



BBC UPDATE

LABOR DAY COOKOUT



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

ON a beautiful Labor Day, September 4, 2023, the LORD blessed the Bible Baptist Church Labor Day Cookout at the Strouse House with about fifty church members representing five area sister churches. The food was delicious with hamburgers, hotdogs, and pork ribs, sufficient for all to enjoy. The festivities included a serious game of croquet with Mr. Tommy Thompson finally coming from behind and ousting reigning champions, Dr. and Mrs. Ryan Strouse. Finally, the fellowship around truth was edifying as Mr. Aiko Tinto challenged the brethren with a message from Philippians about laboring for the Lord Jesus Christ. Brother Aiko, a former member of the church of Filipino pastor Dr. Jed Raquintan, is a seminarian who moved from Nevada to CT to be in a biblical Baptist assembly. We were delighted to have good friends from the past, Mr. and Mrs. Marc Couture from the sister church Bible Baptist Church of Nashua, NH, to attend for the first time.



Above: Group photo of all attendees.



Clockwise: Pastor with Mr. & Mrs. Marc Couture, Bryce enjoying a cool drink, Gwendolynn & Sabrina, Ladies around the fire pit, A listening crowd, Aiko challenging the listeners.



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There was plenty of delicious food provided by BBC in addition to the many sides and desserts brought by those who attended.



Mark and August enjoy a laugh.



The buffet line.



There was plenty of activities for children of all ages.



Who doesn't enjoy a good game of cornhole?



Pretty sure she made it in!



Mark trying to break the windows with a good hit.



Even adults like to swing.



Kirsten and Ryan discuss seed planting.



Preston cooling off Jan with his water fan.

PROPHECY CONFERENCE

UPON the invitation of Dr. David Smith, pastor of Community Baptist Church in Coopersburg, PA, Dr. Thomas M. Strouse dealt with the topic of “*Understanding the Times*” (I Chr. 12:32). Dr. and Mrs. Strouse travelled to PA, and he dealt with the following topics in the three day Prophecy Conference:

- ◆ The *Program* of Eschatology (Dan. 9:24-27);
- ◆ The *Prediction* of Eschatology (Joel 2:28-32);
- ◆ The *Presentation* of Eschatology (Mt. 24:1-42);
- ◆ The *Problems* in Eschatology (I Thes. 4-5 and II Thes. 2:1-12); and
- ◆ The *Purpose* of Eschatology (Rev. 6-21).

The services were well-attended by the faithful church members as well as curious visitors. We are thankful for the sister church Community Baptist Church, and the ministry of Dr. and Mrs. David Smith.

TWO YOUNG PREACHERS



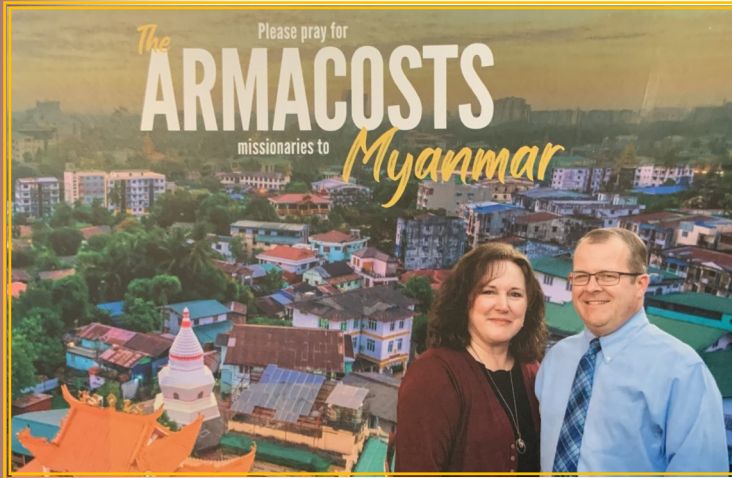
Mr. Aiko Tinte



Mr. Cisco Melendez

BIBLE Baptist Church has attempted to practice the injunction that the Apostle Paul gave 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). Recently, two young men in the assembly received the opportunity to preach to the congregation, expounding their selected texts and receiving feedback from the brethren. We are thankful for the desire of Mr. Aiko Tinte and Mr. Cisco Melendez for taking the serious and daunting challenge to preach before a biblically-trained church membership. This “on-the-job” training is essential for their spiritual growth and ministry experience for years to come. Two other men will soon have their opportunity to preach before and to the congregation, namely Mr. August Gagnon and Mr. Tommy Thompson.

MISSIONARIES DAN AND JENNIFER ARMACOST



ON Wednesday evening, September 6, 2023, Bible Baptist Church had the privilege of hearing the burden and receiving the challenge about the Gospel ministry in Burma (Myanmar) by Missionaries Dan and Jennifer Armacost. Brother Armacost had been on the pastoral staff of Fairhaven Baptist Church and was Dean of Students of Fairhaven Baptist

College for many years. He received his MDiv from Bible Baptist Theological Seminary in 2010 and now has the desire to minister in Burma with a church plant and Bible institute for the training for the Burmese nationals. He and Jennifer will head for Burma in 2024 to begin evangelism and language studies in order to “preach the gospel to every creature” (Mk. 16:15). Pray for the Armacosts!

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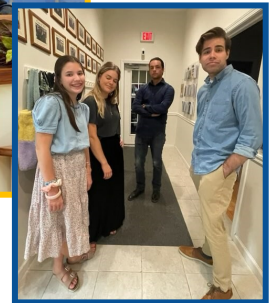
Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Strouse with Missionaries Dan and Jennifer Armacost



Jack checks out the display.



Brother Armacost challenges the congregation.



Brother Andrew in deep discussion with the young men.



A Root Beer float social was enjoyed after the Armacost presentation.



CROQUET TOURNAMENT



Tommy coming in for the victory!



The Labor Day Croquet Team



Team Hinebaugh came in a respectable 3rd place.



The pre-game huddle finalizing the "rules"



The Stebbins opted to be spectators.



Everyone had to check...

Did the balls touch or is there a blade of grass separating them?



Andrew went down trying to make a tough shot



Bill, as usual, made the game a lot of fun.

BBC/BBTS 2023-2024 SCHEDULE

August 28
BBTS Semester begins

September 25-29
Bible Baptist Church
Nashua, NH
Book of Hebrews

October 22-25
Willow Grove Baptist Church
Waynesburg, PA
Timeless Truths Bible Conference

October 28-29
Calvary Baptist Church
Mannington, WV
TBA

November 10
BBTS Fall Lecture Series
Galilean Baptist Church
Stafford Springs, CT
TBA

December 10
Commencement Service
Seoul, Korea

2024
January 1-5, 2024
Ireland Module
Module TBA

January 15-19, 2024
Fairhaven Baptist College
Chesterton, IN
Module TBA

Feb 26-March 1, 2024
Philippines Module
Quezon City
Module TBA