



BBC UPDATE

Baptismal Service

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On April 27, 2014, the Lord "set" in Bible Baptist Church two repentant sinners who professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (*vide* I Cor. 12:18). Mrs. Sandra McKee and Luke Schabert received Scriptural baptism, as Pastor Thomas Strouse baptized the former and Mr. Mark Schabert baptized his son. Baptism is one of two ordinances, along with the Lord's Supper, and these ordinances are the church's ordinances, and not the pastor's. Brother Schabert, a seminarian in Bible Baptist Theological Seminary, was granted the privilege to baptize his own son. Since BBC does not have her own baptistery, she was privileged to hold the baptismal service in an area Baptist church. The Lord blessed our congregation along with several visitors as we observed this New Testament practice of believer's immersion. We trust that the Lord will give us more church members through believer's baptism as other sinners in the Cromwell area turn to Christ



Pastor preparing to baptize Mrs. Sandra McKee,



Mr. Mark Schabert, a BBTs seminarian was granted the privilege to baptize his son, Luke.

BBTS Graduation Set for May 18

Bible Baptist Church is anticipating the fifth annual Bible Baptist Theological Seminary graduation service on May 18, 2014 at 1:30 PM. Four men, two international, Pastor Jed Raquintan and Mr. Tom Baker, and two local, Mr. Jim Lawrence and Mr. Ryan Strouse, have completed requirements for several different seminary degrees, including the D.Min., the M.Div., the M.B.S. and the Bachelor of Divinity. Pray for Pastor Raquintan and his doctoral dissertation defense on Friday, May 16, 2014 at 10 AM to noon, the Graduation Banquet on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 5 PM, and the Sunday commencement service.



RSVP for the BBTS Banquet

The Graduation Banquet will honor four Bible Baptist Theological Seminary seminarians who are candidates for seminary degrees. The Banquet will be hosted by BBC and begin at **5 PM Saturday, May 17, 2014**. All former, current, and prospective seminarians are invited to the Banquet. Please **RSVP** the number coming **May 5, 2014** (drtms_bbtbs@juno.com).

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Photos



Above and Right: Luke Schabert baptism



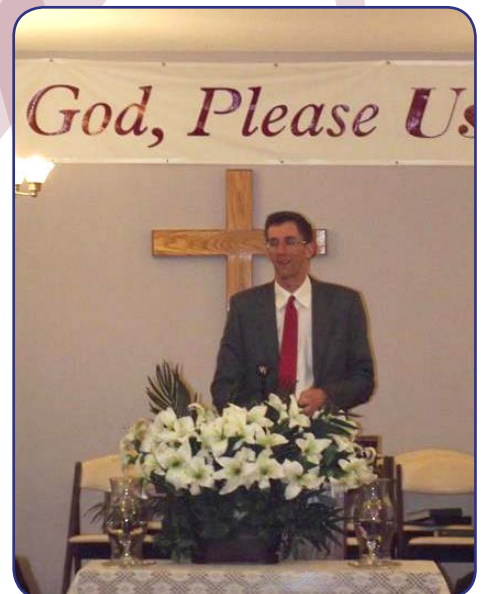
Above and Right: Sandra McKee baptism



Pastor Strouse & Mark Schabert share a word after the baptism



BBC members are preparing for the baptismal service which was held at Tabernacle Baptist Church in New Britain



Brother John Hagglund leads congregational singing as the candidates prepare for baptism

Jesus The Way

DEVOTIONAL CORNER

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

John 14:1 - 6



Pastor Cas Reeves

When I think about the time I received the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior, I always think about this passage. It was these words of truth that the Holy Spirit used to pierce my heart and convince me that I had to put my trust solely and only in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

For years I went to church. I did learn about Jesus Christ and I did believe in Him in an intellectual way, as one would believe that George Washington was the United States' first President. However, my belief was not with my heart as God's word teaches.

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Romans 10:9,10)

And while it is not a bad thing to believe in God and in His Son Jesus Christ, it is not enough to have a mental acknowledgement. As we learn from the Scripture, even the devils (demons) believe in God (James 2:19), but they are not going to heaven (Matthew 25:41).

Nevertheless, when I was shown (John 14:6), there was no question as to how one could get to the Father, who is in heaven. Jesus said, *"I am the way..."* This simply means that Jesus Christ is the ONLY WAY to go to heaven. If one adds anything else, such as: baptism, good works, church membership or even a sacrificial life of works; and he thinks these things will get him into heaven, he is denying *"the truth"* that gives *"the life"* which is in Jesus Christ *"the way."*

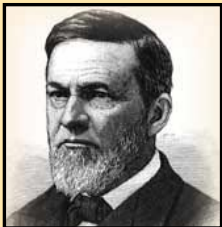
Can you remember receiving Jesus Christ as your Savior? Remember it is a personal moment when you repent of all that you have believed and practiced, recognizing for yourself that Jesus Christ was the ONLY WAY to heaven, and then you bowed your head in pray and received Him as your personal Savior.

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Quotes From the Past:

John A. Broadus, 1827-1895

American Baptist preacher during the Civil War: The following is a quote from an address given at the Cove Hill Cemetery in Louisville, Kentucky, in May of 1886.



John Broadus

"Thank God that now all is peace! It is due partly to the mobile character of our people; partly to the ample resources of our great country, giving to all employment and hope, and partly, notwithstanding all our imperfection and short coming, to the influence of Christianity. The great religion of peace has healed the wounds and softened the asperities of the great civil war."

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Resurrection Sunday

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Photos



Krista played "Were You There" on the harp during the offertory



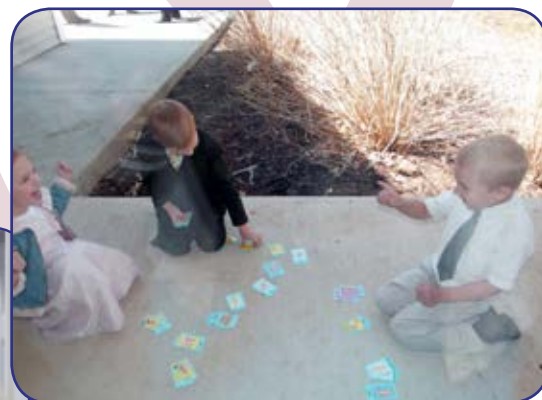
The Gagnon Family sang a beautiful arrangement of "Alleluia"



The Schabert Ladies



Above & Right: Fellowship following a delicious ham and sweet potato dinner!



The children enjoy a time of fellowship between services, too!

BBC Bible Study

Pastor Strouse or one of the men from Bible Baptist Church continue to lead a Bible Study each Sunday afternoon at One MacDonough Place (an assisted living residence in Middletown). There is always a time of singing hymns before and after the message. This Bible Study is a great blessing for the residents that attend each week. Please pray for this ministry.



Mrs. Strouse with one of the residents

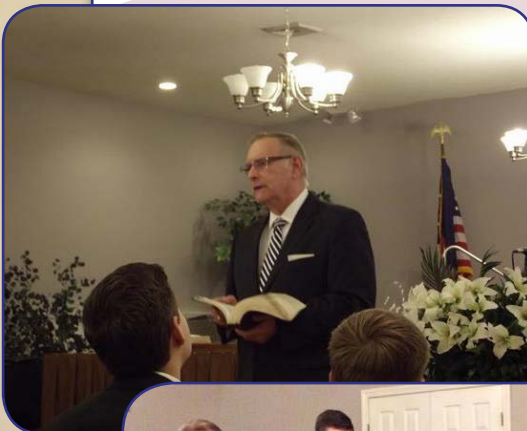


Krista played the harp for a special Resurrection Sunday Bible Study.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY



Every Sunday is Resurrection Sunday at BBC!
The Rossignol girls sang "Psalm 136" on
Sunday the 27th



<< Pastor Strouse
preaching on baptism
before the baptismal
service on Sunday.



<< Mrs. Gagnon
selects hymns
before the
baptismal service.

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VBS Announcement

BBC's Fifth Annual

Vacation Bible School

July 7 - 9, 2014

From

Saul

to

Paul

The Conversion - Acts 9



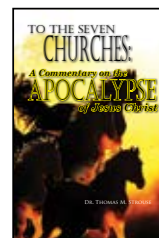
Join us **Monday - Wednesday, July 7- 9**
from **9:00 AM - Noon** for our Fifth Annual
Vacation Bible School. The children will learn
from the Bible, lessons on the conversion of
Paul from Acts 9. There will also be singing,
Bible memory competition, crafts, snacks
and games. VBS is open to all children aged
5 through the 6th grade. Contact Mr. Ryan
Strouse for more information at
mrstrouse@gmail.com



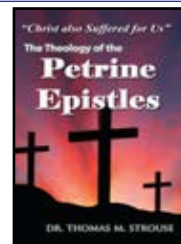
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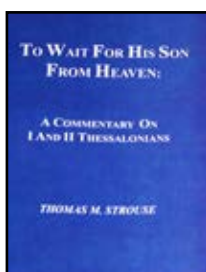
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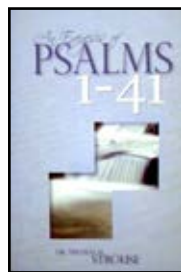
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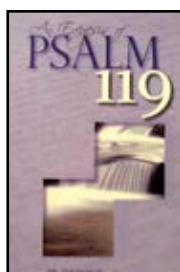
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I & II Thessalonians
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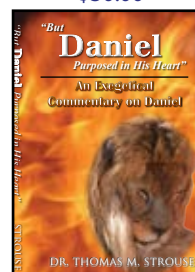
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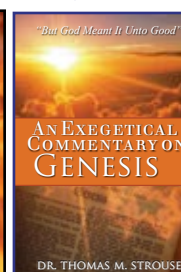
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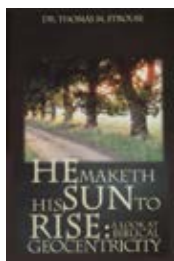
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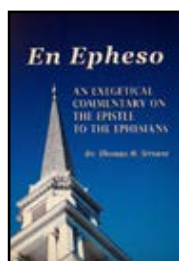
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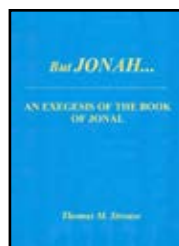
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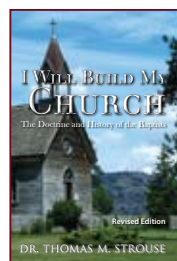
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