BBC UPDATE

FILIPINO MODULE



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

The Lord blessed the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Module on Minor Prophets I with thirteen Filipino pastors or pastors-in-training. Dr. Jed Raquintan was the gracious and hospitable host pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Quezon City, Philippines. His

church facility includes a comfortable prophet's chamber, bedrooms for at least twenty men, and a lecture room. One man, Pastor Brainerd Totica, attended from Iloilo for the module, and was awarded his Master of Biblical Studies diploma from Bible Baptist Theological Seminary. The men are faithful pastors and diligent students as they are attempting to be thoroughly equipped with the knowledge of Scripture. They realize that there is a great dearth of Bible knowledge among Filipino Christians and even among Baptist pastors. Certainly the truth of Hosea's message rings true: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children" (Hos. 4:6).



Choir special



Left: Dr. Strouse Preaching in Quezon City

Above: the men who attended the module of Minor Prophets



Cornerstone Baptist Church



Seminarian Robin and his fiance Ruth. He sells eggs from his 3-wheeler and is affectionately known as the "egg-man."



Brainerd Totica receiving his Master of Biblical Studies degree.

HIP HOP HERESY

The Apostle Paul warned about the Gnostic heresy encroaching upon the Church at Colosse (Col. 2:9-11). Devotees taught that the divine spirit of man housed in the flesh needed to return to spirit deity through the upward advancement within the physical manifestation or fulness (pleroma) of the ineffable spirit/ mind/idea. This spiritual advancement to deity comes in many forms; in fact Satan has specially-designed schemes for everyone. One deceptive scheme of spiritual advancement is the Hip Hop Heresy. Brother Darrell Nelson expounded on the Hip Hop Heresy because of his knowledge of it from his background. He recognized exactly what the leader Lawrence Kris Parker aka KRS-One (Knowledge Reigns Supreme Over Nearly Everyone) was promoting among the inner-city youth of America. He exposed this heresy which message may be heard on the BBC website. The following are the basic tenets of Gnosticism:

- 1. The pleroma refers to the totality of divine powers.
- 2. Aeon is the manifestation of deity in the pleroma, which manifestations move downward from non-material to material ("flesh") manifestations. There are multiple aeons in various systems of Gnosticism.
- 3. The material manifestation occurred in the pleroma because of some past limitation, such as a passion, flaw, or sin.
- 4. Man needs gnosis (the "knowledge" of Gnosticism) to know how to overcome physical or "flesh" limitations to enter the pleroma, moving from material (physical) to non-material (spiritual) and eventually to deity.
- 5. Reincarnation is the mechanism needed for man to move upward in the pleroma to deity.
- 6. As man receives gnosis, which enhances his spiritual power or energy (energeia), he moves through levels or steps with the help of swamis, shamans, religious leaders and teachers, spirit guides, angels, esoteric writings, Hip Hop music, etc., and eventually reaches deity status.
- 7. This false system of Gnosticism has as its foundation the lies of the Garden (cf. Gen. 3:4-5), including deification and deathlessness of man based on knowledge, and played out in terms such as pantheism, reincarnation, humanism, "flesh is evil," karma, celibacy, vegetarianism, magic, energy points and manipula-

tion, piercings and tattoos, poltergeist, UFO encounters, etc.

- 8. All religions, cults, and philosophical systems repackage the lies of the Garden and promote the Gnostic perversion of Col. 2:8-10, with various terms, means, personages, etc.
- 9. For example, L. Ron Hubbard's Scientology (or Dianetics which means "through the mind") is a classic case. Humans are immortal Thetans (deities) who have forgotten their divine past as they have identified with the physical world. They have Engrams (mental impediments) which must be cleared in their auditing sessions so that they can proceed upward in their "assumption" (i.e., reincarnation) or return to deity. E-meters help them reach pre-clear stages in their progression.



Brother Darrell Nelson presenting the Hip Hop Heresy

BBTS Spring Schedule

Starting Monday January 28, 2019 the following is the BBTS schedule:

Mondays

New Testament Introduction 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Tuesdays

Greek II 6:00PM - 9:00PM

Wednesdays

Minor Prophets II 9:00AM - 12:00PM

All Courses Taught by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

DEVOTIONAL CORNER

WORSHIPPING THE LORD



Pastor Cas Reeves

PSALM 96: A PSALM OF WORSHIP

I. HOW WE ARE TO WORSHIP THE LORD

Sing unto the LORD (1)

1: O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.

Show forth the LORD's Salvation (2)

2: Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.

Declare the LORD's Glory (3)

3: Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

Fear the LORD (4)

4: For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.

Give unto the LORD Glory and Strength (7)

7: Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

Bring an Offering unto the LORD, Come into His Courts (8)

8: Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in Holiness, Fear the LORD (9)

9: O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

II. WHY WE ARE TO WORSHIP THE LORD

The LORD Made the Heavens (5)

5: For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens.

The LORD is Honorable, Majestic, Strong and Beautiful (6)

6: Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

The LORD shall Judge the People Righteously (10)

10: Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

The LORD is Coming, Let there be rejoicing (11-13)

11: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

12: Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

The LORD is Coming to Judge the Earth and the World with Righteousness and with His Truth (13)

13: Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth. -CAR

Juotes From the Past:

John Broadus 1827-1895

19th Century **Baptist** Preacher in the United States



"More secret than diplomacy, deeper than the investigations of the wise, and mightier than all the kingly power, is the providence of God.





Above: The BBC Choir blessed the congregation with a beautiful song. Left: Brother Andrew Williams lead the congregational singing

GROW IN GRACE DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

Praising the Lord!

Read Genesis 37-50

me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

Reflection: Joseph, is a perfect example of someone who could have been discouraged and bitter! He was sold into slavery. He could have given up but when reading through this account, we see that Joseph pressed on and was faithful to the LORD who delivered him in a mighty way.

Genesis 37:28 Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

If he had given up...what were the blessings that he would have missed?

There is nothing better, when discouraged, than to Genesis 50:20 But as for you, ye thought evil against praise the Lord for His faithfulness to you. Remember all the times He has been there for you, remember the times He has delivered you, and remember His ability to deliver you from what you are going through now. He is allowing it for good.

> Challenge: Be a blessing today! Do you see someone struggling, reach out to them! Love and encourage those around you with the love of Christ. What blessing is around the corner for you if you press on and remain faithful? What can you praise the Lord for today?

If you would like to receive Grow in Grace morning devotions emailed to you Monday through Friday, please send an email to: Elenas6259@gmail.com

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH 2019 LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

On April 27, 2019, Bible Baptist Church will host the Annual Ladies' Fellowship featuring Mrs. Debbie Wilhite as the guest speaker. She is married to seasoned missionary Dr. Jerry Wilhite who has received his seminary training and degrees of Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry under Dr. Thomas Strouse. The Wilhites with their family have faithfully served in Africa and now in Australia as church planters. Mrs. Wilhite will give her testimony of salvation and of experiences as a missionary wife in some challenging areas. Along with her testimony, the ladies will enjoy a brunch and craft time. The fellowship will be a time of blessing and will have a challenging spiritual impact.



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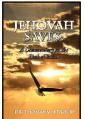
Recently, some of the Bible Baptist Church men fellowshipped together at one of the games of a local college basketball team.



THE BOOK CORNER

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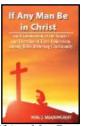
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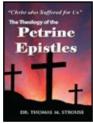
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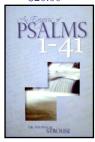
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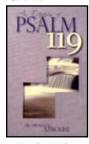
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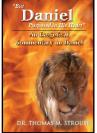
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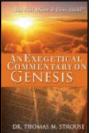
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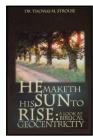
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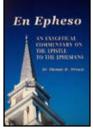
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BBC 2019 SCHEDULE

February 18-22

Philippine Module (Minor Prophets I)

Mar. 4-8, 2019

Endicott, NY Module Luke and Medical Terms

March 23

Galilean Baptist Church **Baptist Heritage Conference**

April 12

BBTS Spring Lecture Series

"Baptist Polity in Acts"

April 13

Ordination Council Community Baptist Church

April 27

Ladies' Fellowship

May 19

BBTS Graduation

Oct. 13-16

Willow Grove Baptist Church, Waynesburg, PA Bible Conference

Dec. 6-8

Bible Baptist Church Tenth Anniversary Conference

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