kings 20:3

SERMON

By Dr. Thomas Strouse

I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

2 Kings 20:3

Introduction

1. Hezekiah was one of the few good kings of Judah.
2. He was 39 years old when the message of impending death came (25 years old + 29 years reign = 54 years at ultimate death – 15 years additional life = 39 years old [see II Ki. 18:1-2]).
3. He may have written ten of the fifteen degree psalms (Psalms 120-134) corresponding with the fifteen additional years of life as the sundial went backwards ten degrees (Isa. 38:20).
4. When he was confronted with the message of impending death from Isaiah, he prayed and wept, and the Lord heard his prayer and sent Isaiah back to him with a sign.

His claim was that he “walked in truth.” Some of the expectations of walking in truth are the following:

I. It Produces a Life of Holy Resolve (v. 3)

- A. Hezekiah examined himself internally—he had a perfect heart (cf. Ps. 101:2)
- B. Hezekiah examined himself externally—he destroyed idolatry in the land (II Ki. 18:4-8)

II. It Prepares a Life for Healthy Resilience (vv. 3-6)

- A. Hezekiah expected healing—obedience brings longevity (Dt. 30:15-18; Eph. 6:1-3).
- B. Hezekiah expected help—the LORD gave him 15 additional years (v. 6)

III. It Prompts a Life for Heavenly Recognition (vv. 8-11)

- A. Heaven gave a powerful demonstration—The Lord promised that the shadow on the sundial would return backwards ten degrees (the sun reversed its movement around the earth [the Bible does not say the earth reversed its rotation!])
- B. Heaven gave a public demonstration—The Babylonians came to interview Hezekiah about this phenomenon in the land (II Chr. 32:31).

Conclusion—the life that puts the Lord first can expect the great blessings of the God—“*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you*” (Mt. 6:33).

Stanford Achievement Test for Homeschooled Students: Registration Deadline This Week!



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 **Thursday and Friday, April 26 & 27, 2012 from 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM.**

This test is available for any home educated student. It is **not** limited to BBC members. Registration for this test is only available online. For more information on the test, and to register on-line, please visit <http://cctestingservices.com/> Click on “Online Registration” and select Connecticut to register. **Cost \$50, \$55 after April 1st, 2012. Registration closes April 8th, 2012. No refunds after April 8th, 2012.**

Please contact Laura Hagglund at thehagglunds@comcast.net with any other questions.

DEVOTIONAL CORNER

Destroyed for Lack of Knowledge

by Pastor Cas Reeves

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.



Pastor Cas Reeves This was a charge made by God against His people. Certainly, from the context it is understood in the realm of the spiritual: no truth was apparent; no mercy was displayed; and no knowledge of God was found; because His people had forgotten His law or His commandments and words.

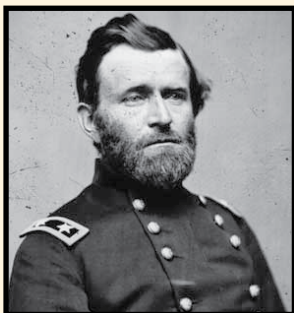
Knowledge is the accumulation of facts and spiritual facts are found in God's word. If one chooses to dismiss the spiritual facts of

the Bible as irrelevant, the principle of truth set forth, is that God says, they will be *destroyed for their lack of knowledge*. Thus, it behooves all men, but especially the children of God, to know the spiritual facts or truths of God's word in order to find prosperity and success. NOTE: what God said to Joshua as God's people entered into the land of Israel. In Joshua 1:8: *God Said, This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

Child of God, don't be destroyed because you were too lazy to study God's truth, or too weak to follow God's merciful guidance. But give yourself (Romans 12:1-2) to the Lord, making Him the priority of your life, and serving Him while you are able. Follow Paul's exhortation: *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth, 2 Timothy 2:15.* As well, one needs to remember what James the brother of Jesus wrote: *But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed, James 1:25.* Christians need to remember what God has done for them and to seek God's blessing and avoid any kind of behavior that brings God's promise of failure or destruction.

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Quotes From the Past:



Ulysses S. Grant

Ulysses S. Grant (1822-1885)

18th President of the USA and
Union General-in-Chief during the Civil War

"My advice to Sunday Schools: Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor of your liberties; write its precepts in your hearts, and practice them in your lives."

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Who Are the BAPTISTS??



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**Thursday,
April 19, 2012**
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM



Dr. Joel Grassi



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse



Pastor Cas Reeves



Mr. Noel Meadowcroft

The Crowne Plaza
100 Berlin Rd.
Cromwell, CT 06416

Preaching Schedule:

9:00-10:30 AM *"John the Baptist"*—Dr. Joel Grassi, ThD, ThM, MDiv

10:45 AM-12:00 *"The Theology and Polity of Baptists"*— Dr. Thomas Strouse, MDiv, PhD, ThD, DD, DLit, Pastor of Bible Baptist Church and Dean of BBTS.

1:00-2:30 PM *"The History of Ancient Baptists"*—Pastor Cas Reeves, MBS, MDiv, Pastor of Heritage Baptist Church and President of HBTS, BBTS Adjunct Professor

2:45-4:00 PM *"The History of 20th Century Baptists"*— Noel Meadowcroft, MBS, BBTS Adjunct Professor

Lunch will be provided with free-will offering.
A book table will be available with relevant material.

THE BOOK CORNER

Manchester Bible Study

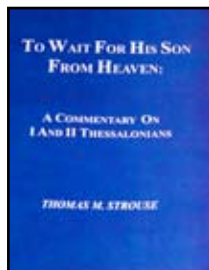
Continue to pray for the Manchester Bible Study as Mark Schabert teaches the *Gospel of John* to several families who live in the area. This is an effort to practice the Great Commission in Manchester, CT, evangelizing and edifying folks who come to the study. The Bible study is every Friday night at 7 PM. Please contact the pastor for directions.



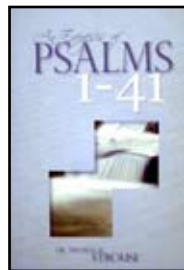
A BBC youth catches a snooze!!

The Book Corner

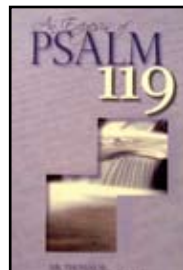
These Books may be purchased through **Bible Baptist Church:**
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\$10.00



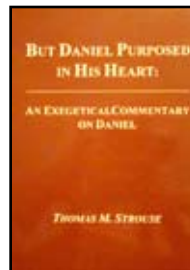
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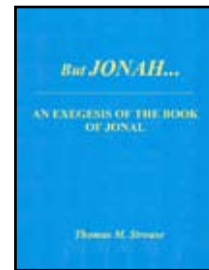
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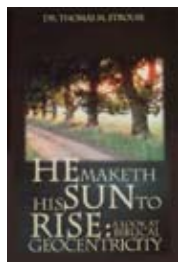
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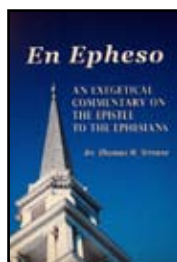
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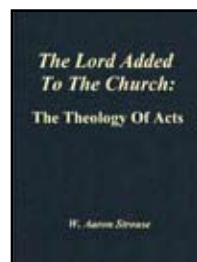
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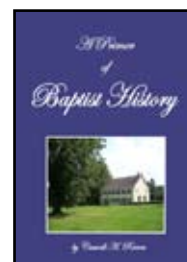
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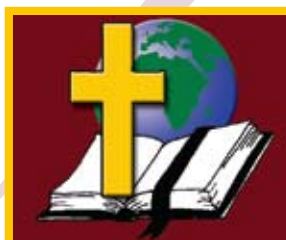
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The Lord God Hath Spoken
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