



BBC UPDATE

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

"...the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." 1 Timothy 3:15

We praise the Lord that the zoning and planning commission of Cromwell, CT granted BBC the opportunity to rent a facility in the city for religious worship and assembly, i.e., to plant an independent Baptist church. The church building will house both *Bible Baptist Church* and *Bible Baptist Theological Seminary*. It is amazing to watch the Lord Jesus Christ orchestrate the planting of one of His assemblies in central Connecticut. He has led in every step, assembling together over ten family units and giving a physical location for this base of truth, Bible Baptist Church, "the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Tim. 3:15).

Currently, BBC is meeting privately in homes as we allow the Spirit of God to minister to our hearts through His words. Once we move into our building, we will publicly inaugurate our church to reach Cromwell and the world. This pattern seems to follow our Saviour's, as He taught His *ekklesia* privately in His lifetime (Gospels), to prepare His baptized disciples for public ministry at Pentecost (Acts). Please keep us in prayer as we begin to prepare our building with physical necessities such as a pulpit, chairs, office equipment, bookcases, nursery equipment, etc., so we can be ready to reach Cromwell, CT with the Gospel.



Newly Approved Location of BBC & BBTS in Cromwell, Connecticut.



2010 BBTS-EUROPE MODULE REPORT

In spite of a very cold and damp week, in which much of Europe (including Dublin, Ireland) was hammered with blizzard-like conditions, the Lord gave the BBTS-Europe module on Genesis a good turnout with 16 seminarians. Although the classroom was chilly, the classroom discussions were warm and lively. Dr. and Mrs. Bob Zemeski (seasoned missionaries to Ireland for over 30 years) hosted the module for the thirteenth time, opening their home to the professor and two new seminarians, Mark Periera and Stefan Calin. I had the privi-

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Despite unusually cold and snowy weather in Blanchardstown, Ireland (and much of Europe) the first BBTS Modular course was a success!



Inside the new facility, light fixtures and ceiling tiles are going in!

January 15, 2010

BBTS MODULE -EUROPE

Below: The January Module on the Book of Genesis was attended by 16 seminarians from all over Europe!

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Europe



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lege to preach in Pastor Gene McKinley's church on the Sunday of that week, and his wife gave birth to a precious baby girl the following day, although there probably was no etiological connection.

Surely, our class was international in constituency, having several Irish pastors, along with English brethren, and those pastors and missionaries from Portugal, India, Central Africa, Romania, and the USA.



Ireland Pastor & Mrs. Gene McKinley and family



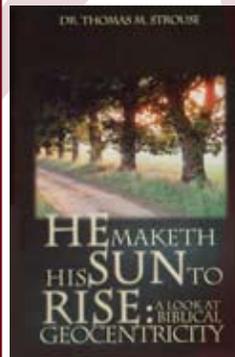
Romanian Missionary
Stefan Calin to
Romanian Gypsies.

Two New seminarians
attended the module.



Portugal National Pastor
Mark Periera.

HE MAKETH HIS SUN TO RISE



The book "He Maketh His Sun to Rise" by Dr. Thomas M Strouss is a must read for every serious Bible student.

It very carefully sets forth a biblical argument for Geocentricity. It puts forth a fideistic rather than a rationalistic approach to hermeneutics, which challenges the reader as to whether he really accepts what

God says by faith or by a human scientific rationale. We are pleased that this book is now available.

BBTS MODULE UPDATES

2010 BBTS SPRING SCHEDULE

Jan. 11-15	Module: Ecclesiastes New Britain, CT
Feb. 1	Second Semester Classes begin
Feb. 15-19	Modules: Genesis and Ephesians Quezon City, Philippines
Mar. 8-12	Module: Tools for Biblical Languages Endicott, NY
Mar. 15-19	Spring Break
April 12 - 16	Modules: Romans and Tools for Biblical Languages Iloilo, Philippines
April 22	Spring Lecture Series
May 16	Commencement



BBTS Winter Interim: Harold Davidson, Jeff Skorupski, and Melvin Wilson

Quote from the Past:

Samuel Colgate 1822-1897

He was an American Soap Industrialist, largest at time. Colgate University was named after him. He was a Philanthropist and Christian.



"The only spiritual light in the world comes through Jesus Christ and the inspired Book; redemption and forgiveness of sin alone through Christ. Without His presence and teachings of the Bible we would be enshrouded in moral darkness and despair."

MESSAGE OUTLINE:

By Dr. Thomas Strouse

Christ on the Importance of God's Words

Introduction: When we consider the words of Christ in the four Gospels, we are clearly able to see what Jesus Christ reveals about the importance of God's words.

- I. They are infallible (Jn.10:36).
- II. They are final authority (Mt.4:4,7,10)
- III. They testify of Christ (Jn.5:39).
- IV. They speak of Christ as the fulfillment of Scripture (Lk.22:44).
- V. They bless those who hear and keep the Scriptures (Lk.11:28).
- VI. They are instruments of sanctification (Jn.17:17).
- VII. They will stand forever (Mt.5:18).

Conclusion: It should be clear to all Believers that Jesus Christ placed a great importance upon each and every word in the Scripture. Because He is our Lord and our chief Example, then all the words of God are important.

DEVOTIONAL

WALK WORTHY

By Cas Reeves

"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called" (Ephesians 4:1).



Cas Reeves ('06)

Each one of us has a life we live. Some times it is referred to as the "course of life" that we are on. It speaks to the manner in which we each live our life. God calls it our "walk." It is this manner of living that God refers to when the Bible says, "walk worthy." The word, "worthy" refers to some thing "of weight" or "of worth." We learn the Christian walk is to be one worth something and one that carries weight. Our walk then should have a good testimony about it, one that is pleasing to the Lord.

There are three incentives given to Christians

to "walk worthy." The first, is our calling. "I ... beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called (Ephesians 4:1). The word "vocation" means "calling." It speaks of our salvation, when through the Gospel, God called us to be saved. Our walk is to be worthy, reflecting our salvation.

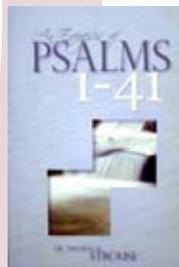
The second incentive given to "walk worthy" is our Lord. "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:10). Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our personal Saviour, our walk is to reflect a fruitfulness "in every good work" and a growing in "the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding" (Colossians 1:9).

And the last incentive given to "walk worthy" is our God. "That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory" (1 Thessalonians 2:12). The whole purpose of our walk is for God. Therefore, it should be a walk worthy of our God, a walk weighted down with things to honor, glorify and praise Him. For, it is He, "who hath called [us] unto his kingdom and glory."

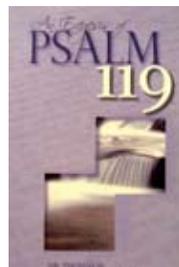
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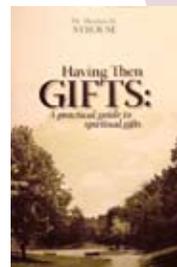
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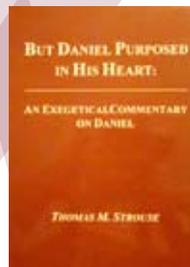
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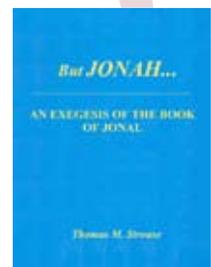
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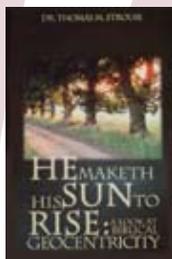
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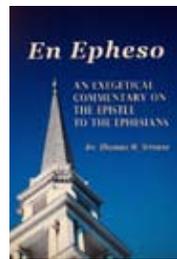
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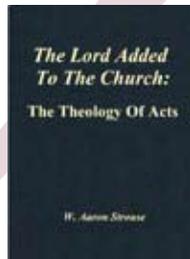
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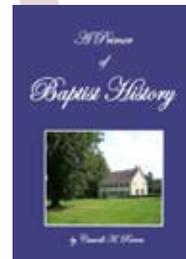
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SERMON OUTLINE

BBC UPDATE SERMON

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse
Pastor

Title: The First Church Plant

Text: Mt. 16:18; Acts 2:47

Proposition: The Lord Jesus Christ founded, initiated, and organized the First Church Plant, which was an independent Baptist *ekklesia*.

I. The Private Beginning of the First Church Plant

- A. Beginning of Baptism (Mt. 3:1 ff.).
- B. Beginning of Edification (Mt. 16:18).
 - 1. First Apostles (Mt. 10:1 ff.; Eph. 2:20).
 - 2. First Church Discipline (Mt. 18:16-18).
 - 3. First Lord's Supper (Mt. 26:26-30).
 - 4. First giving of Great Commission (Mt. 28:19-20).

II. The Public Authentication of the First Church Plant

- A. Background of Pentecost Authentication.
 - 1. Tabernacle was Authenticated (Ex. 40:34).
 - 2. Solomon Temple was Authenticated (I Ki. 8:10-11).
 - 3. Millennial Temple will be Authenticated (Ezk. 43:4).
- B. Manifestation of Pentecost Authentication.
 - 1. Baptism by Christ in the Spirit (Mt. 3:11; Acts 1:5; 2:1-4).
 - 2. Temporary Tongues (Acts 2:4-13).
 - 3. Unity around Doctrine (Acts 2:42).

III. The Perpetual Ministry of the First Church Plant

- A. The Precept requiring the planting of Baptist Churches (Mt. 28:19-20).
- B. The Practice of planting Baptist Churches (Acts 18:1 ff.).

BBTS SPRING SCHEDULE

Monday	Wednesday PM	Monday/Friday	Thursday
Hebrew IV 3-5 PM	Genesis 5-7, 8-9 PM	Genesis 8-9:30 AM	Greek II 8-11 AM
Hebrew IV 6-9 PM			

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