



BBC UPDATE

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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



Bible Baptist Church and Theological Seminary in Cromwell, CT



Framing the Pastor's Office



The ceiling is on its way up!

The Lord Jesus Christ has continually orchestrated the planting, organizing, and developing of *Bible Baptist Church*. From the attached pictures, you can see the final physical preparation for the first church services on Feb. 7, 2009. Various churches and individuals have contributed to our needs, including the gifts of a pulpit, a piano, songbooks, and other essentials for public worship. New chairs have been ordered for the auditorium, which presumably has the potential of seating upwards to 70 people. The building will contain the church's worship area, its own bathroom, an area for the nursery, Sunday School and Seminary classes, and the pastor's study.

Bible Baptist Church will minister the words of God to the city of Cromwell, CT (population 14,000), evangelizing the lost in the area, and edifying the saints in the church through strong Bible preaching, teaching, and implementation. The church will house its own seminary, *Bible Baptist Theological Seminary*, with the purpose of training men of God in the word of God for the work of God. Our missionaries will be the national pastors and missionaries who are seminarians in BBTs. These will be our "prayer and theological" missionaries, or those for whom we will pray and inculcate biblical truths theologically.

The Lord has blessed BBC financially, allowing the church to recompense the pastor and cover basic expenses. Initial sermons have covered topics such as biblical authority for church plants (Mt. 28:19-20), spiritual victory over bitterness for wrongs and injustices (Heb. 12:1-17), and theological understanding on behavior in the house of God, "the pillar and ground of the truth" (I Tim. 3:15).

We covet your prayers as we attempt honor the Saviour with this biblical endeavor (I Cor. 10:31).

Church Address:

Bible Baptist Church
40 Country Squire Rd.
Cromwell, CT 06416

Church Service times:

Sunday School	10 AM
AM Preaching	11 AM
PM Preaching	5 PM
Wednesday Service	7 PM

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

Matthew 28:19 - 20

BBTS STUDENTS & NEWS

From Pastor Derry O'Sullivan, Dublin, Ireland

Dear Saints in Christ,

The New Year started with a fellowship gathering to see in the New Year. It snowed during the evening, so the younger ones had a great time exchanging snowballs. After we arrived home around 2 AM, we received a call to say that



Ireland Pastor & Mrs. Derry O'Sullivan

a number of young people were stranded due to the snow and could not get home. I drove over to collect some of them. One was dropped off at another home, and two were checked into the O'Sullivan hotel! The next morning I spoke to their mother, Anna briefly on the phone. Little did I realize that she would be dead within 72 hours. Anna (aged 43 years) died of a sudden heart attack early on the following Sunday. She had not been ill with this previously. We have spoken to her of her need for Christ several times and she has attended several services. Please

pray for her daughters, Ella who was saved at camp a few years back; Jenny (aged 9); and their father, Michael. All three attended the carols by candlelight service on 20th December 2009. This is a salutary reminder of the brevity of life; the shortness of opportunities to witness to the lost and for the lost to be saved.

For the past week, I (Derry) have had bronchitis. I had this nearly two years ago also. Like the previous occasion, it has really knocked the stuffing out of me and made me very weak. I am getting strength back, but it is slow. Please pray for a full recovery of strength, as there is much to be done.

*Complete in Christ,
Derry O'Sullivan, Pastor
Seminarian, BBTS Europe*

Quote from the Past:

Charles H. Spurgeon
1834 - 1892

He was an influential English Baptist preacher, and who was the pastor of the Metropolitan Tabernacle in London for 38 years. He has known by many as the *Prince of Preachers*.



*"It is not hard for the Lord to turn night into day.
He that sends the clouds can as easily clear the
skies. Let us be of good cheer. It is better farther on.
Let us sing Hallelujah by anticipation."*

BBTS MODULE UPDATES



Dr. Kulus, (center) one of Dr. Strouse's former students, is well known for his local radio announcing. Oh, also, he pastors three NH churches (in Plymouth, Tilton, and Lebanon--his "PTL" Network [!]), has two earned doctorates, and has published his dissertations as books

BBTS SPRING SCHEDULE

Monday
Hebrew VI 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Tuesday
Hebrew IV 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Wednesday PM
Genesis 5:00 - 7:00, 8:00 - 9:00 PM

Wednesday/Friday
Genesis 8:00 - 9:30 AM

Thursday
Greek 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM



New BBTS Seal



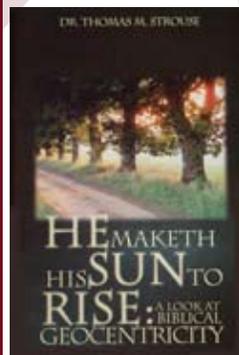
<< The dry wall has gone up in the new building that will house BBC/BBTS!.

2010 BBTS SPRING CALENDAR

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

HE MAKETH HIS SUN TO RISE

The book "He Maketh His Sun to Rise" by Dr. Thomas M Strouse 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.

DO YOU WANT GOD'S BLESSING?

By Pastor Cas Reeves

Devotional

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Book Corner

In the Bible we learn principle after principle of how much God wants to bless all of mankind (John 3:16) and especially His children. If you are some one who wants God's blessing then look at what God reveals in Psalm 128. Two principles are put forth for receiving God's blessing. The first principle: "Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD;" This simply means that you need to have enough respect for the LORD that you are able to trust him. If you are unable to trust the Lord then you will be unable to accomplish the second principle: "Blessed is every one that ... walketh in his way." This means you need to obey according to His way. And "his way" can be found in His Word. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (Psa.119:105). Just trust and obey God's Word.

Note the blessings from trusting and obeying the LORD. First, It will bless you personally – "it shall be happy and well for you" (v.2). Second,

It will bless your family - "your wife and children shall be profitable for you." Third, It will bless your community - "thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life" (v.5). And fourth, It will bless your nation - "Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel" (v.6).

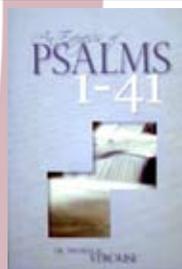
Can you see how much God wants to bless you? If you will honor the LORD by putting your trust in Him and obey His Word then He will bless you and your family. If communities and nations of people would do the same, He will bless them. Do you want God's blessing? Then you must trust and obey.

BLESSED IS EVERY ONE THAT FEARETH THE LORD; THAT WALKETH IN HIS WAYS.
PSALM 128:1

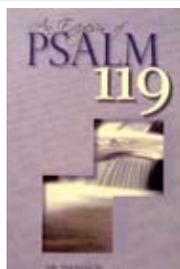
THE BOOK CORNER

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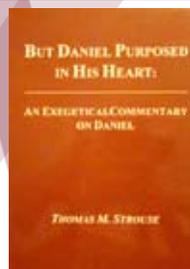
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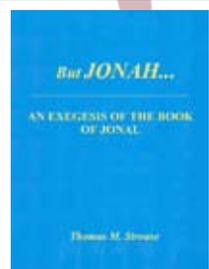
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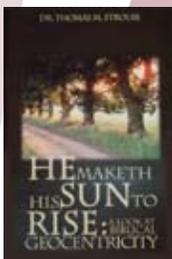
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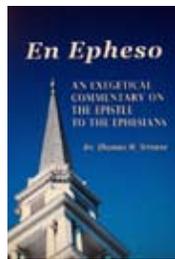
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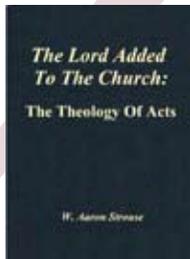
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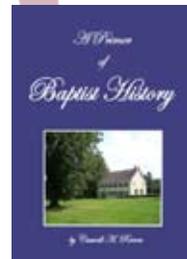
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The Theology of Acts
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I Will Build My Church
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A Primer of Baptist History
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The Lord God Hath Spoken
\$15.00

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE?

SERMON OUTLINE

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse, Pastor
Bible Baptist Church

Scripture: Gen. 2:24; Mal. 2:16; Mt. 1:18-25; 5:32; 19:3-10; Mk. 10:11-12; Rom. 7:2-3; I Cor. 7:10-11; I Tim. 3:2.

The Teaching

- I. God has instituted marriage as "one spouse for life" (Gen. 2:24).
- II. He hates divorce (Mal. 2:16).
- III. There is one exception to "no divorce" (Mt. 5:32).
 - A. The Jewish Practice—divorce allowed *before physical consummation* (Mt. 1:18-19)
 - B. Divorce was permitted (for the pure spouse) because of fornication on the part of the other spouse (Mt. 1:18, 20).
 - C. Christ alluded to this Jewish practice, which Joseph almost did, when referring to the "exception clause" (Mt. 1:18 - 20; 19:9). He also taught that divorce was the product of the hardness of the heart (Mt. 19:8).
- IV. For Gentiles, divorce *after physical consummation* was prohibited (Mk. 10:11-12; Lk. 16:18)
- V. Adultery, like all sins, needs to be confessed for forgiveness (Prov. 6:32; I Cor. 6:9-11; Gal. 5:19; Heb. 13:4; Rev. 2:22; *vide* also I Jn. 1:9 and Mt. 6:14-14)
- VI. Illustration: Murderers may be forgiven for their sin of murder, but the ramifications of murder continue (deceased still dead), and the murderer is now a forgiven murderer.



The Implementation

- I. Candidates for church membership must indicate repentance for adultery from divorce and remarriage (I Cor. 6:9-11).
 - II. Divorcees may not be Bishop or Deacon (I Tim. 3:2, 12).
 - III. Church members who proceed in divorce and/or remarriage will be disciplined (Jam. 4:4; I Cor. 5:1 ff.).

The Result

- I. Young people at BBC will be taught by Scripture and encouraged by example to marry the right mate and stay married.
- II. BBC will attempt to stop the doctrine and practice of divorce and remarriage in Cromwell, CT and the world through biblical teaching.

THEREFORE SHALL A MAN LEAVE HIS FATHER AND HIS MOTHER, AND SHALL CLEAVE UNTO HIS WIFE: AND THEY SHALL BE ONE FLESH.

GENESIS 2:24

FOR THE LORD, THE GOD OF ISRAEL, SAITH THAT HE HATETH PUTTING AWAY...

MALACHI 2:16

WHOSOEVER SHALL PUT AWAY HIS WIFE, AND MARRY ANOTHER, COMMITTEH ADULTERY AGAINST HER.

MARK 10:11

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