



BBC UPDATE

Rettigs' Ministry

Dr. Thomas Strouse

On March 16, 2014, BBC had the privilege to hear the mission burden of Missionaries Jon and Emilie Rettig for the Czech Republic. They have a small Baptist



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assembly on the outskirts of the capital Prague which has a population of over one million. Theirs is the most established biblical work in CR. Brother Rettig's assembly hosted the BBTS module last September, will again host it in

September, 2014. Pray for these efforts as we attempt to train men to reach this part of atheistic Eastern Europe.

"STUDY TO SHEW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD... RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH."
2 TIMOTHY 2:15



Above: Pastor and Mrs. Strouse (Left) with Jon and Emilie Rettig (center) and their son and daughter-in-law, David and Chrissy Rettig (right).



<< Left: Missionary Jon Rettig to the Czech Republic shared his ministry in Prague, with BBC Family.

Join Us for the Fifth Annual Spring Lecture Series

On **April 18, 2014**, BBC plans to host the fifth BBTS Spring Lecture Series at the Crowne Plaza (Cromwell, CT), focusing on the *Book of Revelation* (9 AM to 3 PM). The first lecture will start at 9 AM with Dr. Thomas M. Strouse revealing the diabolical confusion on the Greek text of the *Apocalypse* fostered by the Critical Text and modern versions. At 10 AM, Dr. Caswell Reeves will expound on *Revelation 18* and the destruction of Economic Babylonianism. BBC will host a luncheon for all guests from Noon to 1 PM. At 1 PM, Dr. Strouse will survey the *Book of Revelation* attempting to clarify the unveiling of the future, which revelatory truth was entrusted to the Lord's NT assemblies. Interspersed throughout will be edifying music and songs. A book table will be available with commentaries on various books of the Bible, including *Revelation*. All are welcome; please **RSVP by April 7, 2014**.



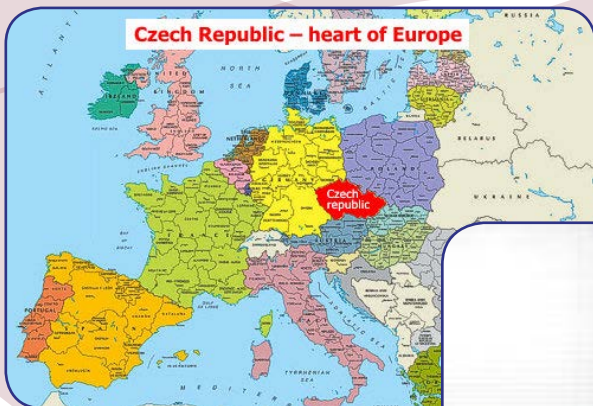
Dr. Strouse teaching at 2013 Lecture Series

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Homeschool Testing



Above and Left: Missionary Jon Rettig sharing his ministry and Preaching at BBC.



Above and Right: Photos from the video Brother Rettig shared. Members of their church plant in Prague shared their testimony and were baptized.



Emilie Rettig and her son, David, sing "Water from the Rock" during the morning service.

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, May 6** from 9:00 - 2:00 & and **Thursday, May 8** from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

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

Please contact Laura Hagglund at lhagglun@gmail.com to register. Tests must be ordered by **April 1, 2014**.

We've Got A Problem

"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life"

John 6:63



Pastor Cas Reeves

The problem is our flesh. Sin dwelleth in our flesh. Now, if we are saved, our text shares with us this truth, that our spirits are made alive unto God, but *"the flesh profiteth nothing."* Presently, our salvation is a spiritual thing. In the future our flesh will be saved or glorified. Until then, we must wrestle with the sin problem of our flesh. The Apostle Paul tells us our flesh is weak or infirm (Romans 6:19) in regards to the high standards of that which is spiritual. This is obvious because *"God is a Spirit"* (John 4:24).

Peter characterizes the flesh as having unclean desires, contempt for order, self willed, and against authority (2 Peter 2:10). Paul contrasting the works of the flesh with those of the spirit, says, *"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such*

Quotes From the Past:

Benjamin Franklin, 1706-1790

Colonial Statesman, the oldest signer of the U.S. Constitution.



Benjamin Franklin

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

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there is no law" (Galatians 5:19-23). Writing to the church of Rome, Paul concludes: *"So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God"* (Romans 8:8).

Our problem with the depraved flesh definitely presents a problem for us. Paul voiced this frustration, when he said, *"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not"* (Romans 7:18). He describes his personal battle with the flesh, by saying, *"For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members"* (Romans 7:19-23). His clear frustration ends with a cry, *"O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"* (v.24). And then his declaration of the answer to his personal flesh problem and ours, *"I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin."* (v.25). He then in a victorious conclusion states: *"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit"* (Romans 8:1).

We have a problem. It is our flesh. We have a victory. It is in our savior, Jesus Christ. Therefore, let us remember, *"we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live[life eternal]"* (Romans 8:12,13).

NEW CHURCH PLANT

Star Baptist Church

On March 16, 2014, Star Baptist Church held its first public church service in Star, Idaho, under the leadership of Pastor Jerry Akers. There were 32 in attendance in the AM, with 18 signing the church charter. We are thankful for Pastor and Mrs. Jerry Akers, who were instrumental in starting BBC in Dec. 2009, and now have moved on to this new church plant.



The new Star Baptist Church building.



Above: 18 individuals representing 9 families signed the Star Baptist Church Covenant/Charter after the first evening service.



There were 32 in attendance for the first morning service in the new building.



<< Left: The Lord has provided for us to get all the construction necessary for occupying the building completed and paid for without incurring debt.

BBTS Graduate Training Others

One of the recent graduates from BBTS, Dr. Enoch Kumar, has replicated the biblical teaching ministry of men training men in India. Shalom Baptist Bible College & Theological Seminary was founded by Pastor Enoch C. Kumar in October 2005. This institute has met the need for a local-church-based Bible college in South India that would stand for the old-time truths of the faith and train fervent preachers of the Word. The faculty has grown steadily to meet the needs of a growing student body, providing academic quality in the classroom. Emphasis is placed on a consistent application of knowledge rather than just an accumulation of knowledge.



Recent graduating class at Shalom Baptist Bible College & Theological Seminary.

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BBTS Module Classes

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Lecture Series



The students of the Seminary Module Class on the Petrine Epistles.



Dr. Strouse teaching the Petrine Epistles at Heritage Baptist Church in Endicott, NY.



<< Left: The Rettigs practice for musical special.

Bible Baptist Theological Seminary presents
The Fifth Annual Spring Lecture Series

The Book of

REVELATION

Friday,
April 18, 2014
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM



The Crowne Plaza
100 Berlin Rd.
Cromwell, CT 06416

Preaching Schedule:

9:00-10:00 AM "Apocalypse & the Modern Versions"— Presentation of the confusion on the Greek text of the Apocalypse fostered by the Critical Text and modern version. Dr. Thomas Strouse, MDiv, PhD, ThD, DD, DLit, Pastor of Bible Baptist Church and Dean of BBTS

10:00 AM-12:00 "Revelation 18"—The destruction of Economic Babylonianism. Pastor Cas Reeves, DMin, MBS, MDiv, Pastor of Heritage Baptist Church and President of HBTS.,

1:00-3:00 PM "Survey of the Book of Revelation" — Dr. Thomas Strouse

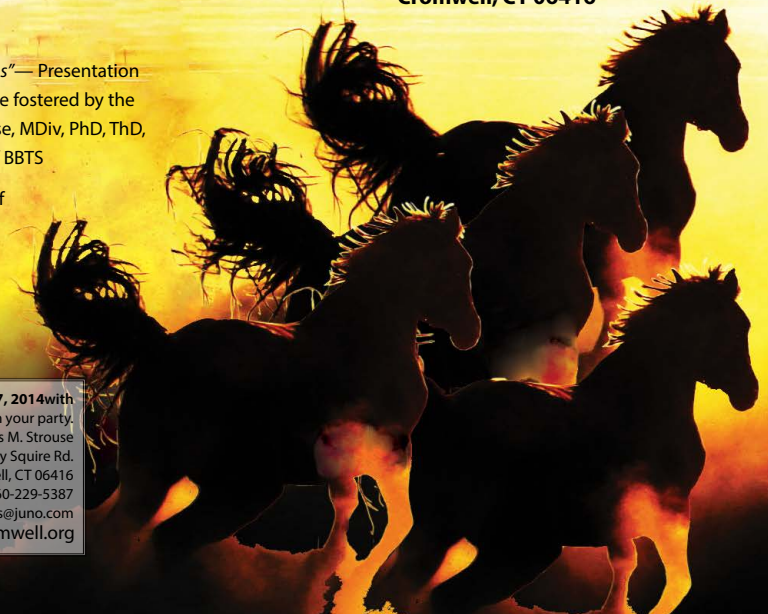


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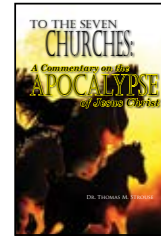
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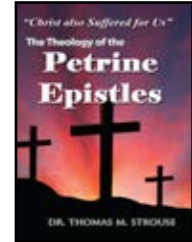
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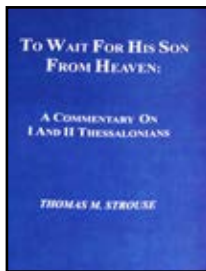
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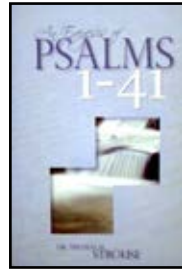
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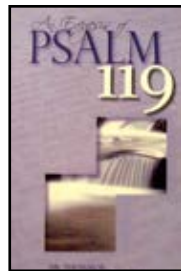
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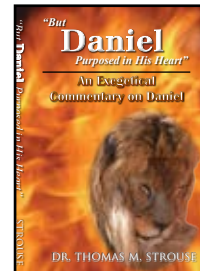
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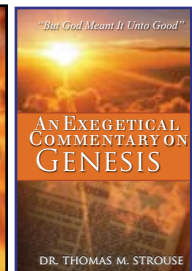
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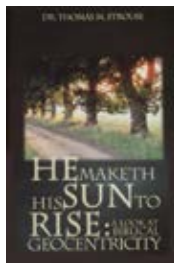
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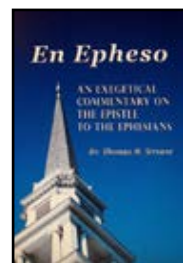
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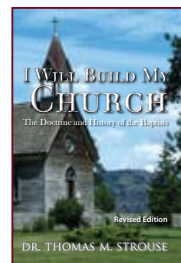
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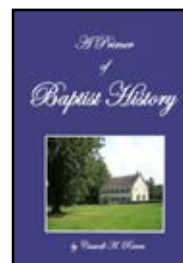
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The Gagnon girls sang a beautiful duet during the morning service



<<Left: JT finds a comfy seat in the nursery!



^^Above: Girls enjoy after-service fellowship!

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