

BBC UPDATE

The Lord Blesses BBC with Beautiful New Pulpit!

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse, Pastor

The Lord has blessed BBC with a new pulpit. Pastor Scott Blair's father, Scott A. Blair II, took it upon himself to make the pulpit, and our new pulpit with the accompanying communion table is made out of cherry wood, and it looks beautiful. By God's grace, the truth as evinced in the King James Bible will thunder across this pulpit. Other developments internally have helped beautify the sanctuary, including new valences matching the chairs, and new blinds. In addition, we have the opportunity to obtain another office on the same floor for the pastor's study. We believe the Lord is helping us prepare the auditorium and nursery for visitors as we begin to evangelize Cromwell, CT. On Saturdays, we have been going throughout the adjacent condominiums distributing flyers and tracts, and making our presence known.



Dr. Strouse behind the new Pulpit made by Scott Blair II

Make Your Plans to Attend the BBTS Spring Lecture Series!



Dr. Strouse

On April, 22, 2010, BBC will host her first Spring Lecture Series focusing on the defense of the theology and practice of the biblical doctrine that the body of Christ refers exclusively to the local church (cf. Eph. 1:22-23; I Cor. 12:27). Most of Christendom (Catholics, Protestants, and Baptists) assumes that there is some sort of invisible, mystical, spiritual body of Christ that is composed of all saints. They also assume that the Holy Spirit baptizes repentant believers into the mystical body of Christ at conversion. This theological ecumenism, whether liberal or fundamentalist, has practical ramifications that hurt the Lord's candlesticks. Through careful study of the Bible, these assumptions



Pastor Reeves

will be weighed in the balances of Scripture and found wanting. Dr. Thomas M. Strouse (BBTS) will deal with the biblical and historical arguments, and Pastor Cas Reeves

BBTS Spring Lecture Series Schedule

8:30-9:00 AM	Coffee, donuts, and registration.
9:00 -10:30	The Biblical Answer to "What is the Body of Christ" (Dr. Strouse)
10:30 -10:40	Break
10:40 to 12:00	The Historical Development of Erroneous Views of the Body of Christ (Dr. Strouse)
12:00-1:00	Lunch served on the ground.
1:00-2:30	Why the Biblical Doctrine of the Body of Christ is important to the Pastor (Pastor Reeves)
2:30-3:00	Questions and Answers.

(HBTS) will deal with the practical ramifications.

Since the Spring Lecture Series will be held in the auditorium of BBC, there will be limited seating. Please **RSVP by April 10, 2010**, concerning the number in your party that will be attending (drtms_bbts@juno.com).

BBTS MODULE UPDATES



BTS Modules

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Philippines

Filipino Scholarship Fund

Several have expressed interest in helping the Filipino pastors with their respective tuition for the Iloilo modules, April 12-16, 2010. These pastors are committed to the truth of the exclusivity of the local church and use only the KJV in their assemblies. Gifts toward the Filipino Scholarship Fund need to come immediately.

Piano Fund for Pastor Jed's Church

Filipino Pastor Jed Raquintan lost his home and church in a fire a year ago in 2009. Along with losing his personal items and material possessions, including his ministerial library, he lost the recently purchased upright church piano. He needs \$2000.00 to replace it. So far, \$1,500.00 has been given to this fund. I will be going back to the Philippines on April 8, 2010, and would like to take with me the whole amount of \$2000.00. If your church is interested in helping Cornerstone Baptist Church, you could send the gift of money to Bible Baptist Church, or contact Pastor Jed Raquintan (jbraquintan@yahoo.com)



Dr. Strouse with new seminarian David Talaver (with his little boy Dale and his father Samuel). David Talaver is a national Filipino pastor who will be taking the next module in the Philippines.



Piano Project

I would like to make an appeal to the Lord's churches to pray about helping Cornerstone Baptist Church to purchase another upright piano for their assembly. Pastor Raquintan's daughters are the accomplished pianists for CBC, and they would love to have another upright (lost in the fire) instead of the electric keyboard. To purchase a good upright piano in the Metro Manila area would cost about \$2000.00. If your church is interested in helping toward this piano project, you could contact Pastor Raquintan through his email (jbraquintan@yahoo.com), or send a check to Bible Baptist Church, with the designation "Piano Project." On behalf of Pastor Raquintan and CBC, thanks in advance for your prayerful support of this project.

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Scott and Kelly Blair joined us for services on March 21 after they delivered the new pulpit!



The Gagnon and Hagglund families head out to distribute fliers and tracts in the neighborhood.



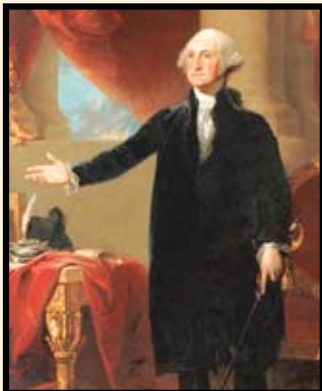
< Left: Amanda Gagnon and Krista Hagglund enjoy dessert at our Sunday meal.

Right: > BBC Youth take a break between services.



The BBC auditorium is looking beautiful with the new chairs, valances and pulpit!

George Washington, 1732-1799



“I am sure that never was a people, who had more reason to acknowledge a Divine interposition in their affairs, than those of the United States; and I should be pained to believe that they have forgotten that agency, which was so often manifested during our Revolution, or that they failed to consider the omnipotence of that God who is alone able to protect them.”

ARE WE ALONE?

By Derry O'Sullivan, MBS
Pastor, Blanchardstown Baptist Church
Blanchardstown, Ireland

Devotional

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Book Corner



Pastor Derry O'Sullivan

Millions are spent annually searching for extraterrestrial intelligence. Actually, there is intelligent life outside earth, and it has communicated!

God is the intelligent life in the universe! His communication is the Bible. However reception of this communication is hindered by man's sin — "your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you" (Isaiah 59:2).

Think you are not a sinner? Then examine yourself against God's standard — the Ten Commandments. The Holy and Righteous God who created this universe will judge you one day. Have you ever said "Oh

my God" — that's taking the Lord's name in vain (commandment no. 3)? Have you lied — even a "little white lie" — (no. 9)? If you've lusted, then you've committed adultery in your heart (no. 7). And so it goes on with the sinner. God is absolutely holy, and hates sin. Sadly, you will be certainly found guilty, and will be eternally punished.



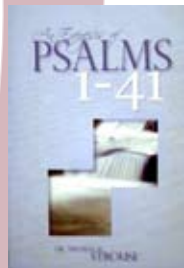
However in His mercy, God has made a way for you to be totally cleansed of your sin, and instead have the gift of Heaven. How? Through Jesus Christ — He took your Hell for you on the cross, by suffering for your sin. He rose from the grave, defeating death. Now for you to receive forgiveness, you need to wholeheartedly turn from your sin and put your complete trust in Christ's perfect work on the cross. Then you can develop a relationship with the most intelligent life in the Universe!

Written from a tract by Pastor O'Sullivan and distributed by the Blanchardstown Baptist Church

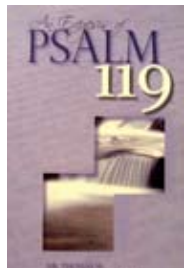
The Book Corner

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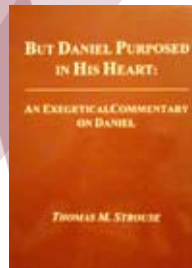
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Psalm 119
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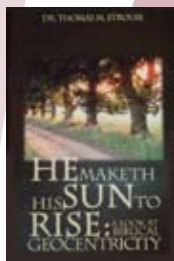
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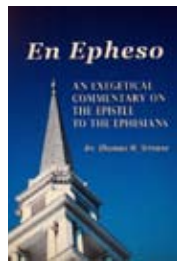
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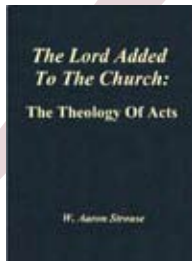
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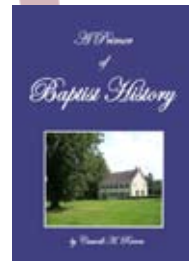
En Epheso
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The Theology of Acts
\$20.00



I Will Build My Church
\$15.00



A Primer of Baptist History
\$20.00



The Lord God Hath Spoken
\$15.00

"The Sin of Complicity"

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse, Pastor

Scripture: Psalm 50:18-19a

When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him and hast been partaker with adulterers. Thou givest thy mouth to evil...

Psalm 50-18 - 19a

Background: Asaph's psalm about judgment on the wicked is juxtapositioned with the sons of Korah psalms (42-49) that deal with David's ouster by Absalom. Asaph's other psalms occur as a unit in a different place of the Psalter (73-83). The wicked man that Asaph addressed was Absalom who usurped David's kingship (II Sam. 14-18). Absalom was guilty of at least three sins with which his followers were complicit.

- I. Absalom was a thief
 - A. The same word used in Ps. 50:18 occurs in II Sam. 15:6 (cf. Ex. 20:15).
 - B. He stole the hearts of David's people.
 - C. Those that followed him were complicit in his sin of thievery.
- II. Absalom was an adulterer
 - A. He followed the foolish advice of the traitor Ahithophel (II Sam. 16:21).
 - B. He went into David's concubines in the sight of all Israel (II Sam. 16:22-23)

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- C. Those that approved of this behavior were complicit in his sin of adultery.
- III. Absalom sinned with his mouth (he gave his "mouth to evil")
 - A. He exalted his wisdom to those who came to him with controversy (II Sam. 15:2).
 - B. He demeaned King David to the same group (II Sam. 15:3-6).
 - C. Those that received his pretentious rulings were complicit in his sin of blasphemy.

The Bible warns about the sin complicity.

Paul stated, saying, "Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them" (Rom. 1:32).

The hearer should examine his or her heart to see if the sin of complicity exists and if so, repent and reconcile.

BBTS Commencement

On **May 16, 2010 (3 PM)**, BBC will have her first seminary commencement service for BBTS. Five men will receive their respective academic seminary degree, including **Daniel Armacost** (MDiv), **Jeremy Rice** (MBS), **Jeff Skorupski** (BDiv), **Emmanuel Tanierla** (MBS), and **Nate Villafuerte** (MBS). Our commencement preacher will be **Pastor Charles Nichols** from Ramsey, MN.



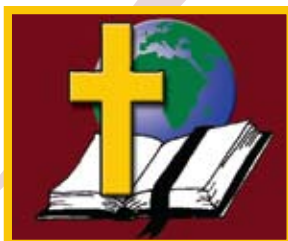
BBTS Summer 2010 Module Schedule

May 24-28	Tools for Biblical Languages	Dublin, IRELAND
May 31 - June 4	TBA	Quakertown, PA
June 7-11	Revelation	Cromwell, CT
June 21-25	Hist. of Christianity I	Cromwell, CT
June 28 - July 2	Ephesians	Chesterton, IN
July 19 - 23	Romans	Plymouth, NH
August 2-6	TBA	Northfield, NJ

All courses taught by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

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