



BBC UPDATE

Bible Baptist Church's National and International Influence

Dr. Thomas Strouse



Dr. Thomas Strouse The Scriptures teach that men in local churches should teach other men, and therefore the Lord's truth is perpetuated. For instance, the Apostle Paul admonished Timothy, saying, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (II Tim. 2:2). Bible Baptist Church and her seminary, Bible Baptist Theological Seminary, are committed to this biblical model. The Lord has committed His words to the Baptist assembly, which is "the pillar and ground of the truth" (I Tim. 3:15), so that the church becomes the Depository, the Defense, and the Distributor of the truth. BBTS under the aegis of BBC, has been the instrument by which scores of men have been instructed in the Scriptures, resulting trained pastors and missionaries around the world. One such man is Pastor James Lawrence, MDiv, pastor of Faithful Men Baptist Church in Washington, UT. Internationally, BBTS has impacted several Filipino churches through modules, as well as pastors teaching the word of God to Philippine Pastors. Recently, two graduates of BBTS taught the Book of Romans (Pastor Keith Main) and the Book of Titus (Dr. Cas Reeves), respectively, in BBTS graduate Dr. Jed Raquintan's church to many Filipino pastors, including BBTS graduate Pastor Emmanuel Tanierla and his delegation from Iloilo. Here are two reports.

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Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Fall Lecture Series

Bible Baptist Church of Cromwell CT is planning on hosting the BBTS Fall Lecture Series at the Courtyard Marriott in Cromwell, CT on Friday, Nov. 13, 2015. The subject will be the biblical institution of marriage, giving a public forum for the defense of "The Bible and Marriage." With so many perverted attacks upon the Lord's plan for mankind (e.g., adultery, fornication, sodomy, lesbianism, trans-genderism, etc.), Christians need to know what the Bible says about the following subjects:

1. "Planning for a Christian Marriage" by Dr. Cas Reeves (8:30-10 AM).
2. "The Bible and Marriage" by Dr. Thomas Strouse (10-11:30 AM).
3. "The Bible and Sodomy" by Pastor Ken Brooks (1-3 PM).



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Dr. Cas Reeves



Dr. Thomas Strouse



Pastor Ken Brooks

PHILIPPINE MODULE

Dr. Cas Reeves



Pastor Cas Reeves

On Thursday morning, September 17, 2015, Pastor Keith Main and I left our homes for the long trip to the Philippines. The trip took us from Binghamton Airport in New York to Newark Airport in New Jersey, to Narita Airport in Tokyo, Japan to our final destination of Manila, Philippines, arriving at 9:30 PM Friday night. This was the same route reversed coming home. The pastor, Dr. Jed Raquintan, met us at the airport and then took us to our hotel in Quezon City, which is about four kilometers from the Cornerstone Baptist Church. It was 31 hours since we had started our trip. At this point sleep and rest was very much appreciated. Around 4:00 PM on Saturday afternoon, Brother Raquintan took us out for dinner. We fellowshiped and learned of our itinerary for the time we would be there.

On Sunday the 20th, we attended the Cornerstone Baptist Church. Pastor Main taught Sunday School and I preached the Morning Worship Service. Following the service we took some refreshment and then headed to Mabalok in the province of Pampanga to a church plant two hours north. Here Brother Alvin Baptista leads the church plant under the direction of Dr. Raquintan and for the Cornerstone Baptist Church, which is



Seminary class students



Cornerstone Baptist members

planting this church. We arrived about 3:30 PM in the middle of their Sunday School time. Following Sunday School I preached for their worship service. After fellowshiping and giving and receiving of gifts, Brother Baptista and his wife and family took us out to eat and then we returned to our hotel. On Monday the 21st, we began our module classes. Pastor Main taught the Book of Romans from eight o'clock to noon everyday and I taught the Book of Titus from three to seven o'clock everyday. In between classes we had a meal at noon and a rest period. At 5:30 P.M., we took a break and had a meal and then resumed class. The classes were held in the conference room of the hotel. We appreciated teaching in the air-conditioned room. The Philippines is usually a very warm place this time of year, but the heat this year was much more intense than other years. This is thought to be due to a lack of typhoons this year which have a cooling affect on the Philippines.



Philippians cuisine - basket of small crabs

The Lord gave us very good classes with fifteen students each. These students are at various stages of working on different degrees. Most of them are pastors from all over the Philippines that converge at Quezon City for a week of seminary modules. This all began from the visits of Dr. Thomas Strouse and the holding of modules with pastors Manuel Tanierla and Jed Raquintan. This consolidation of the module classes took place about five years ago and continues to be a success. To God be the glory!

The highlight of the trip was when a visiting first time student, Jimson, made a profession of faith on Thursday. Following classes on Friday he shared his testimony with Pastor Main and myself and amongst others at the dinning table. Basically he said that all his questions that he had throughout the years were answered during the week of module classes. Jimson came to the module classes as a member of the Seven-day Adventist church where he is the music leader and his father is a deacon. He heard the Word of God taught and responded to the truth which he heard, asking Christ to save him and wishing to follow the Lord in baptism We must continue to pray for Jimson that he may stand in Christ's strength as he returns to share with his family what the Lord has done.

On Saturday, September 26th, we enjoyed a trip to Quezon Park. This is a beautiful Park named for the first president of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, Manuel Quezon. We toured the museum and saw his entombment in the center of the museum. Later we went out for pizza and then back to the hotel. On Sunday, September 27th, we returned to Cornerstone Baptist church. Pastor Main taught Sunday School again, finishing the passage he had started in the week before. I preached in the morning service. Following lunch out with the Pastor and some of the church members as well as a short rest, we returned to the church to speak to the men's fellowship. Following the men's fellowship the ladies had prepared a light refreshment. We then preached

at the evening service. After saying our farewells we returned to the hotel and packed for our trip home. Pastor Raquintan picked us up at 4:45 A.M on Monday morning to take us to the airport in Manila. We left Manila at 9:30 A.M. arriving home safely thirty-one hours later.

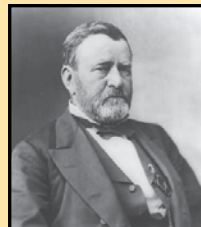
We are exceedingly grateful to the Lord for privileging us with this opportunity to serve. Throughout the week we were given opportunities to share our testimonies of how Jesus Christ had saved us and then how He worked in our lives to make and prepare us as servants to serve Him. God was good to us to allow us to see Jamson receive the truth and wish to follow it. It was also good to listen to the testimonies of the students, men of God serving the Lord as pastors in their homeland of the Philippines. To all that we experienced, we give to our great God and Savior all the praise and all the glory. Amen!

Quotes From the Past:

Ulysses S. Grant

1822-1885

18th President of the USA



Ulysses S. Grant

“Labor disgraces no man; unfortunately, you occasionally find men who disgrace labor.”

FAITHFUL MEN BAPTIST CHURCH



*Pastor & Mrs.
James Lawrence
of Faithful Men
Baptist Church
in Hurrricane,
Utah*

“Hello from South West Utah, The physical description of the area is simple, hot and dry. Fortunately, God has blessed Kathryn and I with both a great tolerance and an appreciation for the heat. Day time highs are typically 105 – 110 in the shade. We stay out of the direct sun light as much as possible. The desert has its own unique beauty, a garden of multi-colored rocks with a few plants here and there. Of course water is the key, little water, little plant life. Spiritually speaking the same is true of human life, without the water that Jesus gives there is no spiritual life, no eternal life (John 4: 14 and 7: 38, 39).

Spiritually, the LDS are as their environment, without “living water”. Kathryn and I both enjoy all the LDS folks, In fact, for all intents and purposes they are among our best friends here. We find them to be a lovely people with a great deal of confusion. God continues to give us one on one opportunity to expound the gospel of Jesus Christ with them. One such young man has visited the church on a few occasions and seems genuinely interested in

*Study to shew thyself
approved unto God, a
workman that needeth
not to be ashamed, rightly
dividing the word of truth.*

II Timothy 2:15

the truth of God’s word. He has repeatedly requested that we send him Bible verses to read and meditate on. He has an LDS back ground but is questioning its validity. From his own study of the New Testament he understands that salvation is in Christ Jesus alone. We pray that God will allow us to be an ongoing part of his understanding of the truth. His mother has also visited us. By the grace and mercy of God shown to us, we are able to show the love of God to these dear people. They are not accustom to the love of God, and it affords us a platform to speak from. Please pray with us that God will help us to carefully weigh our words. The truth must be given in love or else we are just an annoyance in their ear. God gave us the ear of a wonderful young lady earlier this summer; she listened patiently as the good news of Christ Jesus was explained and repentance and faith prescribed. She later said she was not ready to make a decision. We continue to pray for her, text her Bible verses and invitations to join us. Kathryn and I continue to be the only two members of Faithful Men Baptist Church but God has provided a ministry here. FMBC has undertaken to provide for some much needed dental work for Tracy C. We are thankful for his faithful attendance at the Sunday afternoon services. He is a Southern Baptist gentleman with a rather eclectic theology.



In October 2014, James and Kathy Lawrence were presented a certificate of ordination by Pastor Strouse.

Summer break is over and Kathryn and I are back to work part time at the Washington County school district. Our home in PA is still on the market. In July we enjoyed the first annual preaching conference at Freedom Baptist Church in Murray, UT Pastor Tom Corkish. While in the Salt Lake area we acquired 300 copies of ASTRUGGLETO PACE, the testimony of Pastor Richard and Cindy Benson saved out of Mormonism. They are a great addition to the information packets distributed here in Washington.

On a personal note, we were blessed to be able to attend two family weddings this summer, a niece and a nephew both in PA. The trips were coordinated around addressing unforeseen issues with our home in PA. We do hope to be unburdened from that stewardship soon."

BBC HAPPENINGS

Upcoming Events at BBC

BBTS Lecture Series

The Bible and Marriage

November 13

8:30 - AM - 2:30 PM

Marriot, Cromwell, CT



Seventh Annual

BBC Christmas Banquet

December 5 from 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Bible Baptist Church

2015 BBTS Fall Semester Has Begun!

The first semester of BBTS for the 2014-2015 year has begun with five courses being offered in residence and online.

Mondays

Baptist History II 9:00 AM - Noon

Hebrew II 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Wednesdays

Romans 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Thursdays

Joshua 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

BBTS On-line

The Fall BBTS Classes are online and available for viewing at

<http://www.bbc-cromwell.org/seminary.shtml>



BBTS On-Line!

Bible Baptist Theological Seminary, under the auspices of BBC, has seminary classes Online this 2013 Fall Semester for seminarians to receive half of the requirements via the internet. The remaining half of their requirements must be taken either at Cromwell, CT, during the regular semester, or through various modules held around the world. Seminarians may register Online and subsequently submit tuition payments in order to receive credit towards the Master of Biblical Studies, the Master of Divinity, or the Doctor of Ministry degrees.

THE BOOK CORNER

The Book Corner

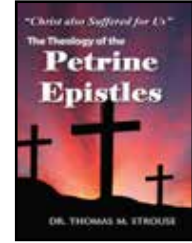
These Books may be purchased through **Bible Baptist Church**:
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\$20.00



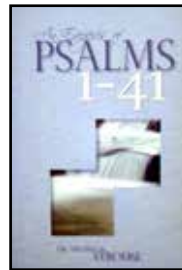
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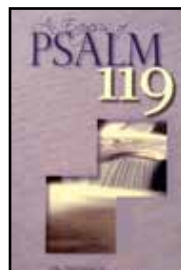
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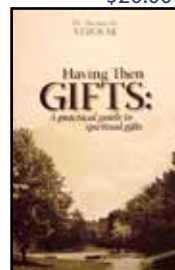
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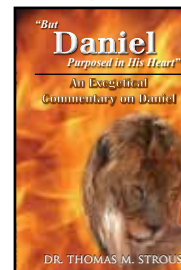
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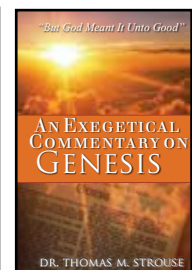
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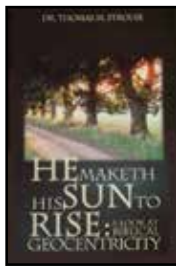
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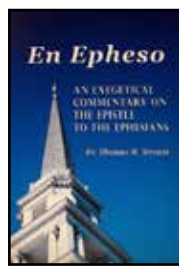
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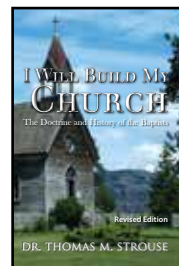
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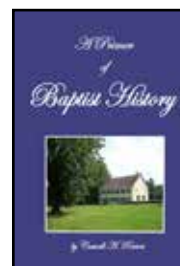
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Jonah
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I Will Build My Church
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A Primer of Baptist History
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The Lord God Hath Spoken
\$15.00

Grow in Grace for Women

Job 1:1 *There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eshewed evil.*

Reflection: What does it mean to fear the LORD? What is your image of Him? Do you treat the LORD flippantly, and bring Him down to your level? Instead of bringing God down to what our image of Him is, what would it cost us to have the fear of the LORD magnifying and honoring Him for who He rightfully is?

Job feared the LORD and the LORD blessed Him. He had a right understanding of who God was. The LORD blesses those who fear Him and live rightly. Do you fear the LORD?

Psalm 128:4 *Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.*

Challenge: If you gave the LORD the reverence due Him, fearing Him and exalting Him in your heart, how would that profoundly change the way you live?

Psalm 34:3 *O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.*

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