



BBC UPDATE

Third Annual Ladies Fellowship

Dr. Thomas Strouse



The Ladies' Fellowship on March 9, 2013 was a blessing to many ladies. Close to 50 women from seven different area churches attended as Mrs. Rhonda Main gave her testimony about the Lord's blessing in her and her family's life. The

Dr. Thomas Strouse ladies enjoyed a wonderful lunch as well as fellowship around the truth.



Above: Nearly 50 Ladies enjoyed a time of fellowship.



Right: Mrs. Rhonda Main shared her testimony and it was a blessing for the ladies!



Left: The BBC Ladies' Ensemble opened the meeting with a musical special

BBTS Module and Dissertation Defense

During the week of March 11-15, 2013, Associate Professor Jeff Skorupski and Dean Dr. Thomas Strouse taught Hebrew and the Book of First Corinthians, respectively. A total of about 20 students attended the modules. On the Wednesday night mid-week service at Heritage Baptist Church, Pastor Cas Reeves defended his dissertation on "Heavenly Music" to the dissertation committee comprised of Dr. Thomas Strouse, Dr. Noel Meadowcroft, and Associate Professor Jeff Skorupski, and before his congregation.

Pastor Reeves will have to defend it again officially before the BBTS committee in May for his Doctor of Ministry degree.



BBTS Module on I Corinthians held at Heritage Baptist Church in Endicott, NY.



Pastor Cas Reeves DMin. dissertation defense in front of Heritage Baptist Church.



Pastor Thomas Strouse questions Pastor Reeves during his defense.

My Prayers

This poem was written March 11, 2013 by BBC Member and homeschool student Sophia Gagnon, age 8.

I sit in bed and close my eyes,
And pray for those that tell some lies.
I pray for everybody in the church.
I also pray for the ladies that make the lunch.
I pray for them who don't have the Word.
And pray that they get the Lord.
And when I pray for everything,
I say, "Amen."



Save the Date!

BBTS Spring Lecture Series

Thursday, April 18

"Evangelism and Church Planting"



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"Church Planting in Acts"

Dr. Thomas Strouse

"Biblical Evangelism"

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"The Principles and Challenge of Church Planting"

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Mrs. Jan Strouse Retires !



Mrs. Jan Strouse retired from her nursing employment to enjoy traveling with her husband and baby-sitting her new grandson Jack. She plans to travel to see the rest of her family as well.



The BBC Family celebrated with Mrs. Strouse on the occasion of her retirement. Two of our young ladies made and decorated a cake for the event!



Why Study The Word Of God

Pastor Cas Reeves

*"The entrance of thy words giveth light;
it giveth understanding unto the simple"*

Psalm 119:130

Our verse shares with us that when we allow the word of God into our life there is light in our life. Now, light is revealing. Light gives us an education by revealing our surroundings and thus enhancing our awareness and understanding of things. The word of God is that revealing light. Truly, the word of God gives us the ability to understand and to know the difference between good and evil, right and wrong. We need the word of God for light to expose spiritual darkness and spiritual dangers we cannot see with the physical eye.



Pastor Cas Reeves

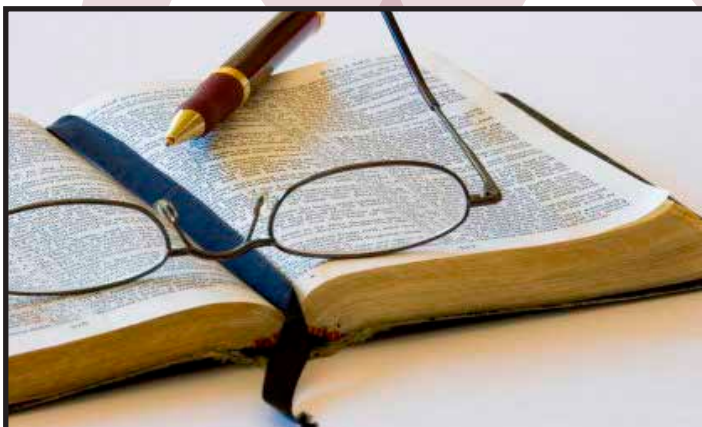
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Psalm 119:105: *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."* This verse gives two reasons for studying the word of God. The first reason is because the word of God is like a lamp, today a flashlight. It reveals things that we might otherwise not see and stumble over in our walk. Secondly, it also reveals that the word of God is like a light or beacon-light giving us directions in our life's path. It is the spiritual, intellectual and moral anchor that God has given to us.

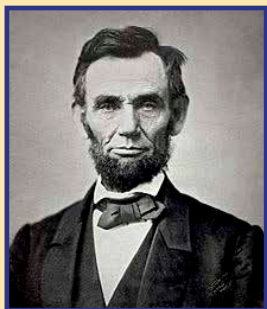
The apostle Paul wrote to Timothy saying, *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth"* (2 Timothy 2:15). Timothy is commanded to make an effort, study, to be acceptable to God by *"rightly dividing the word of truth."* And we also should be diligent in seeking God's approval upon our Christian life. So, let us faithfully study the word of God. -CAR

New Bible Study

BBC started a new Bible study in an assisted living facility in Middletown, CT. The group now meets on Sunday Evenings and the Lord blessed as seven residents from the assisted living facility in Middletown, CT gathered around and heard the Bible preached by Pastor Strouse. Please pray for this outreach.



Quotes From the Past:



Abraham Lincoln, 1809-1865

The 16th President of the USA

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious Hand

Abraham Lincoln *which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us."*

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Ladies Fellowship

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Photos



Krista Hagglund and Ashton Main played two harp/piano duets for the ladies' at the meeting!



Amanda Gagnon sang a beautiful solo before Rhonda spoke!



Elena Sherwood shared a brief testimony and sang an beautiful a capella solo of Scripture!



The Ladies truly enjoyed a sweet time of fellowship!



The Ladies enjoyed lots of congregation singing!



The BBC Ladies served delicious brunch and dessert!

PHOTOS



Cas Reeves (Top Left) begins his Doctor Of Ministry dissertation defense in front of Heritage Baptist Church (Above). Associate Professor Jeff Skorupski (Far Left) and Dr. Strouse (Left) question his work. Dr. Noel Meadowcroft (not pictured) also is on the dissertation committee.



Strouse family with good friend Dave Vicari.



Dr. Strouse with Missionaries Jon and Emilie Rettig to Prague.

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.

BBC TRACT MINISTRY

BBC Publishes Original Tracts!

BBC has taken a more biblical direction in her tract ministry, utilizing only tracts written by local church ministries that are in harmony with BBC. Some of the tracts are written by BBC personnel.

Can All Religions Be Right?

Take the test.

1. Who declared Himself to be deity?

- a.) Mohammad
- b.) Joseph Smith
- c.) **Jesus Christ**

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." 1 John 5:7

2. Who died, was buried and rose again the third day?

- a.) Buddha
- b.) Charles Taze Russell
- c.) **Jesus Christ**

"...Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

3. Who offers the only way to be forgiven of sins?

- a.) The Pope
- b.) Mohammad
- c.) **Jesus Christ**

"I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins."

Isaiah 42:25

4. Who delivers salvation as a free gift from God?

- a.) Joseph Smith
- b.) Charles Taze Russell
- c.) **Jesus Christ**

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Ephesians 2:8-9

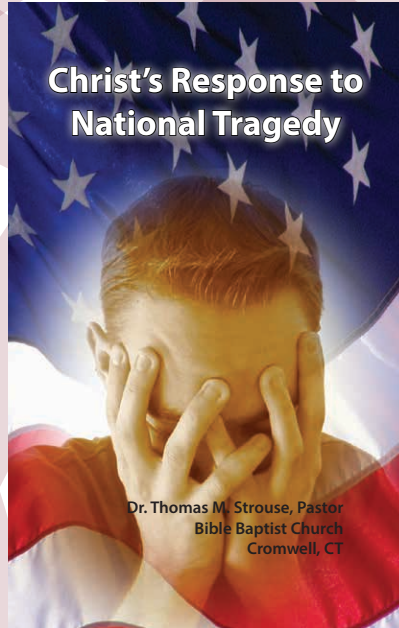
5. Who was given all authority on earth?

- a.) Charles Taze Russell
- b.) The Pope
- c.) **Jesus Christ**

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

Matthew 28:18

Christ's Response to National Tragedy



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse, Pastor
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He that believeth on the Son
hath everlasting life:

and he that believeth
not the Son
shall not see life;

**but the WRATH OF GOD
abideth on him.**

John 3:36

Cadusale Rebuilding Sermon Church

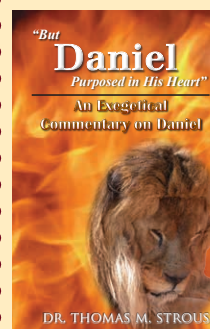


BBC has been privileged to help Filipino Pastor A. Cadusale rebuild his church building in the town of Sermon in the Province of Iloilo. Weather and insects have led to its demise.

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Oops! We ran into a little problem with the "Pillar"!

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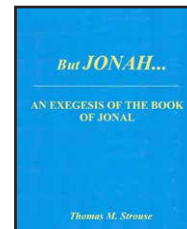
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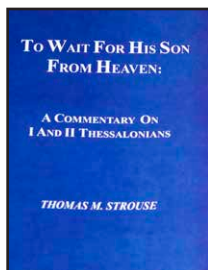


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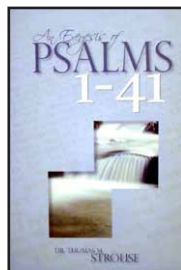
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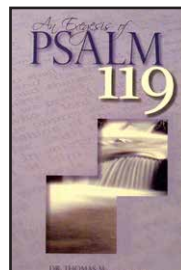
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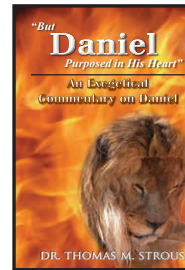
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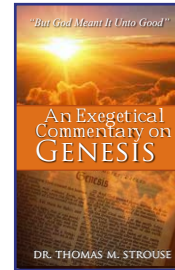
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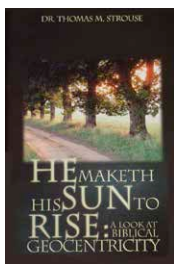
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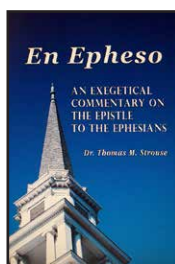
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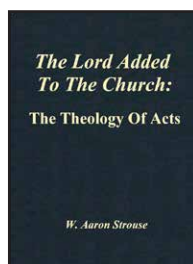
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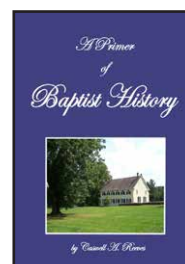
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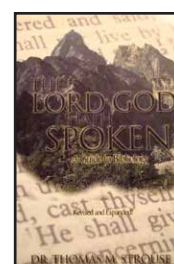
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