



BBC UPDATE

BBTS 2014 Graduation Weekend

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This is the special edition of the Bible Baptist Church Update presenting the full weekend that BBC experienced. To begin with on Friday May 16, 2013, Pastor Jed Raquintan successfully defended his Doctor of Ministry dissertation. On Saturday, BBC and BBTS hosted her fifth annual seminary banquet. The weekend culminated on Sunday with the graduation ceremony.

Dissertation Defense

On Friday, May 16, 2014, Pastor Jed Raquintan of Cornerstone Baptist church, Quezon City, Philippines, successively defended his 200 page Doctor of Ministry dissertation before the BBTS dissertation committee comprised of Dr. Thomas M. Strouse, Dr. Cas Reeves, Dr. Noel Meadowcroft, and Professor Jeff Skorupski. His dissertation was entitled "The Great Commission and its Fulfillment in New Testament Churches." Pastor Raquintan was the 40th doctoral student Dr. Thomas Strouse has trained in the last twenty-five years.



Dr. Thomas Strouse with Pastor Jed Raquintan after his successful dissertation defense.



The 2014 BBTS Graduating Class.

Graduation Banquet

Bible Baptist Church hosted the 5th annual seminary banquet on Saturday evening, May 17, 2014. Under the oversight of Mrs. Tiamo Tarrats, the candidates and guests were treated with the delicious gourmet meal of Beef Wellington, asparagus and potatoes. The church membership and guests heard the testimonies of the four graduate candidates and were challenged with "the influence of Paul" (II Tim. 2:2). He influenced many with his teaching, but he was influenced with the teaching of Gamaliel and Ananias, and with the inspired teaching of Christ.



Brother James Lawrence receives his hood for his Master of Divinity degree.

Commencement Service

The Lord blessed with a beautiful day for the 5th annual Bible Baptist Theological Seminary graduation services on Sunday, May 18, 2014. Four men received their respective degrees, including Mr. Tom Baker (Bachelor of Divinity), Mr. Ryan Strouse (Master of Biblical Studies), Mr. James Lawrence (Master of Divinity), and Pastor Jed Raquintan (Doctor of Ministry). Dr. Jed Raquintan preached the AM message, challenging the church with biblical missions. Dr. Thomas Strouse preached the commencement service challenging the seminary graduates about service for the Lord as "earthen vessels" (II Cor. 4:7). Pray for these men as they "commence" their life of service from this point forward.

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^^ The candidate defended his dissertation before the BBTS dissertation committee: Professor Jeff Skorupski, Dr. Noel Meadowcroft, Pastor Cas Reeves, and Dean Dr. Thomas Strouse.

>> Pastor Jed Raquintan successfully defended his Doctor of Ministry 200 page dissertation on "The Great Commission and Its Fulfillment in New Testament Churches."



"STUDY TO SHEW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD... RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH." 2 TIMOTHY 2:15



^^The Candidate and committee.



^^Prospective graduates, Pastor Jed Raquintan and Tom Baker.



BBTS Banquet



^^The Banquet began with a time of fellowship, then a delicious meal of Beef Wellington, asparagus and potatoes.



^^The Banquet program began with a time of singing.



<< Pastor challenged the graduates with a message on the influence of Paul - II Timothy 2:2.

The Graduates Shared Their Testimonies and Thanks

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^^ Graduate Ryan Strouse sharing his word of testimony and thanks



^^ Graduate Tom Baker



^^ Graduate Jim Lawrence



^^ Graduate Jed Raquintan



^^ >> The banquet provided many opportunities for fellowship!



^^ The beautiful young ladies at the banquet!



^^ Post-Banquet fellowship!



^^ Pastor Cas Reeves shared a word of testimony at the banquet.



<<Clean-up time!

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^^Pastor Strouse taught from Revelation 21 in Sunday School.



^^ The BBC Choir sang "I Am Resolved."



^^Pastor Jed Raquintan preached on the Great Commission during the Sunday morning service.



^^ The Lord blessed us with a beautiful day! We were able to enjoy the weather between and after services.



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^^The procession!



^^Jeff Skorupski led the Scripture reading.



^^The BBC Men's Ensemble sang "My Savior First of All."



^^Dr. Thomas Strouse preached the Commencement Service, challenging the seminary graduates about service for the Lord as "earthen vessels" (II Cor. 4:7).



^^ Brother Tom Baker shares a short testimony after receiving his Bachelor of Divinity.



^^ Brother Ryan Strouse, receiving his hood for his Master of Biblical Studies.



^^ Brother James Lawrence receiving his hood for his Master of Divinity.



^^ Pastor Jed Raquintan receiving his hood for his Doctor of Ministry.

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^^The Graduation Ceremony was part of the afternoon service.



Graduate Thanks & Testimonies



^^Graduate Ryan Strouse



<<The graduates during the Scripture reading.



^^Graduate Jed Raquintan



^^Graduate Jim Lawrence with his wife, Kathy.



The wives of the graduates were presented with flowers and abundant thanks from the graduates!



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^^Delicious cake and fellowship followed the service.



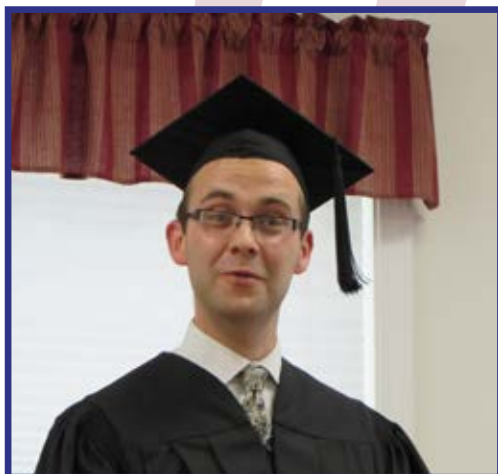
^^>>The cake and ice cream was enjoyed by all!



^^Graduate Ryan Strouse with his son, Jack.



^^The Schabert girls enjoyed the refreshments, too!



^^A Happy Graduate!



^^>>Graduation is tiring!



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The Graduates

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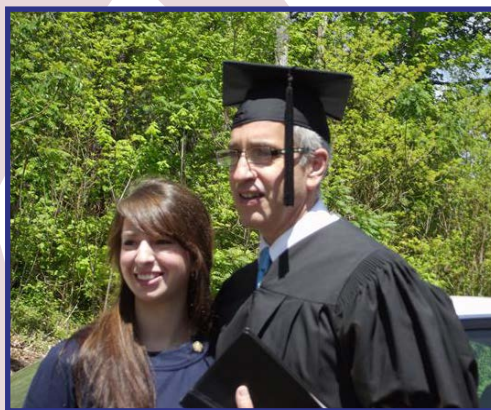
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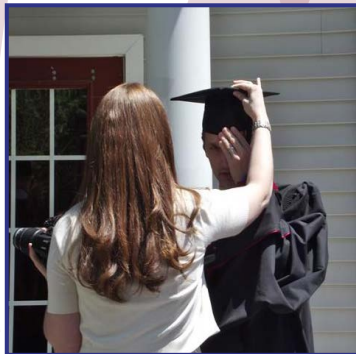
^^Dr. Thomas Strouse, Dean of BBTS



^^The BBTS Class of 2014



^^Newly graduated James Lawrence with his daughter, Nicole.



^^Ryan's wife, Christy, straightens him out!!



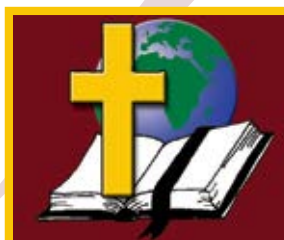
^^New graduate Dr. Jed Raquintan shares a laugh with Dr. Cas Reeves!



^^2014 Graduates and Staff of BBTS.

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