



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

# DR. JED RAQUINTAN

It was good to have Dr. Jed Raquintan to visit Bible Baptist Church and preach in the services on Sunday, 4-3-22. He pastors Cornerstone Baptist Church in Quezon City, Philippines, and visited the USA on the invitation of Dr. David Smith, for the Missions Conference of Community Baptist Church, Coopersburg, PA. Pastor Raquintan received his MDiv (2011), DMin (2014) and

ThD (2019) degrees from Bible Baptist Theological Seminary. We are thankful for Dr. Raquintan and his wife Eden and three children Ruth, Hannah, and Joseph. He continues to teach the Scriptures in his church college, Cornerstone Baptist Ministerial School. Certainly he has taken to heart the exhortation of Paul to Timothy, saying "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (II Tim. 2:2).



The men of BBC with Dr. Raquintan

O ne of his former members moved to Las Vegas, NV but was challenged by Dr. Raquintan to move across country and become a member of Bible Baptist Church. This obedient Baptist is Aiko Tinte who now has joined Bible Baptist Church and serves with the "live streaming" ministry for Bible Baptist Church shutins.







## PHOTOS







Above: Pastor Raquintan helps Ryan find the Philippines on the map.

Right: Brother Hovey enjoys fellowship in between services.





BBC Elder Darrell Nelson ministers in the Bronx.

### **GRADUATION WEEKEND**

) lans for the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary graduation weekend include two dissertation defenses, the Graduation Banquet, and the Graduation service. First, on Friday, May 13, 2022 (6-8 PM), Mr. M. Ryan Strouse will defend his Doctoral Dissertation on the subject, "Turn Ye Unto Me," An Exegesis of the Book of Zechariah (506 pp.). On Saturday, May 14, 2022 (10 AM-Noon), Mr. Clint Schreiber will defend his Doctoral Dissertation on the subject of "I Know that my Redeemer Liveth," An Examination of the Book of Job (328 pp.). At 5:00 PM on Saturday, May 14, 2022, Bible Baptist Church will honor the eight candidates for graduation with a banquet at the Marriott Courtyard, Cromwell, CT (nursery provided). On Sunday, May 15, 2022, the regular church services will meet at 10 AM (Sunday School), 11 AM (Preaching), and 12:30 PM (Commencement). The candidates include Mr. Andrew Williams (Certificate of Theology); three international students from Bible Baptist Church of Dubai: Mr. Avelino DeGuzman, Jr., Mrs. Mary Jane DeGuzman, and Mr. Ramil Radok, Master of Biblical Studies, in absentia; Pastor Adam Shedal, Master of Biblical Studies, Pastor David Smith, Master of Biblical Studies, Mr. M. Ryan Strouse, Master of Theology; Mr. Clint



Schreiber, Doctor of Theology; and Mr. M. Ryan Strouse, Doctor of Theology. We are thankful for these serious students of Scripture and pray for the Lord's future blessings as they serve the precious Saviour Jesus Christ.

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#### **BBTS SPRING LECTURE SERIES**

The Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Thirteenth Annual Lecture Series will be held on April 15, 2022 at Galilean Baptist Church in Stafford Springs, CT, hosted by Pastor and Mrs. Stephen Hinebaugh. The sessions will begin at 9 AM with a noon luncheon and concluding by 3 PM. A book table will be available with many recent volumes and reprints. The lecture with syllabi will deal with "The Ephesian Baptist Church: Her History, Doctrine, and Longevity." Please RSVP by 4-1-22.

The Ephesian Baptist Church was a significant biblical assembly in the first century, having been started by the Apostle Paul, and having received the canonical books of Ephesians, I and II Timothy, and Revelation, and probably the Johannine canonical literature (John, I John, II John, and III John) as well. Luke dealt with the Ephesian church in Acts 19, 20, and 21. The assembly had a history of existence for at least forty years. The Ephesian Baptist Assembly became the model for all biblical churches. Thus, the immense value of studying this significant Asian church helps modern churches have a pattern for doctrine and practice. Timothy received instruction from Paul, who demanded, saying, "Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus" (II Tim. 1:13). The word for "form" (hupotuposin) means a "sketch" or "outline" concerning "sound" (hugiainonton) or healthy words. The words of Scripture need to be preached because they have heavenly authority. Too often American churches, whether emerging, fundamentalist, or even independent, have succumbed to the non-authoritative, western opinions and standards with associated entrenched guilt and shame, and forced man's "form" on those who would rather seek the biblical form of sound words. What was the position of the Ephesian Baptist Church on preaching, assembling, accountability, pastoral oversight, politics, government congeniality, church agility, size, money, or pastoral or personal hubris? Paul's words to Timothy and the Ephesian assembly are the outline for the biblical church. How may the Lord's assemblies stay within the lines of Paul's outline?

## **BBC/BBTS 2022 SCHEDULE**

April 15, 2022 13th Annual BBTS Spring Lecture Series Galilean Baptist Church

May 15, 2022 13th Annual BBTS Commencement Service

> June 6-10 Community Baptist Church Coopersburg, PA "The Johannine Epistles"

July 25-29 Calvary Ind. Baptist Church Plymouth, NH "Biblical Geography"

August 22-26 Fairhaven Baptist College Chesterton, IN Acts, Vol. 1 (Chapters 1-9)

## PRIVILEGED



Pastor Cas Reeves

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" John 1:12,13

t is our privilege to be saved. Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Certainly

our privileges are part of God's gracious and wonderful 'abundant life,' which He has given us. Our text shares that first privilege, being made part of God's family through faith in Christ. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God. (Notice, it is all of God's doing.) Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

Then there is the privilege of communicating with God in prayer. Speaking with our Creator and God. The one who loved us when we were unlovable. Who gave and sacrificed his only begotten Son that we could be saved. The Bible, speaking of prayer, says: "the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." (Romans 8:26,27).

e also are given the privilege of witnessing for our God and Savior Jesus Christ. Because we are saved and have become new in Christ, God "...hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation." We understand what God did for us and for the world through Jesus Christ. Therefore, He has made us ministers of "the world of reconciliation." Yes, we are now able to share God's simple plan of salvation with others. "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ." (2 Corinthians 5:17-20).

These are three great privileges, not to mention, eternal life (John 3:15), an assured confidence (1 John 5:13), being joint-heir with Christ (Romans 8:17) and knowledge of the truth (John 17:17) All of these and many more (Ephesians 1:18) give us reasons for loving and serving our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. It enables us to serve with great joy now and all the days of our life. What a privilege to be saved!

**DEVOTIONAL CORNER** 

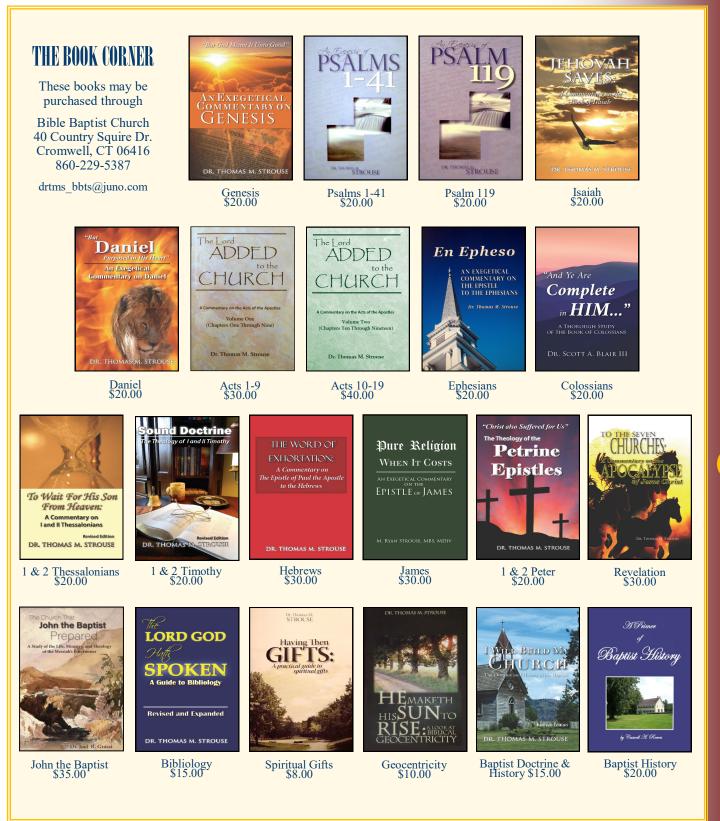


*"Cursed be all learning that is not* 

coincident with the cross of Christ."

TES FROM THE PAST

John Witherspoon 1723-1796 Signer of the Declaration of Independence



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