



BBC UPDATE

BBTS Second Semester Begins

Dr. Thomas Strouse



BBTS started the fourth Spring Semester on Jan. 28, 2013, with new and returning seminarians. Several new courses are in the spring schedule along with the ongoing studies in Hebrew and Greek. The course on Biblical Aramaic has attracted six seminarians who have already

Dr. Thomas Strouse studied Biblical Hebrew. There are 269 verses in the Masoretic OT that are Aramaic (in four books: Genesis, Ezra, Jeremiah, and Daniel) and the seminarians will be translating all of them once they have learned essential grammar and vocabulary. One of the many values of studying a biblical language is that student



Above: Winter Interim one week module on Ecclesiology.

Left: Attendees of the new BBTS course, Angelology.

of Scripture learns to focus on "the words of the Word of God," and becomes a "wordsmith." Preachers and pastors should be wordsmiths (II Tim. 2:15)! There are very few seminaries in the world that teach Biblical Aramaic, even fewer that are conservative theologically, and hardly none that uphold the Authorized Version. Two other new courses are Angelology and I Corinthians. Syllabi for these courses are available on our web site www.bbc-cromwell.org

BBTS also held a Winter Interim one week module on Ecclesiology. The doctrine and practice of the church is of essential importance to all believers (I Tim. 3:15), especially pastors who shepherd in "golden candlesticks" (Rev. 1:20). Most fundamentalist Bible colleges and seminaries teach "Spirit baptism into the mystical body" heresy, which doctrine (legitimacy for parachurch organizations and promotion of "seven church ages" heresy) and practice (fundamentalism, "the greater cause of Christ") ultimately undermines the Lord's assemblies!

Save the Date!

BBTS Spring Lecture Series
Thursday, April 18



"Evangelism and Church Planting"

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The Third Annual BBC

Ladies'



Fellowship

**Saturday,
March 9, 2013**

MRS. RHONDA MAIN,
GUEST SPEAKER

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BBC/BBTS EVENTS

Baby Showers!

BBC has been inundated with showers lately, not snow or rain, but baby showers. Several ladies of the church hosted showers in their homes for Mrs. Christy Strouse and Mrs. Sara Rossignol. There seems to be a conspiracy in BBC to find a larger room to house the baby nursery. Some take Ps. 127:3-5 quite literally!



Showers for Christy Strouse (above) and Sara Rossignol (top right) were held in the past two weeks!



BBTS Spring Semester Events



Dr. Thomas Strouse



*Jeff Skorupski
Teaching BBTS Class
on Hebrew*



BBC will be involved in many events in the next few months. Dr. Thomas Strouse will be teaching the Book of Job and I and II Thessalonians in Quezon City, Philippines during the week of **Feb. 18-22, 2013**, and participating in the BBTS graduation service for 12 Filipino seminary graduates. He will then teach I Corinthians at Heritage Baptist Theological Seminary, with Associate Professor Jeff Skorupski teaching Hebrew. On **April 18**, BBC will host the fourth annual Spring Lecture Series dealing with biblical missions and church planting, and featuring adjunct professor Dr. Noel Meadowcroft, church planter Greg Breeden, and host pastor and seminary dean Dr. Thomas Strouse. On **Sunday, May 12, 2013**, BBC will commission Dr. and Mrs. Harold Davidson to plant a church in their house in Cody, WY after they leave the area this summer. The next **Sunday, May 19, 2013**, BBTS will graduate several seminarians with various seminary degrees, including three doctorates, upon the candidates completing all requirements, including dissertation defenses for the doctoral candidates.



*Dr. Noel Meadowcroft
Lecture Series Speaker*



*Pastor Greg Breeden
Lecture Series Speaker*



*Dr. Harold Davidson
Planting a church in
Cody, WY*

BBC To host Stanford Achievement Test for Homeschooled Students

Bible Baptist Church will once again host the Stanford Achievement test for Homeschooled students. The Stanford-10 Achievement Test is a nationally recognized test used by educators across the US. As a norm-referenced test, the Stanford-10 not only offers the home educator information on their student's achievement, it also provides comparisons based on nationwide test results.

The Stanford-10 Achievement test will be administered at Bible Baptist Church, in Cromwell, CT on **Thursday April 25 from 9:00 - 2:00 & and Friday, April 26 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**. This test is available for any home educated student. It is **not** limited to

BBC members. Registration for this test is only available online. For more information on the test, and to register on-line, please visit <http://cctestingservices.com/>

Click on "Locations & Dates" and select Connecticut to register. **Cost \$50, \$55 after March 24th, 2013. Registration closes March 31st, 2013. No refunds after March 31.**



We also need proctors for these tests. If you are interested in becoming a proctor, you must fill out an application and provide a copy of your college diploma, or provide your college transcript. Please contact Laura Hagglund at thehagglunds@comcast.net with any other questions.

The Lord's Prayers

The Lord Jesus Christ prayed often during His earthly ministry (*"Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared"* [Heb. 5:7]); here are the occasions:

- I. Prayer at His Baptism: *"Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened"* (Lk. 3:21).
- II. Prayer after a Crowded Day: *"And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed"* (Mk. 1:35).
- III. Prayer after Fame: *"And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed"* (Lk. 5:15).
- IV. Prayer with His Disciples: *"And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?"* (Lk. 9:18).
- V. Prayer on the Mount: *"And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening"* (Lk. 9:29).
- VI. Prayer after Spiritual Victory: *"In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight"* (Lk. 10:21).
- VII. Prayer as His Habit: *"And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples"* (Lk. 11:1).
- VIII. Prayer at a Gravesite: *"Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me"* (Jn. 11:41-42).
- IX. Prayer in the Mountain: *"And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray"* (Mk. 6:46).
- X. Prayer in a Time of Trouble: *"Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour"* (Jn. 12:27).
- XI. Prayer for Peter: *"And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren"* (Lk. 22:31-32).
- XII. The Lord's Prayer: *"These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee"* (Jn. 17:1).
- XIII. Prayer in Gethsemane: *"And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground"* (Lk. 22:44).
- XIV. Prayer on the Cross: *"Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots"* (Lk. 23:34), *"And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"* (Mt. 27:46), and *"And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost"* (Lk. 23:46).

CHRISTY'S SHOWER

Christy's Shower

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BBTS Module Schedules



Christy was showered with many adorable outfits for the anticipated baby boy!



Above: The ladies had a great time of fellowship as Christy opened her gifts!



Left & Below: The BBC Ladies put together another fabulous dining experience!



Christy's condition seems to be contagious!

BBTS Module Classes

February 18-22, 2013

BBTS Philippines Module
"Book of Job"
"I and II Thessalonians"

Quezon City
Philippines

March 11-15, 2013

HBTS Module
"1 Corinthians"

Endicott, NY

SARA'S SHOWER

Sara's Shower

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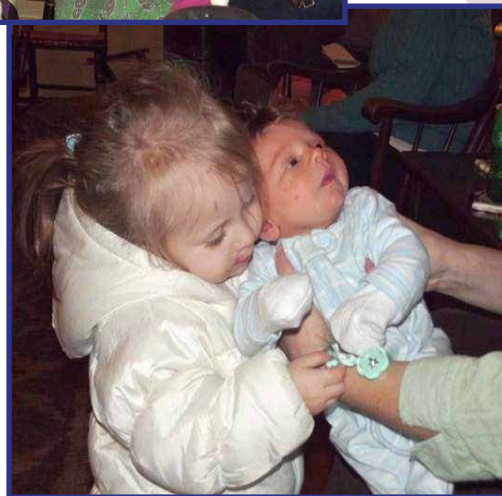
BBTS Spring Schedule



Mrs. Lilia Harding hosted a shower for Sara Rossignol and her son, Joshua



Adorable cookies and cake!!



The young girls had a great time at the shower!!



Jeannot brought the guest of honor, Joshua!

BBTS Spring Classes

Mondays

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| Greek Proficiency Review | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM |
| Aramaic I | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM |
| Hebrew IV | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM |

Wednesdays

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| 1 Corinthians | 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM |
| Greek IV | 5:00 pm - 7:00 AM |

Thursdays

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| Angelology | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM |
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Fridays

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| Greek II | 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM |
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The Third Annual BBC

Ladies' Fellowship

Saturday,
March 9, 2013



MRS. RHONDA MAIN,
GUEST SPEAKER

You are invited to join the Ladies of Bible Baptist Church as they host Third Annual Ladies' Fellowship from 10 AM to 1 PM. Mrs. Rhonda Main, wife of Pastor Keith Main (Heritage Baptist Church, Endicott, NY), will share her testimony. The fellowship will include congregational singing, special music, testimonies, and a brunch.

Please RSVP with number of ladies attending by March 1 to drtms_bbts@juno.com



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Tenderhearted

Pastor Cas Reeves

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you"

Ephesians 4:32



Pastor Cas Reeves

Our relationship with others is clearly spelled-out for us. We are commanded in the Greek imperative to be kind, tenderhearted and forgiving. These directives are given to us in the present tense. In other words, we are presently to be practicing these saintly attributes in our life.

The English word, "tenderhearted" in our text, is found used only here and one other place in the Bible. Therefore, it makes an interesting word to examine. It is first used in reference to Solomon's son Rehoboam in regard to Jeroboam's rebellion. *"And there are gathered unto him [Jeroboam] vain men, the children of Belial, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them"* (2 Chronicles 13:7). Here the word "tenderhearted" means the opposite of "hard hearted" a heart which may be stubborn or may be "strong hearted" - convinced and set in its way. Rather, its mean-

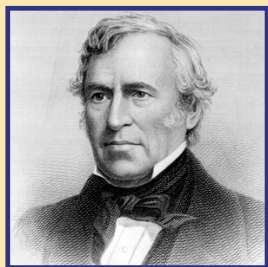
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ing here is "weak hearted" or "faint hearted" or "soft hearted." We learn then, it was while Rehoboam was still young and weak of heart, not set in his ways, that the LORD divided the kingdom of Israel into two nations as He had told Solomon.

When the Apostle Paul used this word and commanded that we be "tenderhearted," it was with the meaning of being "sympathetic" to one another's needs. Our example is God, who *"for Christ's sake hath forgiven you"* or demonstrated His tenderheartedness toward us for Christ's sake.

We are to be "tenderhearted." Not to be moved in the wrong directions by the devil and his crowd as was Rehoboam. But rather moved in the right directions, because, we are tenderhearted toward God's Word. *"Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path. When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul"* (Proverbs 2:9,10). If then, we are first tenderhearted, before the LORD, and before his Word, we will be "tenderhearted" one toward another (Ephesians 4:32). This is a saintly characteristic that God expects of His servant. (1 Samuel 13:14). -CAR

Quotes From the Past:



Zachary Taylor

Zachary Taylor, 1784 - 1850

12th President of the United States

"It was for the love of the truths of this great Book that our fathers abandoned their native shores for the wilderness. Animated by its lofty principles they toiled and suffered till the desert blossomed as a rose."

Operation Cromwell

The church membership of BBC is involved in reaching Cromwell, CT with the gospel by claiming various streets in the town and then visiting the houses on these streets. Each street is voluntarily selected by the church member family, prayed over, and visited with invitations to Christ and to BBC. Cromwell has many streets with houses with sinners. Pray that we will reach our Jerusalem.



THE BOOK CORNER

BBTS Spring Lecture Series

Save the Date !!
April 18, 2013

"Evangelism and Church Planting"

"Church Planting in Acts"

Dr. Thomas Strouse

"Biblical Evangelism"

Dr. Noel Meadowcroft

"The Principles and Challenge of Church Planting"

Pastor Greg Breedon

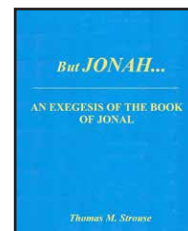


The children of BBC are helping Christy prepare for motherhood!

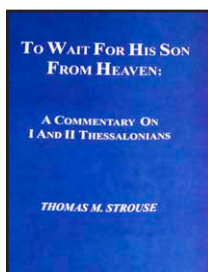
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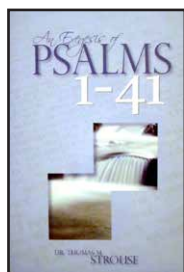
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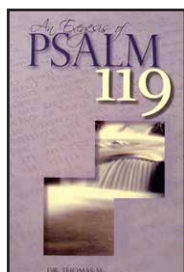
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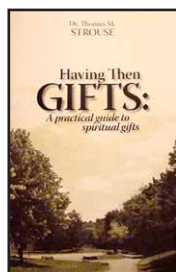
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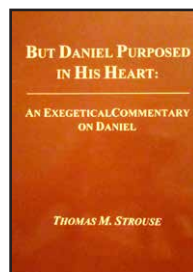
Psalms 1 - 41
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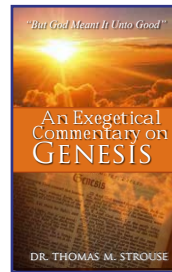
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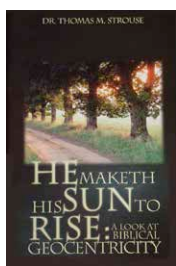
Spiritual Gifts
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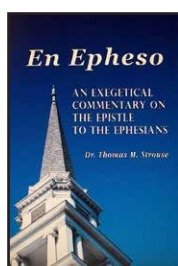
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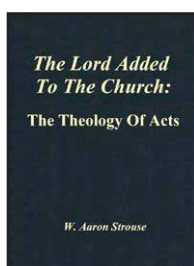
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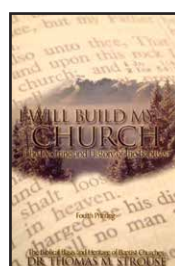
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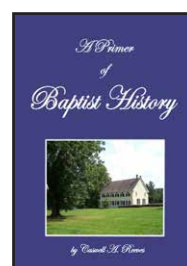
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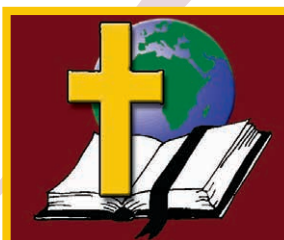
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