



# BBC UPDATE

## Terrell Johnson Preaching

Dr. Thomas Strouse



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On April 26, 2015, Bible Baptist Church member and Bible Baptist Theological Seminary student Terrell Johnson preached to a full auditorium of about 65 people, including church members, family, and friends. He expounded the text of Ezekiel Chapter 1 and challenged all to be

incited about serving the Lord God because of the glory of the Lord. Several visitors expressed interest in church membership. We are thankful that BBC can carry out the Great Commission by training men to handle the word of the Lord and go forth as preachers, pastors, teachers, and missionaries.



*^^ BBC Member Terrell Johnson preached his first sermon at BBC on April 26.*



*<< Brother Johnson, also a student at Bible Baptist Theological Seminary, preached from Ezekiel Chapter 1.*

## Graduation Weekend

On Saturday, May 16, 2015, Pastor Greg Breeden will defend his 200 pp. doctoral (DMin) dissertation on *"The Biblical Theology of Daniel"* at 10 AM to Noon before the academic committee. At 5 PM, BBC will host her sixth annual Graduation Banquet in honor of six candidates for seminary degrees. The candidates are the following: Mr. Kevin Labuschangne (Certificate of Theology), Missionary Gene W. McKinley (Bachelor of Divinity), Mr. Tom Baker (Master of Biblical Studies), Mr. Steven M. Corman (Master of Biblical Studies), Prof. Jeffrey William Skorupski (Master of Theology), and Pastor Gregory Breeden (Doctor of Ministry). On Sunday, May 17, 2015, the six candidates for graduation from BBTs will be challenged by the Pastor of BBC and Seminary Dean of BBTs, Dr. Thomas M. Strouse, for the work of the ministry. Pray for this spiritually significant weekend.



*Pastor Greg Breeden will defend his dissertation May 16.*

## Biblical Proofs for Assurance of Salvation

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse  
Bible Baptist Church



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1. **Do you desire to fellowship with God?** *"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ" (1 Jn. 1:3).*
2. **Are you sensitive to sin?** *"If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:6-9).*
3. **Do you obey the Bible?** *"And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments" (1 Jn. 2:3).*
4. **Do you love other Christians?** *"He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes" (1 John 2:9-11).*
5. **Do you have distaste for the world?** *"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 Jn. 2:15).*
6. **Do you sense the Spirit of God working in your life?** *"But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him" (1 Jn. 2:27).*
7. **Do you anticipate the coming of Christ?** *"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:2-3).*
8. **Do you experience answered prayers?** *"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (1 Jn. 3:22).*
9. **Can you discern between spiritual truth and error?** *"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world" (1 John 4:1-3).*

### BBC Spring Calendar

May 2, 2015	4:30 PM
<b>Ladies' Fellowship at BBC</b>	
May 2, 2015	7:30 PM
<b>Men's Fellowship at Brother Nelson's home</b>	
May 16, 2015	10:00 AM
<b>BBTS Dissertation Defense at BBC</b>	
May 16, 2015	5:00 PM
<b>BBC/BBTS Banquet at BBC</b>	
May 17, 2015	2:00 PM
<b>BBTS Graduation at BBC</b>	

## BBC Hosted Stanford Achievement Test for Homeschooled Students

Bible Baptist Church administered Stanford Achievement test for 24 students from the Greater Hartford and Springfield area. The Stanford-10 Achievement Test is a nationally recognized test used by educators across the US. The students tested ranged in age from six to seventeen. The students embraced the experience of taking the test in a formal test environment.



## HOMESCHOOL



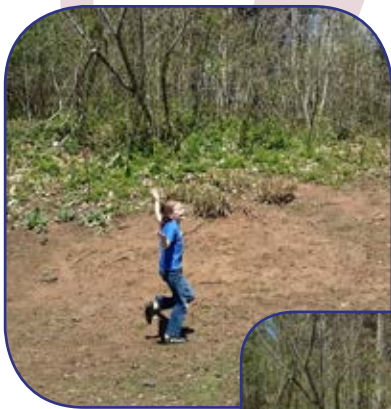
*Elementary grades testing room*



*Junior High Students working hard on their tests!*



*High School Students working on the Language Arts portion of the test.*



*The students enjoyed break time the most of all!!!*



# DEVOTIONAL CORNER

## Biblical Scholarship

*O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:*

1 Timothy 6:20



Pastor Cas Reeves

Men seem to be enamored with scholarship. For many who seek the accolade of scholarship, for them, it is a means to an end, in their quest for the approval of men. Some men who pursue scholarship, it is a way to fortune, while for others it is a way to fame and for others it is a way for reaching a place or position above their peers.

Many men have equated scholarship solely with human effort in their quest for truth, yet real truth cannot be found apart from the Bible. Jesus said, *"Thy word is truth"* (John 17:17). The Psalmist said, *"...all thy commandments are truth"* (Psalm 119:151). Nor can real truth be acquired without the LORD. The biblical scholar Daniel understood that it was God who gave wisdom. He acknowledged it when he said, *"Blessed be*

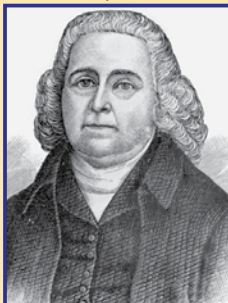
*the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: ...he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding"* (Daniel 2:21). Therefore, true scholarship is Biblical scholarship, which is to possess the knowledge of what God has declared right or wrong, and what is true or false. For instance, consider the question: was the earth created as God declares or did it evolve as some men declare? Honest scholarship will consider both thoughts, but must choose what an infallible God declares (Genesis 1:1) over what some fallible men think may have happened. Either way both positions are faith based. Some will believe the facts as God puts them forth and some will believe the facts as men put them forth. Whose facts do you want to believe: God's facts based upon His infallible word or man's facts based upon his fallible rationale.

For the Christian, true scholarship is not an ignorance of truth, but it is rather the acknowledgement of God's Truth. It holds all disciplines of study and their conclusions to be in subjection to His truth, which is revealed in the whole context of the Holy Scripture. -CAR

### Quotes From the Past: Isaac Backus 1724-1806

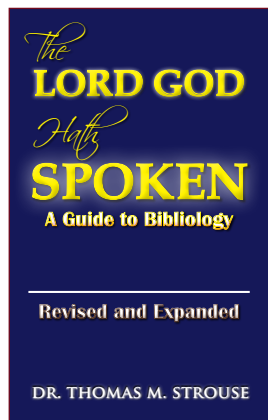
**Colonial Baptist Preacher from New England**

*"God alone is Lord of the conscience, and hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men, which are, in any thing contrary to his word; or not contained in it; so that to believe such doctrines, or to obey such commands, out of conscience, is to betray true liberty of conscience; and the requiring of an implicit faith, and an absolute blind obedience, is to destroy liberty of conscience and reason also."*



Isaac Backus

### The Lord GOD Hath Spoken: Revised and Expanded.

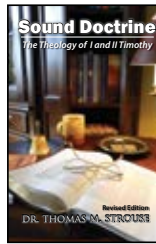


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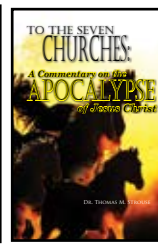
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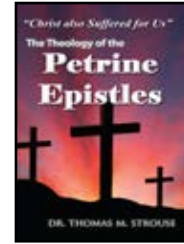
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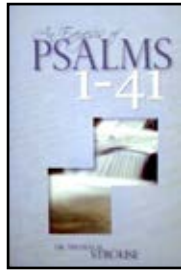
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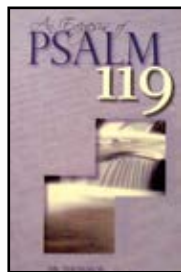
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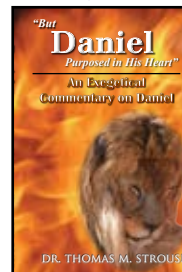
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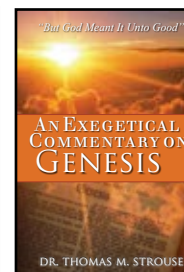
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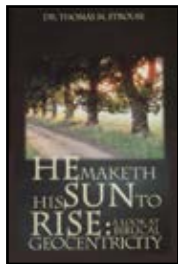
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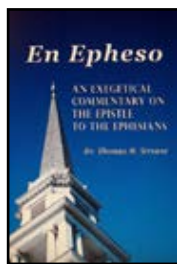
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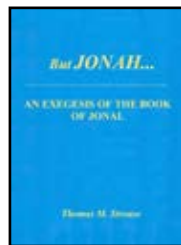
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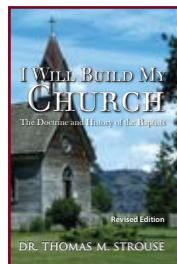
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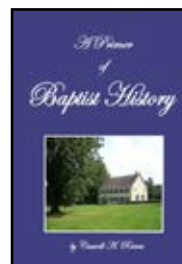
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