



# BBC UPDATE

## Fifth Annual BBC/BBTS Labor Day Picnic

Dr. Thomas Strouse



*Dr. Thomas Strouse*

The Lord withheld the forecasted thundershowers and gave us a beautiful day for the fifth annual BBC/BBTS Labor Day picnic at the Strouse House. About eighty folks came representing ten different churches, including African Missionary Dr. Jerry Wilhite, former seminarian under Dr. Strouse. The young people played some serious volley ball games while awaiting great tasting hamburgers and hotdogs by chief grill master Gino Rossignal. After the cookout we sang songs, listened to testimonies of attending pastors, and heard a challenge from 1 Tim. 3:15. Bible Baptist Church is thankful for the sister churches with whom we can fellowship around biblical truth. We are also thankful for the visitors who attended seeking this biblical fellowship.



*Above : Brother Bill Gagnon led in a time of singing at the picnic.*



*Left: Pastor Strouse shared a challenge from 1 Timothy 3:15*



*Above: At Least 80 people and 10 churches were represented at the BBC/BBTS Picnic*



## BBTS Module Held at Fairhaven Baptist College

During the week of August 18-22, 2014, the Lord blessed the BBTS module on II Corinthians with seven seminarians at Fairhaven Baptist College under the aegis of Fairhaven Baptist Church, Chesterton, IN. Three of the seminarians constitute the Bible faculty at FBC. We are thankful for this joint ministry with a sister church.



*The students attending the BBTS Module on II Corinthians held at Fairhaven Baptist College.*

## 2014 BBTS Fall Semester Has Begun!

The first semester of BBTS for the 2014-2015 year has begun with five courses being offered in residence and online. The courses include Bibliology, Greek II, I and II Timothy, Zechariah, and Ecclesiology. The schedule is as follows:

### Mondays

**Bibliology I**  
**Greek II**

9:00 AM - Noon  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

### Wednesdays

**I and II Timothy**

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

### Thursdays

**Zechariah**

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

### Fridays

**Ecclesiology**

9:00 AM - Noon

### BBTS On-line

The Fall BBTS Classes are online and available for viewing at

<http://www.bbc-cromwell.org/seminary.shtml>



## BBC Ordination Weekend Sept. 6 - 7

Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence will be commissioned and sent out by Bible Baptist Church to plant churches in Utah on Sept. 7, 2014, the Lord willing. Pray for the Lawrences as they take the truth of the Lord Jesus Christ to the Mormon infested land of Utah.



*Mr. & Mrs. James Lawrence*



*An intense game of volleyball at the picnic!*



## Picnic Testimony Time!

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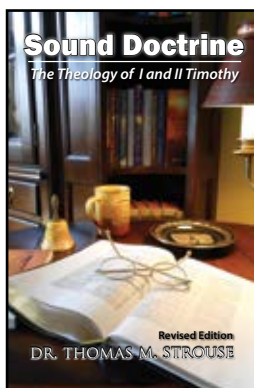
Upcoming Events

### Commentary on I & II Timothy Coming Soon!

Dr. Thomas Strouse's book *Sound Doctrine: A Commentary on I and II Timothy* will be printed.

For the New Testament believer, theology is at the same time the most essential feature of New Testament preaching and teaching, and the most elusive. I have observed that, although an abundance of theological material and tools are available for the pastor and his people, there is a dearth of *sound doctrine* in the land today within New Testament Christianity. It is my contention that the discipline of New Testament Theology best serves pastors and Bible teachers in helping them to understand what the text meant as well as what it means

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse



### Upcoming Events at BBC

Ordination Council for James Lawrence

September 6 from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Bible Baptist Church

Commissioning Service for Missionaries James and Kathy Lawrence"

September 7 at 1:30 PM

Bible Baptist Church

BBTS Lecture Series

November 14

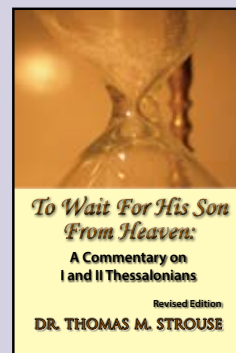
9:00 - AM - 3:00 PM

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, CT

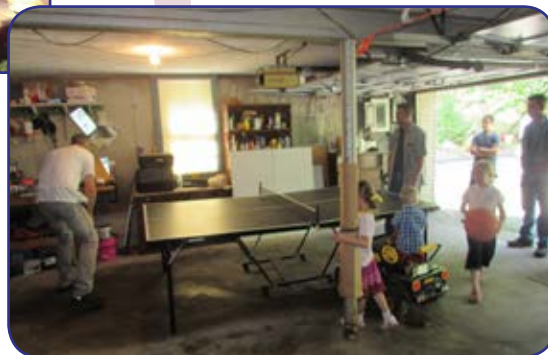
### Revised Edition of I & II Thessalonians Now Available!

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse has updated and released his latest commentary: *To Wait For His Son From Heaven: A Commentary on I and II Thessalonians*

The book may be purchased for \$20.00.



### More Picnic Photos



## Abominable Pride



Pastor Cas Reeves

*"Everyone that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord"*  
(Proverbs 16:5).

When the Lord uses the word "abomination" it is referring to something or someone that is disgusting, and is an abhorrence to the character of godliness. The proud or haughty person, the one who lifts himself above others in a contemptible attitude toward his fellows, this is the person God says is abominable to him. This is abominable pride.

As Christians, we are told: *"The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate"* (Proverbs 8:13). If God hates pride, then if we fear the Lord, we will hate pride. We understand, *"the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom"* (Proverbs 9:10). And with this wisdom we learn two things that pride brings. First, *"when pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom"* (Proverbs 11:2). And second, *"only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom"* (Proverbs 13:10).

We are warned that abominable pride is a destructive force. *"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall"* (Proverbs 16:18). If God says it, then we can believe it. This kind of pride will bring us down. *"A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit"* (Proverbs 29:23).

God warns us and exhorts us against being proud in heart. He encourages us to be humble in spirit and to live in the wisdom of his word. *"In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them"* (Proverbs 14:3). Jesus said, *"that which cometh out of man, that defileth man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, murders, deceit, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man"* (Mark 7:20-23). And finally, we are told within the context of a command not to love the world, *"the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world"* (1 John 2:15). Let us beware of the sin of abominable pride. -CAR

## DEVOTIONAL CORNER

Quotes From the Past:

**John Clarke**

**1609-1676**

**Colonial Baptist Preacher, Advocate of Religious Freedom, Considered by many as the founder of the first Baptist Church in America**



John Clarke

*"That no person within the said colony, at any time hereafter shall be any wise molested [harassed], punished, disquieted, or called in question, for any differences in opinion in matters of religion, and do not actually disturb the civil peace of our said colony;"*



*The young girls sang a sweet arrangement of "Jesus Loves Me" with a harp accompaniment.*



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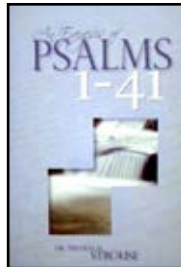
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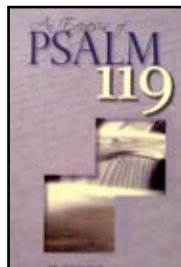
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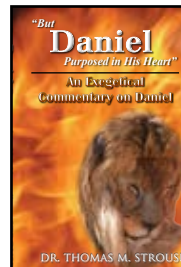
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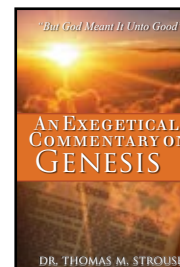
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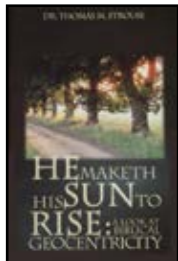
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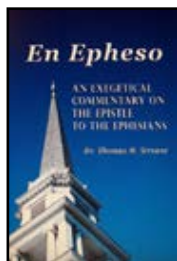
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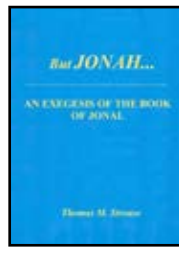
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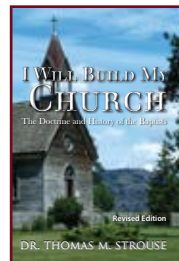
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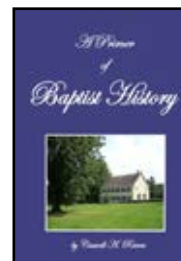
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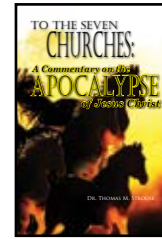
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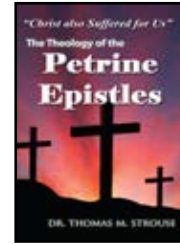
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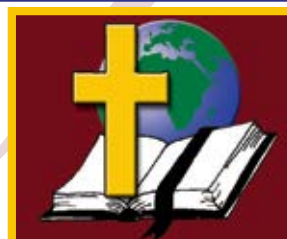
Peter  
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## Picnic Fun!



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