

# BBC UPDATE

## BBC Hosted the Second Annual Ladies' Fellowship

Dr. Thomas Strouse



On Saturday, March 10, 2012, about 35 ladies from five different independent Baptist churches attended the Second Annual Ladies' Fellowship hosted by Bible Baptist Church. Mrs. Claudia Norwalt, wife of Dr. Paul Norwalt, pastor of Merrimack Baptist Temple, Merrimack, NH,

*Dr. Thomas Strouse* spoke to the women and sang several songs. They ladies enjoyed the challenge from Scripture, the testimonies, singing and fellowship.

## BBTS Commencement Service Announced

There are seven candidates for *BBTS graduation* on **May 20, 2012 at 1:30 PM**. Three of these candidates are from the Philippine and Ireland modules and the remainder are from the USA. The Sunday AM preacher will be Dr. Robert Zemeski, long term missionary to Ireland, and the commencement preacher will be Pastor Ken Brooks of Calvary Independent Baptist Church, West Redding, CT. The *Graduation Banquet* will be **Saturday, May 19, 2012 at 6:00 PM**. Pray for these men.



*Top Right: The ladies enjoy a good breakfast before the meeting begins!*

*Above: Mrs. Claudia Norwalt shared challenge from Scripture and her testimony.*

## BBTS 2012 Spring Lecture Series

Thursday, April 19, 2012  
Crowne Plaza, Cromwell, CT  
**Who Are the Baptists?**

- I. *Dr. Joel Grassi—John the Baptist*
- II. *Dr. Thomas Strouse—Theology and Polity of Baptists*
- III. *Pastor Cas Reeves—History of Ancient Baptists*
- IV. *Noel Meadowcroft—History of 20th Century Baptists*

In conjunction with the BBTS Lecture Series "Who are the Baptists?", Dr. Joel Grassi will be preaching at BBC on **Wednesday April 18, 2012 at 7 PM**. All are welcome.



# BBC HOMESCHOOL

BBC Homeschool

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Photos

BBC Homeschoolers enjoyed a field trip to the Connecticut River Museum for an educational program. The children learned about eagles, hawks and other raptors that winter along the CT River.



*Above: Some of the BBC Homeschoolers aboard Project Oceanology's 65-foot Enviro-Lab III, on their way to view eagles in the wild!*

*Right: An eagle's nest on the CT River!*



*In front of the Connecticut River Museum in Essex, CT*



*Above: The younger children viewed the eagles from the dock behind the museum*



*Right: The younger children then pretended to "be" birds and flew around the property!*



*Some of the boys went fishing after the program!*

## Occasions for Old Testament Prayer

Various situations in the lives of OT saints occasioned them to pray. Here are some of them.

1. **Prayer for divine honor:** *"LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. 37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again" (I Ki. 18:36-37).*
2. **Prayer for vision:** *"And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha" (II Ki. 6:17).*
3. **Prayer of longer life:** *"I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore" (II Ki. 20:3).*
4. **Prayer for spiritual prosperity:** *"And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested" (I Chr. 4:10).*
5. **Prayer for giving:** *"Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all" (I Chr. 29:12).*
6. **Prayer for reform:** *"And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you" (II Chr. 15:2).*
7. **Prayer with fasting:** *"Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance" (Ezra 8:21).*
8. **Prayer in an emergency:** *"Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven" (Neh. 2:4).*
9. **Prayer for courage:** *"For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Est. 4:14).*
10. **Prayer for a mediator:** *"For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment. Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both" (Job 9:32-33).*



The children built a full size eagle's nest...



...then measured their own "wing span!"



# LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Ladies' Fellowship

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Photos



*Mrs. Claudia Norwalt, sharing her testimony through both story and song!*



*Mrs. Janis Strouse welcomed the ladies from five different churches to BBC!*



*The Hagglund ladies sang a special*



*Above: The ladies enjoyed fellowship long after lunch was over!*



*As usual, the dessert table was incredible!*

*Right: Each lady received a lovely seed packet of "Forget-Me-Nots" to keep the memory of the event all summer long!*



## 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 and Friday, April 26 & 27, 2012 from 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM.**

## BBC NEWS/PHOTOS

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 "Online Registration" and select Connecticut to register. **Cost \$50, \$55 after April 1st, 2012. Registration closes April 8th, 2012. No refunds after April 8th, 2012.**

Please contact Laura Hagglund at thehagglunds@comcast.net with any other questions.

## BBC Sunday Lunch Fellowship



*BBC was blessed with several visitors for our Sunday service and fellowship meal!*



*Mr. & Mrs. Erikson from Jackson, Wyoming visited with us recently.*



*Some BBC Children enjoy a time with Pastor Strouse's grandchildren, visiting from North Carolina*



# DEVOTIONAL CORNER

## Success in Serving

by Pastor Cas Reeves



Pastor Cas Reeves

*"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success"*

### Joshua 1:8

God spoke these words to Joshua as he was beginning his role of leadership in serving the Lord and leading God's people into the Promised Land. We can just imagine how Joshua must have felt as he assumed this mantle of great responsibility. It must have been a time of great personal introspection, and those times are fearful. However, we note that God is there to bring assurance: "Be strong and of good courage" God says as He reiterates to Joshua his mission. "Only be strong and very courageous" as He speaks about the character of His servant's service. And finally as He commands, "Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou

dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1:6-9).

We note that God promised Joshua success; "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee" (Joshua 1:5). The key to this success is found in (Joshua 1:8) the "book of the law" [the Bible] and what Joshua was supposed to do with it. He was to know it; "shall not depart out of thy mouth." He was to understand it; "meditate therein day and night." And he was to obey it; "observe to do according to all that is written therein."

By application, just as Joshua was encouraged from God's Word, so we are encouraged. The Apostle Peter encouragingly points us toward successfulness in our service to the Lord, when he says, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober be vigilant" (1 Peter 3:6-8). Here, Peter detailed biblical activities for our personal success: 1) Humility, 2) Dependence, 3) Seriousness and 4) Vigilance.

The Psalmist of old said, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night" (Palm 1:1-2). The Psalmist knew, that being successful in service meant being successful in the Word. -CAR

### Quotes From the Past:

#### Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson (1824-1863)

Christian General in the CSA

(Spoken upon his death-bed)



"Stonewall" Jackson

"Our God was my shield. His protecting care is an additional cause for gratitude."

"I see from the number of physicians that you think my condition dangerous, but I thank God, if it is His will, that I am ready to go."

*Bible Baptist Theological Seminary presents*  
**The Third Annual Spring  
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# Who Are the BAPTISTS??



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**Thursday,  
April 19, 2012**  
**9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**



*Dr. Joel Grassi*



*Dr. Thomas M. Strouse*



*Pastor Cas Reeves*



*Mr. Noel Meadowcroft*

**The Crowne Plaza**  
**100 Berlin Rd.**  
**Cromwell, CT 06416**

## **Preaching Schedule:**

**9:00-10:30 AM** *"John the Baptist"*—Dr. Joel Grassi, ThD, ThM, MDiv

**10:45 AM-12:00** *"The Theology and Polity of Baptists"*— Dr. Thomas Strouse, MDiv, PhD, ThD, DD, DLit, Pastor of Bible Baptist Church and Dean of BBTS.

**1:00-2:30 PM** *"The History of Ancient Baptists"*—Pastor Cas Reeves, MBS, MDiv, Pastor of Heritage Baptist Church and President of HBTS, BBTS Adjunct Professor

**2:45-4:00 PM** *"The History of 20th Century Baptists"*— Noel Meadowcroft, MBS, BBTS Adjunct Professor

Lunch will be provided with free-will offering.  
A book table will be available with relevant material.

# THE BOOK CORNER

## Manchester Bible Study

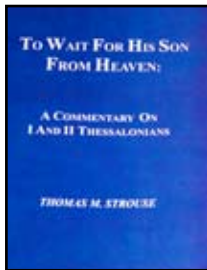
Continue to pray for the Manchester Bible Study as Mark Schabert teaches the *Gospel of John* to several families who live in the area. This is an effort to practice the Great Commission in Manchester, CT, evangelizing and edifying folks who come to the study. The Bible study is every Friday night at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



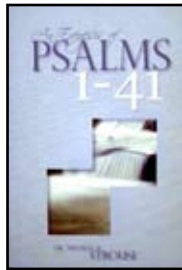
The "Official" BBC Photographer is revealed!

## The Book Corner

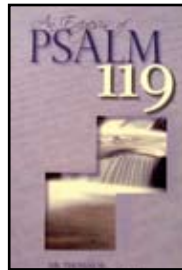
These Books may be purchased through **Bible Baptist Church:**  
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I & II Thessalonians  
\$10.00



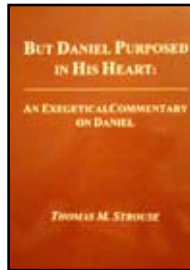
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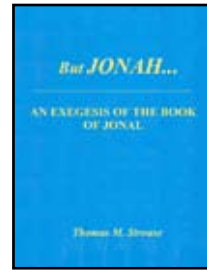
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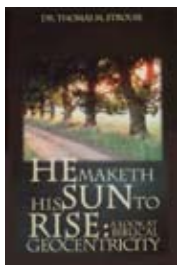
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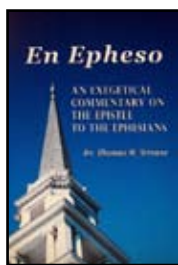
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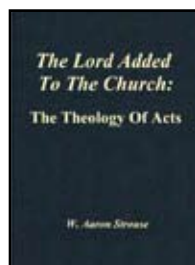
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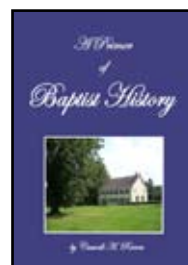
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