



# BBC UPDATE

## 8th Annual Fall 2017 BBTS Lecture Series

Dr. Thomas Strouse



*Dr. Thomas Strouse*

On Nov. 10, 2017, the Lord blessed the 8th Annual Fall 2017 BBTS Lecture Series with a good turnout of almost eighty in attendance from about fifteen different churches and thirteen area pastors. The messages were an effort to give a biblical perspective on the Protestant Reformation which occurred five hundred years ago on Oct. 31, 1517. The subject was "Baptists and the Reformation" with three messages dealing with related topics. Dr. Thomas

Strouse dealt with the history of the apostate Roman Catholic Church, her need for "reform," the reforming Catholics such as Luther, Zwingli, Henry the VIII, and Calvin who wanted change "a good church gone bad" by continuing the heresy of pedobaptism, and Baptist churches which have had a spiritual/doctrinal heritage separate from the RCC but reaching back to the first century. After a delicious meal of fried chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes, salads, and many desserts, the attendees settled in on Pastor Stephen Hinebaugh's lecture entitled "Why Study Baptist History."



*At least 13 area pastors attended the Lecture*

Here are the reasons:

1. The Bible Teaches that Spiritual History is Important.
2. Baptist History Amplifies the Need for Christian Definition.
3. An Ignorance of Baptist History Has Proven to be Destructive.
4. Baptist History encourages Christians to Exalt the Scriptures over Church Tradition.
5. Baptist History Provides a Proper Biblical Perspective on the Reformation.
6. Baptist History Imparts Discernment Regarding History in Christian Education.
7. Baptist History Emphasizes the Importance of Ordinance Precision.
8. Baptist History Constrains the True Believer to Faithfulness.

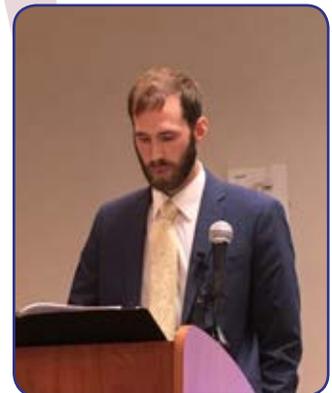


*Pastor Stephen Hinebaugh*

Following this excellent presentation, Pastor Jon Stockton dealt scripturally and cogently with the "Shifts in Protestant Worship and Doctrine," dealing with these major points:

1. Should Baptist Churches Be Musical?
2. Music in the Scriptures.
3. Shifts in Protestant and Fundamentalist Worship and Doctrine—An Un-Biblical Emphasis.
4. Sound Musical Worship and Doctrine in Baptist Churches—A Biblical Practice.

This time of biblical challenge and great fellowship was enjoyed by all. The syllabi for lectures are available on [www.bbc-cromwell.org](http://www.bbc-cromwell.org).



*Pastor Jon Stockton*

# PHILIPPINES MINISTRY

## Philippines Seminary Trip – October 19th to 27th 2017



*David Ellsmore  
Pastor*

The 17th October saw my wife and I on a plane bound for Manila with a connecting flight on the 20th to Iloilo, Panay Island, Philippines. We were met at Iloilo Airport by Dr. Emmanuel Tanierla, pastor of Garden Bible Baptist Church, Iloilo City, his wife Elvesa, and Pastor Alejandro Cadusale from Tigbaun Bible Baptist Church. Following a prayer time at Garden Bible Baptist Church we checked into our hotel and enjoyed a good night's sleep. On Sunday 21st I preached and Devene sang at Tigbaun Bible Baptist Church in the morning and at Garden Bible Baptist Church in the evening. Both churches received us warmly and the Lord blessed the day exceedingly. It was wonderful to be able to visit these churches again and to renew fellowship with these dear brethren. The Philippine brethren are always so friendly, polite, generous, and very hospitable.

Monday 22nd began a four-day seminary programme, with Dr. Tanierla teaching Hermeneutics in the morning and myself teaching Covenants and Dispensations in the evening. The classes were well attended with thirteen plus students in the morning and an average of nineteen in the evening. I was very encouraged with the desire of the students, many of them pastors, for the teaching of God's Word. There were many excellent and perceptive questions asked throughout the week, which added substantially to the value of the course.

We returned home on Friday 28th via Manila and after a very long day travelling arrived home in the UK at 10:30pm, tired but thankful for a blessed and fulfilling week. It was truly a privilege and a delight to share with and minister to these dear brethren again.

Dr. David A. Ellsmore



*Dr. and Mrs. Tanierla and Dr. and Mrs. Ellsmore*



*Covenants and Dispensation Class*



*Meal Time*



*Covenants and Dispensation  
group picture*

# The Just Judgment

*And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.*

**Luke 21:11**

**Reflection:** Do you believe that our LORD is a God of love? He is longsuffering and shows lovingkindness but He is also JUST demanding judgment according to His will. This verse in Luke will be during the time of the seven year Tribulation which will befall those who are not saved through Jesus Christ.

Many ask, "Where is God?" This is what those who have no understanding of their spiritual condition say, people who are prideful and have no concept of the Great and Marvellous God who is in control of ALL things and is right in ALL things.

Many are disrespectful to the LORD who deserves reverence and honor and praise. If you have no faith in the power of God, to whom do you give credit for all kinds of weather and circumstances, from hurricanes, to earthquakes, to fires, and famines, etc...?

**Have you heard or even said these:**

- "Mother Earth"
- "Mother Nature"
- "We are in the hands of nature"

**What?! It would be more like, you are in the hands of an angry God!**

*[To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.]*

*The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.*

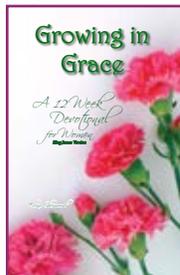
**Psalm 14:1**

**Challenge:** Whose hands are you in? Read **Psalm 148**. Who or what should give the LORD praise? What can you praise the Lord for today?

## GROW IN GRACE DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

### *Growing in Grace: A 12 Week Devotional for Women Books 1 & 2*

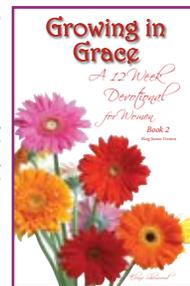
This 12 Week Devotional is a ministry of Bible Baptist Church in Cromwell, CT. It is designed



Book 1

for women, and is meant as a support for victory in daily Christian living. Spiritual victory comes by having the Genuine Christ, Accurate Biblical Teaching, Applying the Infallible Word of God, and a Humble Heart.

Using this Devotional Each day you will be given a daily Scripture followed by thoughts upon which to reflect and a challenge for the day. To get the most out of this book, it is encouraged that you take the time each morning to reflect upon and apply each devotion.



Book 2

*"Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart."*

**Psalm 119:2**

Please contact Bible Baptist Church (Elenas6259@gmail.com) if you would like a complimentary copy of Book 1 or 2.

### **Mrs. Bobbie Chakraborty becomes American Citizen**



Bobby Chakraborty

Recently Mrs. Bobbie Chakraborty, widow of Tapon Chakraborty, became an American citizen. We are thankful for this milestone in her life.

# DEVOTIONAL CORNER

## Thanksgiving

*"I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving."*

**Psalm 69:30**



Pastor Cas Reeves

The Scripture makes it clear that our thanksgiving is to abound to the glory of God. *For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God* (2 Cor.4:15).

When God enriches us in all blessing, it causes us to have thanksgiving toward Him. So, when you are saved and you know it, you can't help but be thankful to God. *Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God* (2 Cor.9:11).

As we pray over our cares and seek God's help, we are asked to pray with a grateful or thankful spirit. *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God* (Phil.4:6).

As Christians, when we are strengthened in Christ and we are established in our faith we are to abound in thanksgiving. *Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving* (Col.2:7).

The Bible also teaches that God's children need to pray before they eat. *For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving* (1 Tim.4:4).

Finally, we are to watch or be vigilant in prayer always praying with thanksgiving. *Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving* (Col.4:2). -CAR

## Lecture Series



*The 8th Annual Fall Lecture Series attended by nearly 80 people representing 15 churches.*

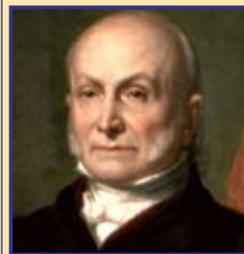
## Pastor and Mrs. Akers' Visit

Pastor and Mrs. Jerry Akers, former members of BBC, visited the church and gave a report on their church plant in Star, Idaho. We are thankful for these friends in the Lord and faithful servants for the Lord.



*Pastor and Mrs. Jerry Akers*

Quotes From the Past:  
**John Quincy Adams**  
**1735-1826**  
**2nd American President**



*John Quincy Adams*

*"Let us tenderly and kindly cherish, therefore, the means of knowledge. Let us dare to read, think, speak, and write."*

# THE BOOK CORNER

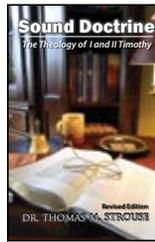
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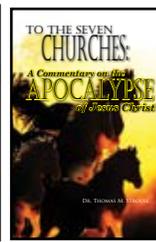
Fellowship at the Lecture Series

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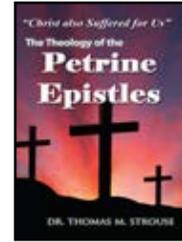
These Books may be purchased through **Bible Baptist Church**:  
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I & II Timothy \$20.00



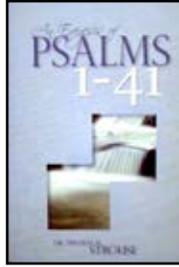
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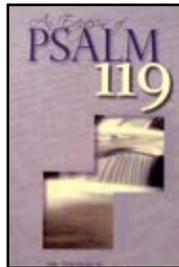
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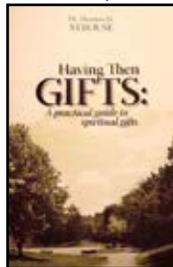
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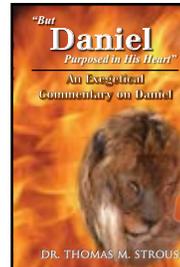
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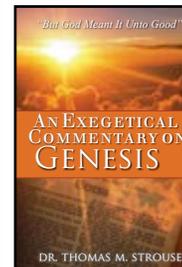
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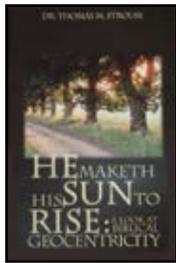
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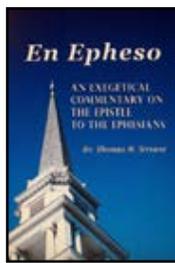
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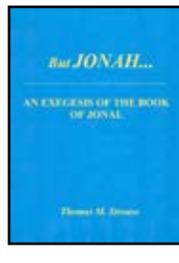
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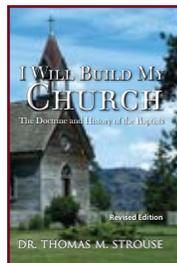
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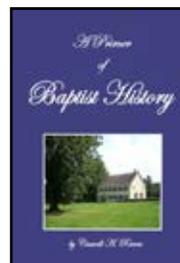
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## Fellowship at the Lecture Series



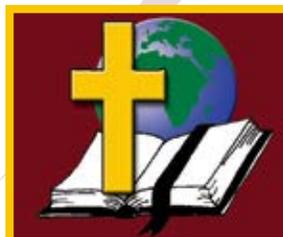
A delicious lunch was served at BBC.



^ Mr. Bob Mitchell (L) talking with Pastor Bobby Mitchell (R).

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