

BBC UPDATE

Philippine Seminary Modules

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The Lord blessed the Philippine seminary modules at Quezon City with eleven students enrolled including eight Filipino pastors. The courses gave a good biblical foundation to these pastors concerning NT ecclesiology and prophecy (Daniel) as they themselves testified. Pastor Jed Raquintan is the pastor of the host church Cornerstone Baptist Church. Some of our readers may recall how Pastor Raquintan separated from a fundamental Protestant Bible college and seminary because of its weakening position on bibliography in 2008 and identified with the doctrine of BBTS. Shortly thereafter, in March 2009, the Lord allowed his church building, parsonage, personal affects, church piano, Bible college housing and library to burn to the ground. Undaunted in the attack from the supernatural enemy allowed by the sovereign Saviour (cf. Rom. 4:20-21), the pastor and people moved to another area and built a beautiful facility to house CBC and the BBTS modules. It may be remembered that several USA churches of like faith helped financially with funding for the building and the purchase of a

new church piano. Pastor Raquintan is scheduled to receive his MDiv. degree in May from BBTS.

I had the privilege of preaching thrice in the Cornerstone Baptist Church Mission in Sampaloc under the pastoral leadership of Pastor Eric Matiga. The church though small, is one of Christ's candlesticks up on a beautiful mountain in the Tanay Rizal area. Please continue to pray for this Filipino ministry.



The body of Christ at Sampaloc.



Philippine BBTS seminarians in Ecclesiology and Daniel Modules.

Upcoming Events at BBC!

See inside for details

- March 12 Ladies Meeting with Mrs. Edith Davidson
- March 13 Ministry Presentation and Preaching by Dr. Enoch Kumar
- April 14 Lecture Series: 400th Anniversary of the KJV
- April 25 & 26 Stanford Achievement Testing for Homeschooled Students

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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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!

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another. and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Hebrews 10:25

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

400th anniversary of the KJV: What is the Alternate Position?

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Many are commemorating the 400th anniversary (1611-2011) of the 1611 KJV for various reasons. Some see it merely for its historical merit, but others recognize the spiritual value in this anniversary. But the question continually forces its way to the forefront, asking why the KJV is still used by Christians as the world's top seller four centuries later? Understanding the alternative to the KJV should help answer the question for sincere Christians, and cause all to recognize the grave enormity of the alternative position. The enemy to the truth has posited the following propositions to advance the so-called Critical Text (CT) of both the OT and NT and its subsequent modern versions including the ERV (1881), the ASV (1901), the RSV (1952), the NIV (1971), the NAS (1971) and the ESV (2001) as the alternative to the Received Text and KJV:

1. That God **did not promise** to preserve His words [just concepts] (*contra* Ps. 12:6-7; Mt. 5:18; 24:35).
2. That God in fact **did not preserve** His inspired words (*contra* Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4).
3. That man's responsibility is not to receive by faith the Lord's "preserved" words since they are not preserved, but **to restore** the non-preserved words of God to a close approximation of the originals (*contra* Jn. 12:48; I Thess. 2:13). This of course begs the question of when would one know that the non-preserved words are finally "restored."
4. That Christian's scholars are to do this restoration process by using the **principles of secular textual criticism**, which include using the "oldest and best manuscripts" and the hardest readings, which must be first since early scribes always improved the manuscripts by additions (*contra* I Thess. 2:13; Rev. 22:18-19).
5. That Christian scholars **may trust the work** of all stripes of professed Christians, even of **infidels and liberals** (*contra* Ps. 50:16-17).
6. That this process of **restoration will continue** as long as archaeologists continue to discover ancient manuscripts for textual critical scholars to continue to apply their secular principles (*contra* Rev. 22:18-19).
7. That all manuscripts are "**good**" and therefore must be considered in the manuscript pool, even though there are vast doctrines affected in the voluminous differences (*contra* Gen. 3:1-2; II Pet. 3:15-16).
8. That these manuscripts are "good" because there was **no known conspiracy** to change the text of Scripture (*contra* II Pet. 3:15-16; Rev. 22:18-19).
9. That para-church organizations and pseudo-church groups have the privilege to be **the primary agencies** involved in determining textual readings and changes (*contra* Mt. 16:18; 28:19-20).
10. That the Lord's churches and pastors **have no stewardship responsibility** in bibliology, including the receiving, recognizing, preserving and defending of the Scriptures which are not preserved anyway (*contra* Mt. 28:19-20). [The Received Text and KJV are the indirect but scriptural result of the Lord's assemblies (*pro* I Tim. 3:15)].
11. That Christians should expect to have the underlying Greek and Hebrew texts and manifested translations that **will bring uncertainty and questioning** to them (*contra* Ps. 22:20-21; I Tim. 1:4).

Now, the discerning Christian may have the scriptural insight to realize why the KJV is recognizing it 400th anniversary in spite of Satan's schemes and scholars, which alternative position is "*the doctrine of devils*" (I Tim. 4:1). Paul wisely warned Timothy about the battle over the words of God, saying, "*If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.*" (I Tim. 6:3-5).

DEVOTIONAL CORNER

Traits of Christian Sheep

by Pastor Cas Reeves

*"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want"
(Psalm 23:1)*

A motif of the Bible, is the shepherd and sheep relationship, speaking of the relationship between the Lord and his children. If the Lord Jesus is our good shepherd, *"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep"* (John 10:11). Then we, who have received Christ as our personal Savior, are his sheep.



Pastor Cas Reeves

One trait is, we whole hearted believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior and accept him unconditionally as our Shepherd. *"But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep"* (John 10:26). Another of those traits is, understanding the Word of God. *"My sheep hear my voice"* (John 10:27). We learn, *"the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned"* (1 Corinthians 2:14). Unless the Lord Jesus is truly our Savior and Shepherd, we are natural and have not the spiritual ability to understand the Word of God, which is spiritual. Understanding the Bible comes after we are born again and it comes from the Holy Spirit, who gives power to learn as the He teaches; When

"He, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide [us] into all truth" (John 16:13).

There is one other trait we find and that is obedience; *"...and they follow me"* (John 10:27). There are many who sacrifice for God, of their money, of their time, of their abilities and in some cases of their whole life. They do this believing and hoping, that some how it will please God as they have sacrificed for God and toward their fellow man. And though it is noble, we are told, point blank, *"Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice"* (1 Samuel 15:22). God expects us first to receive Christ and then to follow him. However, those who are not Christ's true sheep will leave the

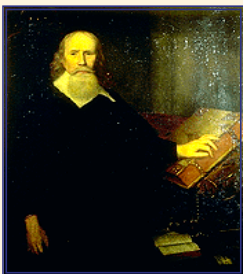


fold. *"They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us"* (1 John 2:19). Each of us who call ourselves Christians, should see the traits that mark them as the sheep of Christ the Shepherd. -CAR

Quotes From the Past:

John Clarke (609-1676)

Quoted from the colony charter of Rhode Island of March 7, 1638, and attributed to the hand of John Clarke.



"We, whose names are underwritten, do here solemnly, in the presence of Jehovah, incorporate ourselves into a Body Politic, and as he shall help, will submit our persons, lives, and estates unto our Lord Jesus Christ: the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and to all those perfect and most absolute laws of his given us in his Holy Word of truth, to be guided and judged thereby."

Bible Baptist Church to offer the Stanford Achievement Test to Homeschooled Students

Bible Baptist has become an official administrator of 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 **Monday and Tuesday, April 25 & 26, 2011 from 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM.**

This test is available for any home educated student. It is **not** limited to BBC members. Registration for this test is only available on-line. For more information on the test, and to register on-line, please visit <http://www.homeschooltestingservices.com/> Click on "Online Registration" and select Connecticut to register. Cost is \$50 per student, \$55 after March 27th, 2011. Registration closes April 3rd, 2011. No refunds after April 3rd, 2011. Please contact Laura Hagglund at thehagglunds@comcast.net with any other questions.



"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)

PHILIPPINE MINISTRY

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Photographs



^ Above: Dr. Strouse preaches the Sunday AM preaching service at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Quezon City.

^> Top Right: Song Service before Module class.

>> Right: CBC Youth group singing during Sunday morning service.



^ Above: Children's Sunday School Class.

>> Right: One final point in junior Sunday School Class.



>> Right: Some Cornerstone Baptist Church Members Some church members on Saturday getting ready for Sunday services.



^ Above: Dr. Yul Raquintan and his medical mission next store to the church plant in Sampaloc on top of a mountain



PHILIPPINE MINISTRY



^ Above: Ladies preparing breakfast for the seminarians.



<< Left: A typical breakfast including fish, banana, rice, salad, and juice.

v Below: Dr. Strouse's fine accommodations in the Philippines.



Dr. Strouse's transportation to church—a motorized rickshaw.



View of city life from the open rickshaw.

>> Right: A view from the top of the mountain where Cornerstone Baptist Church is located



Early Tuesday morning and the wildlife next to church



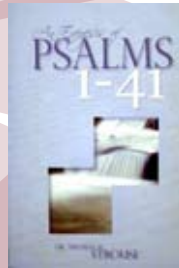
A scene from the church of the neighborhood; notice homemade BB goal on church property.

THE BOOK CORNER

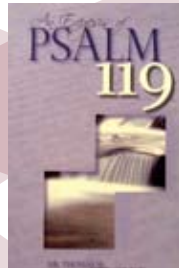
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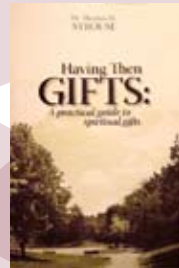
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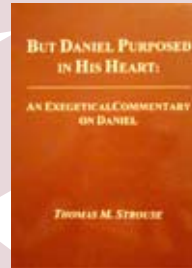
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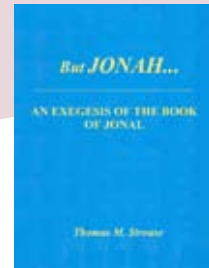
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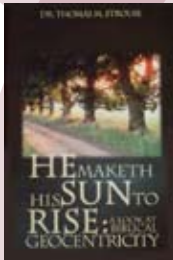
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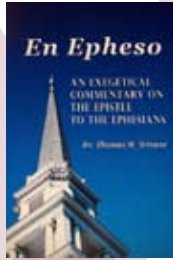
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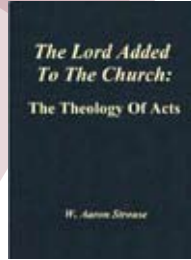
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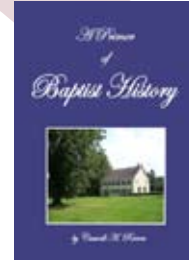
En Epheso
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The Theology of Acts
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I Will Build My Church
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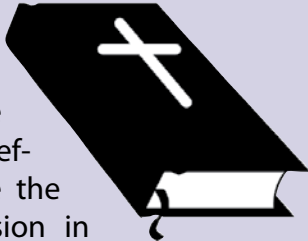
A Primer of Baptist History
\$20.00



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

- Mar. 15 - 19 Spring Break
- April 14 Spring Lecture Series
- May 13 Doctoral Dissertation Defense
- May 14 Graduation Banquet
- May 15 Graduation



Dr. Strouse sitting in the presidential chair of the ousted Philippine President Estrada.

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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