



BBC UPDATE

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On Dec. 18, 2015, BBC celebrated the beginning of her six year with the annual BBC Christmas Banquet. The meal was delicious and the fellowship enjoyable as Pastor Strouse rehearsed BBC's history and gave a challenge for the future. The gift exchange was exciting as always. We look forward to serving the Lord this coming year, waiting on His Second Coming.



^^Pastor Strouse giving the history of Bible Baptist Church and Bible Baptist Theology Seminary.



<<The ladies did a beautiful job decorating the room for an elegant evening.



^^Bro. Darrel Johnson led the singing while Mrs. Christy Strouse accompanied on piano. >>



Everyone in attendance greatly enjoyed a delicious banquet meal including scrumptious desserts!

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All had a great evening that included singing, testimonies, and a game of "Yankee Swap!"

^^ BBTs Seminarian Bro. Rich Roberts sharing his testimony.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Children's Christmas Program

The annual BBC Children's Christmas program gave the young people an opportunity to praise the Lord (Ps. 150:6) and cite verses related to the First Coming of Christ. Many visitors were challenged with the real meaning of Christmas.



NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

BBC held their mid-week service on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015, to usher in the coming year with singing, preaching, and a time of fellowship. All were encouraged to make the New Year's resolution to live a Spirit-filled Christian life (Eph. 5:18).



YOON'S VISIT



BBC was pleased to have Dr. and Mrs. Sam Yoon and their sons Joshua and Josiah visit from Korea. The Yoon's are dear friends to Dr. and Mrs. Strouse, and attend Dr. David Eum's church in Korea, serving with former BBC members, Mr. and Mrs. Ohyun Kwon.

VASSAR'S 75 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015, BBC held her PM Service at Covenant Village to honor Mr. and Mrs. William Vassar for their seventy-fifth wedding anniversary. This dear couple joined BBC immediately after her beginning, and have been faithful church members ever since. After singing some favorite gospel songs, Pastor Strouse gave a challenge from the Song of Solomon (8:6), and then recapped the life journey of this Christian couple. The Vassars received some gifts, and then all enjoyed eating pieces of the beautiful three-tiered anniversary cake. Their testimony of faithfulness to the Lord and to His institution of biblical marriage is a rebuke to the wicked society of immorality prevalent in the world.



^^ The Happy Couple's 75th wedding anniversary was celebrated with songs, music, and a beautiful wedding cake!



Dr. Cas Reeves



Pastor Cas Reeves

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God" (John 1:1-2).

What a truth! Here is a great truth of the Bible, revealed to us. Notice: "in the beginning" is reiterated, mentioned first in verse one and again in verse two. This emphasizes that before all creation and at the beginning of creation was the Word. In Genesis it is revealed as, "God said..." (Genesis 1:3,6,9,11,14,20,24,26). God spoke everything into existence by his audible word. But the great truth is that his Word is the person of Jesus Christ. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

Jesus is God without question. Declared by the Word of God and spoken by Jesus the Word, "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30). The Apostle Paul describes Jesus Christ to the Colossian Christians as the one: "who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things

created, that are in heaven and that are in earth...all things were created by him, and for him. And he is before all things, and by him all things consist" (Colossians 1:15-17).

Jesus, the Word, "who being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God: Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, and of things in the earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:6,9-11).

Yes, Christians, you can take to heart and trust every Word that Jesus ever spoke, because he is God (John 1:1). Remember his parting word of promise, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20). Take courage Christian, you have God's Word, that He is always with you. The powerful creative Word of God promises you, no matter what the situation you find yourself in - He is there.
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2016 BBTS Spring Course Schedule

(Beginning Monday, January 25, 2016)

Monday, 9 AM-12 Noon. The Book of Genesis

Monday, 1-3 PM. Hebrew III

Wednesday, 9-12 Noon. The Book of Revelation

Thursday, 6-9 PM. Greek I

See www.bbc-cromwell.org for more information

Quotes From the Past:

John Bunyan

1628-1688

Baptist Preacher and Author



John Bunyan

"Here is the life of prayer, when in or with the Spirit, a man being made sensible of sin, and how to come to the Lord for mercy; he comes, I say, in the strength of the Spirit, and crieth Father. That one word spoken in faith is better than a thousand prayers, as men call them, written and read, in a formal, cold, lukewarm way."

Grow in Grace for Women

BEWARE!!

Colossians 2:8-10 *"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:*

Reflection: The Eastern Religions (Gnosticism, Hinduism, Zen Buddhism, dualism, pantheism, and more) have overwhelmingly infiltrated 'Christian' circles in our Western world. We are assaulted daily with these seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils, in an attempt to normalize these lies of the garden.

Has the Holy Spirit illuminated your discernment so that you are able to answer the following questions with a resounding NO!?

*Is it acceptable for a Christian participate in Yoga?

*Is it okay for my children read Harry Potter?

*Can we fellowship with Disney?

*Should Christians see Star Wars: The Force Awakens? Just the title itself should evoke a desire to flee.

The Force Awakens, speaks of a force which promotes the power inside the individual person to be like god. Where have we heard this before? It is counterfeit to the True Power of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Galatians 4:9 *"But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?"*

This movie depicts: witchcraft, magic, and mind control to name a few reasons to flee and it grossly undermines the Truth of the Scriptures.

George Lucas states, "I see "Star Wars" as taking all the issues that religion represents and trying to distill them down into a more modern and easily accessible construct [...] I put the Force into the movie in order to try to awaken a certain kind of spirituality in young people – more a belief in God than a belief in any particular religious system." The Washington Post

Challenge: Can you think of examples of the world's philosophy that you have come to understand are unbiblical? Have you turned from them? Is there anything your family is involved with that you should be discerning and turning from?

1 Timothy 6:20-21 *"O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen"*

AUDIO SERMON: 2015.1.11 PM

Pastor Tom Strouse "Gnosticism"

1 Thessalonians 2:13; Ezekiel 28:13; Colossians 2:8-10

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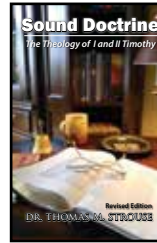
2 Peter 3:18

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen"

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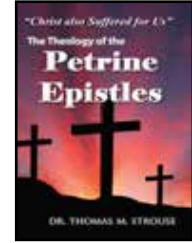
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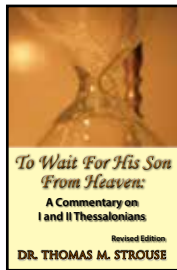
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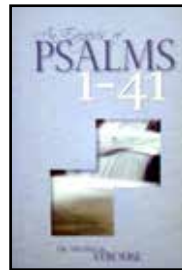
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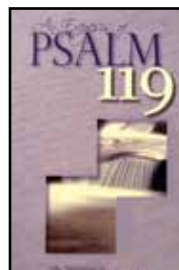
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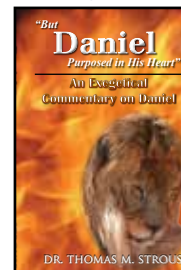
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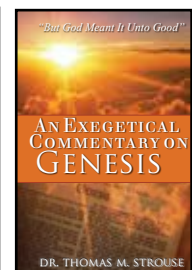
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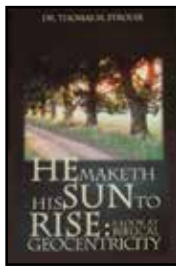
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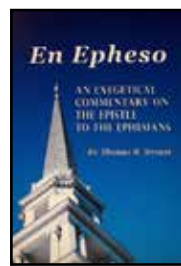
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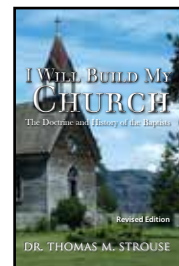
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Upcoming Events at BBC

January 4-8, 2016

Ireland Module
I Kings & I Corinthians

March 7-11, 2016

BBTS Modules Endocott, NY
"The Book of Matthew"
"Hebrew Exegesis-The Book of Malachi"

March 19, 2016

Ladies Fellowship

April 15, 2016

BBTS Spring Lecture Series

May 21, 2016

Graduation Banquet

May 22, 2016

BBTS Commencement Service

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