



BBC UPDATE

Sixth Annual BBTS Graduation

Dr. Thomas Strouse



Dr. Thomas Strouse

This weekend has been very busy with the Doctoral Dissertation Defense, the BBTS Graduation Banquet on Saturday, and the Commencement Service on Sunday. Since Bible Baptist Church is involved in the biblical practice of "men training men" (II Tim. 2:2), she also recognizes those who have studied the Scriptures and attained a level of knowledge and skill. First, Pastor Greg Breeden successfully defended his doctoral dissertation on "The Biblical Theology of the Book of Daniel" to receive his Doctor of Ministry degree. The Doctoral Dissertation committee members included Dr. Thomas M. Strouse, Pastor and Dean, and guest member Dr. Cas Reeves, Pastor and Dean of Heritage Baptist Church and Heritage Baptist Theological Seminary.



Pastor Greg Breeden receiving his Doctorate of Ministry degree.

On Saturday evening, BBC hosted the sixth annual BBTS Graduation Banquet and recognized the candidates and their families. The seminarians' testimonies enhanced the evening of an excellent catered meal and Christian fellowship. Three men from Ireland, including Missionary Gene McKinley, and nationals Preacher Tom Baker and Preacher Kevin Labuschangne were in attendance, along with Church Planter Greg Breeden, Preacher Steve Corman, and BBTS Professor Jeff Skorupski.

The Sunday services were a blessing, as Missionary Gene McKinley preached in the AM service and Dr. Strouse preached the Commencement service. The following seminarians received their respective degrees: Kevin Labuschangne (Certificate of Theology), Gene William McKinley (Bachelor of Divinity), Tom Baker (Master of Biblical Studies), Steven M. Corman (Master of Biblical Studies), Jeffery William Skorupski (Master of Theology), and Gregory Richard Breeden (Doctor of Ministry). We thank the Lord Jesus Christ for what He is doing through BBC. Continue to pray for this ministry.



BBTS Class of 2015

MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day at BBC

On May 10, 2015 (Mother's Day), Bible Baptist Church men honored the mothers and women by serving them lunch. The catered meal was delicious and the women were able to enjoy the day without having to cook or attend to kitchen activity. We thank the Lord for the godly women He has set in the assembly



Mothers and grandmothers pictured with their daughters and granddaughters.



The Mother's of BBC enjoyed a day of preaching and pampering!



Mother's Day

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Ladies' Fellowship

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On May 2, 2015 the ladies of BBC gathered for fellowship, fun, and card making! They sent their crafty card creations to encourage missionaries serving the Lord around the world.



Some of the beautiful cards the BBC women and girls constructed.

Nursery Makeover

The BBC nursery received a much needed face-lift, including a soft blue carpet which adds a warm and inviting feel.



Below: The nursery children enjoy watching birds visit the new bird feeder placed outside the nursery window



Above: The McKinley girls enjoying some time at BBC in the newly decorated nursery

BBC Youth are Getting to Know Our Missionaries

The BBC children are learning all about our missionaries in a new program headed up by Sara Rossignol and Lysa Czako. Every month the missionary bulletin board features a different missionary. This month the children get to know the Lawrences, missionaries to Utah.



BBC/BBTS Calendar

May 25-29, 2015 **7:30 PM**

1 & 2 Thessalonians/Isaiah Modules
Dublin, Ireland

June 6, 2015 **Time TBA**

Fellowship with the Lawrences
at Pastor Strouse's Home

June 15-19, 2015 **5:00 PM**

2 Corinthians Module
Quakertown, PA

July 13-15, 2015 **9:00 AM-Noon**

Vacation Bible School

DISSERTATION DEFENSE

On Saturday May 16, 2015 BBTS candidate for Doctor of Ministry Gregory Breeden gave his dissertation defense on the book of Daniel. Several men from BBTS and BBC were in attendance.

Dissertation Defense

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Photos



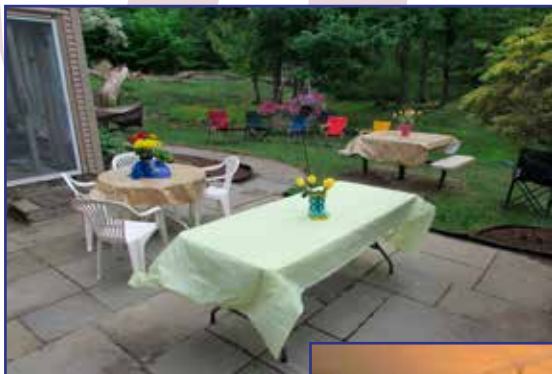
Greg Breeden with Dr. Cas Reeves and Dr. Strouse after his successful defense.



Greg Breeden defending his dissertation on "The Biblical Theology of the Book of Daniel"



Greg Breeden with his wife, Mandy.



Pastor & Mrs. Strouse hosted a welcome meal for the graduates traveling from out of town for the graduation.



Some of the ladies of BBC decorated the building beautifully to prepare it for the Sixth Annual Banquet.



Graduate Testimonies

BBTS BANQUET



Certificate of Theology Graduate Kevin Labuschang



Bachelor of Divinity Graduate Gene McKinley



Master of Biblical Studies Graduate Steven M. Corman



Master of Biblical Studies Graduate Tom Baker



Doctor of Ministry Graduate Gregory Breedon



Master of Theology Graduate Jeffery Skorupski



Delicious food and beautiful fellowship was enjoyed by all!



GRADUATION SERVICE

BBTS Graduation 2015

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Graduates



Graduation was part of the afternoon service.



^^ Prayer of Dedication by Dr. Noel Meadowcroft.

<< The graduates during the sermon.

BBTS Graduates



Graduate Gene McKinley



Graduate Steven M. Corman



Graduate Tom Baker



Graduate Greg Breeden



Graduate Kevin Labuschangne



Graduate Jeff Skorupski

Special Music

GRADUATION SUNDAY



Pastor Keith Main led the congregational singing



"My Jesus I Love Thee" accompanied by Krista Hagglund on the harp.



^^ The McKinley children playing violin



The McKinleys were accompanied by their oldest daughter on the piano.



The McKinley Family sang several times during their visit to BBC

GRADUATION FUN

Graduation Fun

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Photos



^^ Arriving for the big day!



^^ BBC harpist Krista Hagglund shares her harp with visiting harpist Anna-Grace



Children had great fun after the graduation services



^^ Mrs. Main and Mrs. Breeden fellowshipping between services

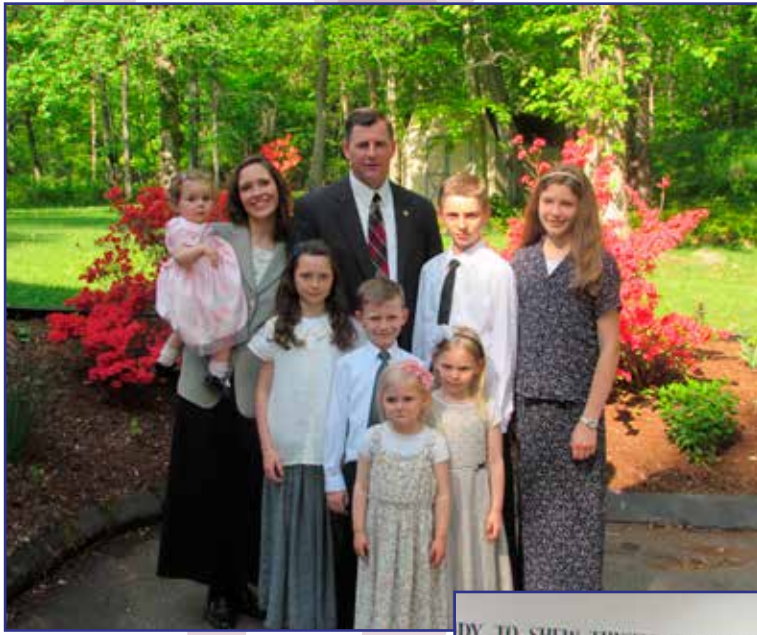


B BTS graduate Gregory Breeden with wife Mandy and children



Mr. Terrell Johnson with son TJ and B BTS graduate Jeff Skorupski

GRADUATION FUN



DEVOTIONAL CORNER

Mandates in Practical Living

Text: 2 Timothy 2:14-26



Pastor Cas Reeves

Practical godly living does not save anyone. However it does demonstrate the salvation that God has given us through His Son, Jesus Christ. Because we have been saved and declared righteous, God has set us apart, sanctifying us for His purposes. It is this position before God that calls us to a practical life of sanctification as we live our Christian life.

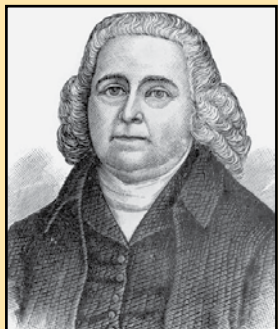
When the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, he revealed both positive and negative mandates to live a sanctified godly life. First, the positive mandates: 1) Remember the injunctions of the word of God (2 Timothy 2:14); 2) Study the Scriptures, rightly dividing them (2 Timothy 2:15): And 3) follow after righteousness, faith, charity, peace (2 Timothy 2:22). These are the positive mandates for practical living that Paul shared with Timothy.

Like a battery that energizes things to run properly, and which has both a positive and negative aspect, so is the energizing aspect of godly living. Regarding the negative mandates revealed, they are: 1) Shun words and conversations that cause a promotion ungodliness (2 Timothy 2:16); 2) Depart from iniquity, which is the flagrant disobedience to what God has revealed that we should do (2 Timothy 2:19); Flee youthful lusts or desires (2 Tim.2:22). At this point, I would call to the reader's attention the progressive nature of these negative mandates. We are to shun (to turn from), depart (to leave) and flee (to run from, escape by flight). Finally, Paul reveals that we are to avoid (to refuse, decline) language that genders strife and questions, language that is unhelpful in building character and strength in godly practical living that projects our salvation and sanctification, which we have in the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 2:23-26). -CAR

QUOTES FROM THE PAST:

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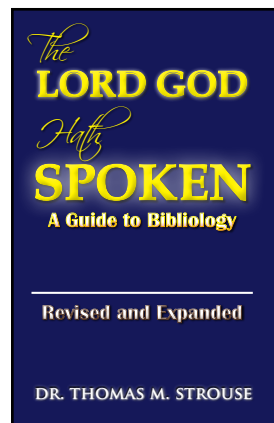
Colonial Baptist Preacher from New England



Isaac Backus

“God has appointed two kinds of government in the world, which are distinct in their nature, and ought never to be confounded together; one of which is called civil, the other ecclesiastical government.”

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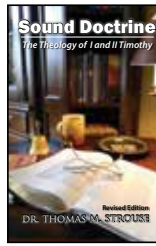
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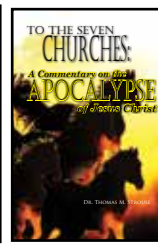
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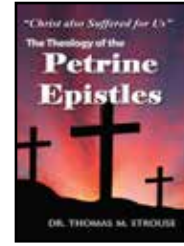
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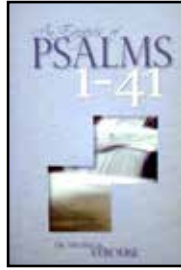
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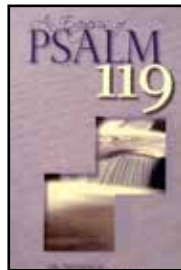
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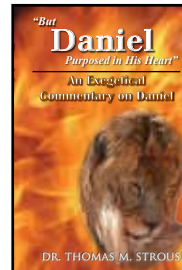
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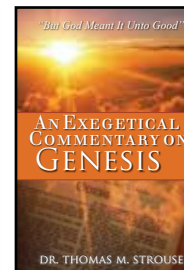
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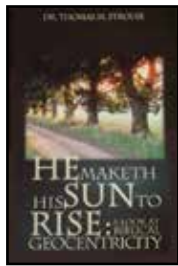
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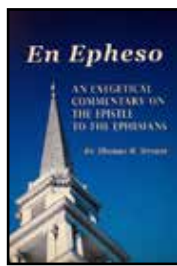
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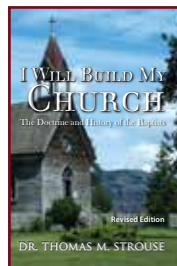
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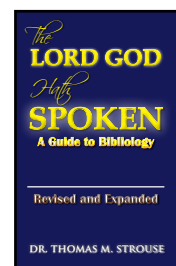
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BBC Fun



Tired out after all the Mother's Day fun!



Mrs. Harding lending a hand to Mrs. Strouse

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