



# BBC UPDATE

## BBC/BBTS News

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse, Pastor



*Dr. Strouse*

The Lord has been blessing Bible Baptist Church in spite of some extreme winter weather and family illnesses. BBC has been involved in several mission projects and is looking forward to the spring time wherein is planned several activities. After the Filipino trip,

the church will host the Ladies' Meeting on March 12, 2011, will have Dr. Enoch Kumar from India on March 13, 2011, and Dr. Strouse and Jeff Skorupski will teach in the Seminary Modules in Endicott, NY on March 14-18, 2011. BBTS will host the Spring Lecture Series on April 14, 2011, and will have the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Commencement Service with Pastor Mel Hall as guest preacher (May 15, 2011). Valentine's Day prompted some well turned poetry as a guideline for the men of the church:

Valentine Limerick #2

*There was a lovely woman named Mrs. Strouse,  
Whose friends all thought she married a louse,  
But his love for her dispelled this notion  
And she accepted his true devotion,  
So that she ended up living in his house.*

## Money for Quezon City Modules

On Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011, I will be going to the warm Philippines to teach two Seminary Modules, namely Ecclesiology and the Book of Daniel. While there, I will have the opportunity to preach in several of the seminarians' churches for the first time. I will be taking a love gift to Pastor Jed Raquintan's church from the Bamboo bank in which we have been putting our copper and silver. Pray for the ministry in Quezon City, Philippines.2:2).



*Lessons on "how to break a (Bamboo) bank"*

## BBC to Host Ladies Meeting



*Mrs. Edith Davidson*

On **Saturday, March 12, 2011**, Bible Baptist Church will be hosting a ladies' meeting with **Mrs. Edith Davidson** giving her testimony. It will start with light refreshments at 9:30 AM and go until 1 PM, including a lunch. All women of Bible Baptist Church and of other invited churches are welcome to attend. There is no charge, and nursing babies may invite their respective mothers, albeit there will be no nursery. Please RSVP to me by March 5, 2011 by telephone, telegraph, or tella email [drtms\\_bbts@juno.com](mailto:drtms_bbts@juno.com)

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# LECTURE SERIES

## Second Annual Spring Lecture Series: 400th Anniversary of the KJV

On **Thursday, April 14, 2011**, Bible Baptist Theological Seminary will host the second annual Spring Lecture Series commemorating the four hundredth anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible (1611-2011). The theme will be the superiority of the underlying texts and translation of the KJV. Dr. Chet Kulus (DMin, ThD) will deal with the Hebrew text and OT translation of the KJV. Pastor Ken Brooks (MBS) will show the superiority of the English language renderings in the KJV. Pastor Cas Reeves (MBS) will give the pastor's perspective of the KJV, and Dr. Thomas Strouse (PhD, ThD) will present the superiority of the Greek TR behind the

KJV against the inferiority of the Greek CT behind Modern Versions. This is an effort to show why the Lord has honored the KJV by prompting His assemblies to use it four hundred years after its initial publication. There will be opportunities for Q and A after each session. Refreshments and lunch will be provided but a love offering will be taken. The Lecture Series will begin promptly at 9 AM and go until 4 PM (lunch noon to 1 PM). Seating will be limited on a first come basis (there will be no nursery). Please **RSVP by April 1, 2011** with total number of attendees. It will be taped and outlines and books will be available.

### Lecture Series Speakers



Dr. Chet Kulus



Pastor Cas Reeves



Pastor Ken Brooks



Dr. Strouse

## He Is

By Keren Strouse Campos

*Oh, what life would be if there wasn't something greater?*

*An empty life without God's favor.*

*No reason to hope, to love, to give.*

*No freedom or deliverance from our sin.*

*But Oh, there is something so much greater.*

*He is the Great "I AM" Jesus, our Savior.*

*The author and finisher of our faith,*

*Our redemption for which we patiently await.*

*He is the answer to everything, He is the reason to sing.*

*By His stripes we were healed, and in His Book our names are sealed.*

*Oh, what hope to us this brings, that one day we will reign with the King of Kings!*

# Biblical Reconciliation

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# SERMON OUTLINE



Dr. Strouse

## I. Biblical Background (Gen. 37-41)

- A. As a seventeen year old, Joseph developed animosity with his brothers and eventually was sold into slavery (Gen. 37:5-11; 28).
- B. In the providence of God, Joseph prospered in the household of Potiphar, was wrongly accused and imprisoned (Gen. 39-40)
- C. Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dream and was promoted to second highest in land (Gen. 41:37-45).
- D. This promotion set up the background for Joseph to deal with his sinful brothers, taking this destructive and dismal family to become the Lord's chosen nation!

## II. Biblical Steps (Gen. 45:1-15)

- A. Privacy (v. 1)
- B. Broken and humble heart (vv. 1-2)
- C. Directness (v. 3)
- D. Sin acknowledged (v. 4)
- E. Forgiveness (v. 5)
- F. Divine perspective (vv. 5-8)
- G. Hope (v. 7)
- H. Instructions (v. 9)
- I. Future grace (vv. 10-11)
- J. Pattern of love and compassion (vv. 12-15)

## III. Biblical Results (Gen. 45, 50)

- A. The **brother's guilt** coupled with the **father's grief** and **Joseph's grace** accomplished **God's good** (cf. Rom 8:28).
- B. Seventeen years later when Jacob died, the brothers finally confessed their sin and Joseph assured them of forgiveness (Gen. 50:15-21)



"My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up" (Psalm 5:3).

"Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth" (Psalm 54:2)

"Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry" (Psalm 88:2)

"Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications" (Daniel 9:17a).

"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" (Matthew 21:22)

"These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication" (Acts 1:14a)

"But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:4)

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved" (Romans 10:1)

"Ye also helping together by prayer for us" (2 Corinthians 1:11a)

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints" (Ephesians 6:18)

"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving" (Colossians 4:2)

"And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him" (James 5:15)

# DEVOTIONAL CORNER

## The Right to Judge

by Pastor Cas Reeves

*"Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them"*

Matthew 7:20

This is not a hard concept to understand; but some Christians do have a hard time applying it. It is a fact, that Christians are told to judge. "Be-



Pastor Cas Reeves

loved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God" (1 John 4:1). It's interesting that in both passages, we are instructed to be discernful in the light of false prophets. The Apostle Paul reveals, that "he which is spiritual judgeth all things" (1 Corinthians 2:15).

The simplicity of this concept, tells us if a tree in Florida has big round, yellow fruit on it, and the fruit is sour to the taste, then it is a grape-fruit tree. It stands to reason, that if someone declares the tree to be an apple tree, the discerning person will judge his evaluation to be wrong and that the person is mistaken or ignorant in his knowledge of the different fruits. The fruit is the proof of the kind of tree it is. "Wherefore by [its] fruits ye shall know them."

Our Lord taught us there are goats in with the sheep (Matthew 25:31-46). These are people who

claim to be saved but are not. In similar fashion he taught, the Devil sows tares amongst the wheat (Matthew 13:24-30). There are lost people and falsehoods, which the Devil sows amongst the saved people and the truth of God's Word. Christian, we are exhorted to know them "by their fruits."

We are unable to look into another person's heart or to judge their motives; however, we are given the responsibility to discern who they are by judging their actions. Note: "Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right" (Proverbs 20:11). And the Apostle John writes, "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us" (1 John 2:19).

As Christians we are called to be discerning or judgmental. This judgment should be governed and disciplined by the word of truth. It is the Word of God that separates us from worldly evil and falsehoods and sanctifies us unto to God. "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). But remember, "with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged" (Matthew 7:2). Warning: Don't only judge by what seems to be apparent, but use the Word to judge the whole matter. "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment" (John 7:24). -CAR



Pastor Jerry Akers singing a solo



Two fine young couples and church members.

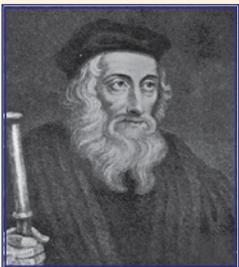


A group of BBC's Homeschoolers enjoyed a time of ice skating at Champions Staking Center in Cromwell!

## Quotes From the Past:

### John Wycliffe

1328-1384



*"This Bible is for the government of the people, by the people and for the people."*

*"I believe that in the end truth will conquer."*

*"The higher the hill, the stronger the wind: so the loftier the life, the stronger the enemy's temptations"*

## BBTS

### Winter Module Schedule

Quezon City, Philippines

Ecclesiology and Daniel

Feb. 21-25, 2011

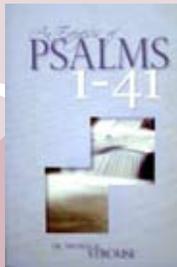
Classes taught by Dr. T. Strouse

# THE BOOK CORNER

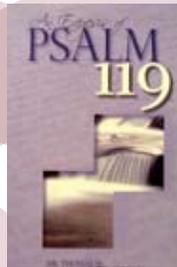
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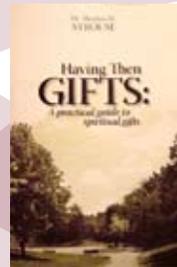
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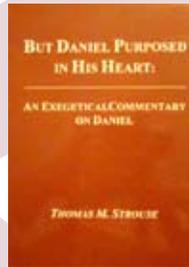
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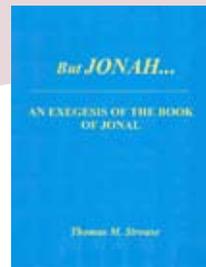
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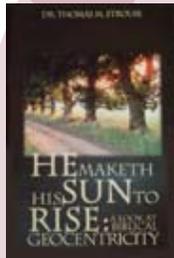
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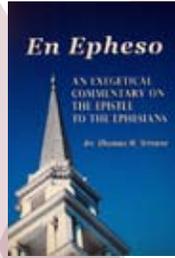
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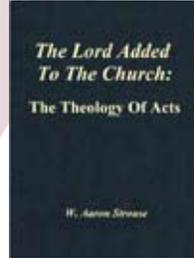
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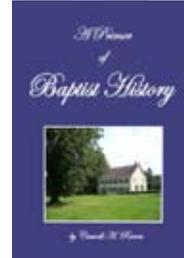
En Epheso  
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The Theology of Acts  
\$20.00



I Will Build My Church  
\$15.00



A Primer of Baptist History  
\$20.00



The Lord God Hath Spoken  
\$15.00

## Manchester Bible Study

Continue to pray for the Manchester Bible Study as Mark Schabert teaches the *Gospel of John* to several families who live in the area. This is an effort to practice the Great Commission in Manchester, CT, evangelizing and edifying folks who come to the study. The Bible study is every Friday night at 7 PM. Please contact the pastor for directions.



## 2011 BBTS Spring Calendar

- Feb. 21-25 Philippine Module
- Mar. 15 - 19 Spring Break
- April 14 Spring Lecture Series
- May 13 Doctoral Dissertation Defense
- May 14 Graduation Banquet
- May 15 Graduation

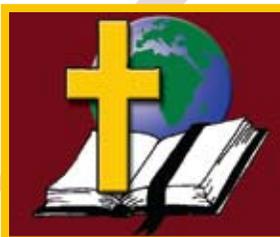


## Dr. Kumar Visit Scheduled

Dr. Enoch Kumar will be preaching and presenting his ministry in India at **Bible Baptist Church** on **Sunday, March 13, 2011**. Mark your calendars!

If you have any news for the next issue of the BBC Update, please send to the Editor, Cas Reeves, at either

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