

BBC UPDATE

Make Your Plans to Attend the BBTS Spring Lecture Series!



Dr. Strouse



Pastor Reeves

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; 1 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 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 19, 2010**, concerning the number in your party that will be attending (drtms_bbts@juno.com).

YE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST



DR. THOMAS M. STROUSE

YE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST

Dr. Strouse's article on the doctrine of the local church has been printed and will be available at the BBTS Spring Lecture Series.

NOW YE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST, AND MEMBERS IN PARTICULAR.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:27



The Youth of BBC were dressed beautifully for Easter Services!

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Book Corner

Philippine Module Update

This week Dr. Strouse is teaching two modules: *Romans* and *Tools for Biblical Languages* in Iloilo, Philippines. There are sixteen Filipino seminarians taking these courses. A full report and pictures are coming in the next issue!

Philippine Piano Project

Thanks to all of you that gave to the Philippine Piano Fund. So far \$2,000 dollars have been raised and hand delivered to Pastor Jed Raquintan. Pastor Raquintan lost his home and church in a fire a year ago in 2009. Included in the losses was their upright piano.

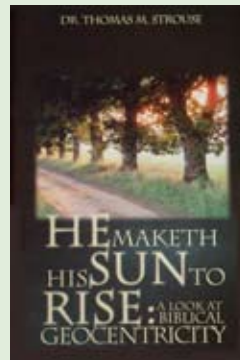
Several New Summer Modules Available!

This summer Bible Baptist Theological Seminary will be conducting several modular courses in six different locations! Dr. Thomas Strouse will be teaching these classes including *Ephesians*, *Romans*, *Revelation*, *History of Christianity I* and *Tools for Biblical Languages*. Please check the schedule on the last page for dates and locations.



HE MAKETH HIS SUN TO RISE

The book "He Maketh His Sun to Rise" by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse is a must read for every serious Bible student.

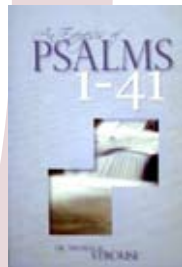


It very carefully sets forth a biblical argument for Geocentricity. It puts forth a fideistic rather than a rationalistic approach to hermeneutics, which challenges the reader as to whether he really accepts what God says by faith or by a human scientific rationale. We are pleased that this book is now available.

The Book Corner

These Books may be purchased through **Bible Baptist Church:**

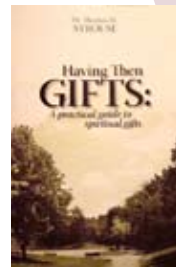
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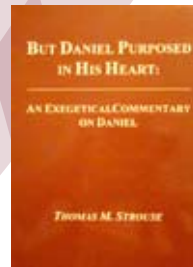
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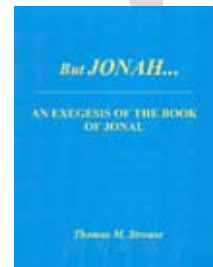
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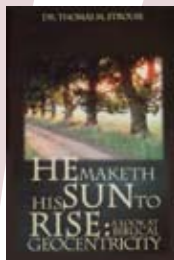
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\$8.00



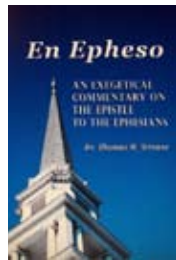
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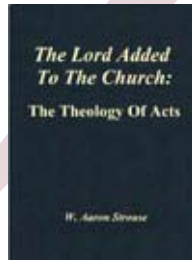
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Geocentricity
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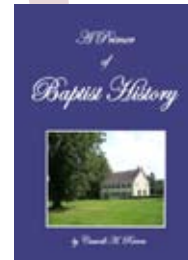
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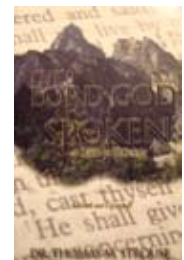
The Theology of Acts
\$20.00



I Will Build My Church
\$15.00



A Primer of Baptist History
\$20.00



The Lord God Hath Spoken
\$15.00

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Cromwell



Easter Fellowship at BBC



Dr. Strouse brought back these beautiful lilies from his mother's funeral



The new furniture for Dr. Strouse's new office has come in!



Elias Boudinot 1740-1821

President of the Continental Congress in 1783, U.S. Congressman from New Jersey and founder of the American Bible Society.

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" - Let it then be our peculiar constant care and vigilant attention to inculcate this sacred principle, and to hand it down to our posterity.... Good government generally begins in the family, and if the moral character of a people once degenerate, their political character must soon follow."

MISSION TRIP: TO INDIA

By Noel Meadowcroft ('05)

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India



Noel Meadowcroft

Community Baptist Church of Quaker-town, represented by Pastor Smith, brother Bill Gotwals and myself, was privileged to have the opportunity and honor to visit the field of India in March of this year 2010.

Dr. Enoch Kumar of Pillar and Ground of the Truth Baptist Church Ministries was our host Pastor. Our travel brought us first to London with a meeting with Eamonn McDonnell and missionary John Anderson. The fellowship was rich as we toured together thru London to see many major Landmarks. (Buckingham Palace, West Minster Abbey, London Tower, the home of C.H. Spurgeon, the Metropolitan Tabernacle and many others!

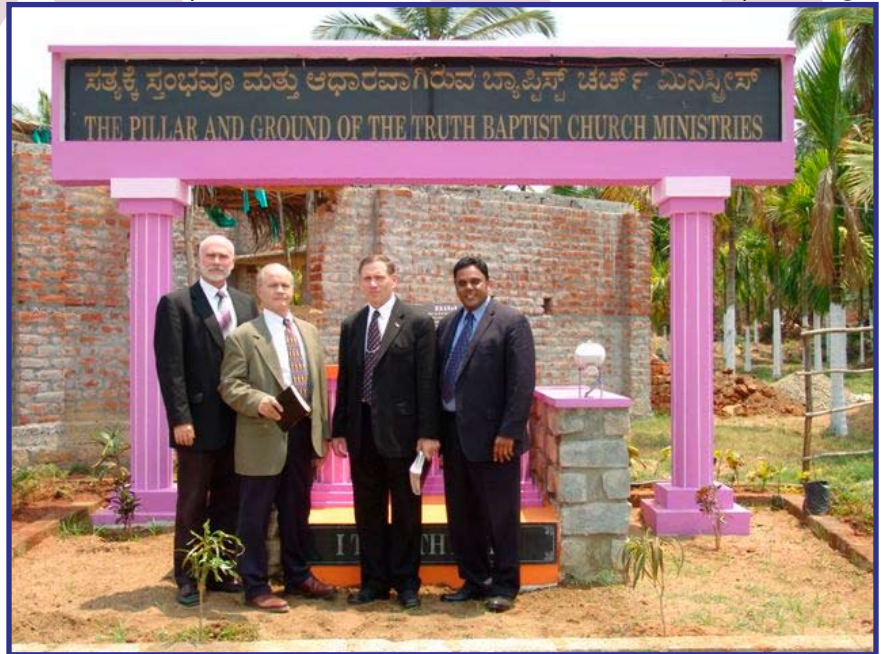
Brother Eamonn McDonnell is a London cabbie who lives in Ireland and drives cab thru the week returning home on the weekends. He is a member of Dr. Robert Zemeski's church in Kildare, Ireland. Eamonn appeared in a EBTS



Brother Eamonn McDonnell

Echo article dated June 15th 2009 called "Cabby for Christ" by Dr. Thomas Strouse. He is unashamed of the gospel of Christ, a real spokesman for the Lord Jesus, Praise God!

From London we flew on to the city of Bangalore, India, arriving with a slower step in our walk. Our travel continued as we motored up north 8 hours to the town of Bhadravathi in the state of Karnataka. Preaching services started Sunday morning with hard hitting and practical messages on "A Life of Commitment" by Pastor David Smith. Services ran Sunday through



L-R: Bill Gotwals, Noel Meadowcroft, Pastor Dave Smith, Pastor Enoch Kumar

Thursday with listening hungry hearts. Dr. Kumar did an excellent job as he translated in the Kannada language to the church family with many visitors present. It was powerful, praise God!

India without question is a country that can only be described as a sea of lost humanity! They are a people walking in complete darkness! This country is in desperate need of the only true Creator, God and Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, Acts 4:12. Dr. Kumar has a sound and biblical ministry, standing and practicing the Truth without apology.

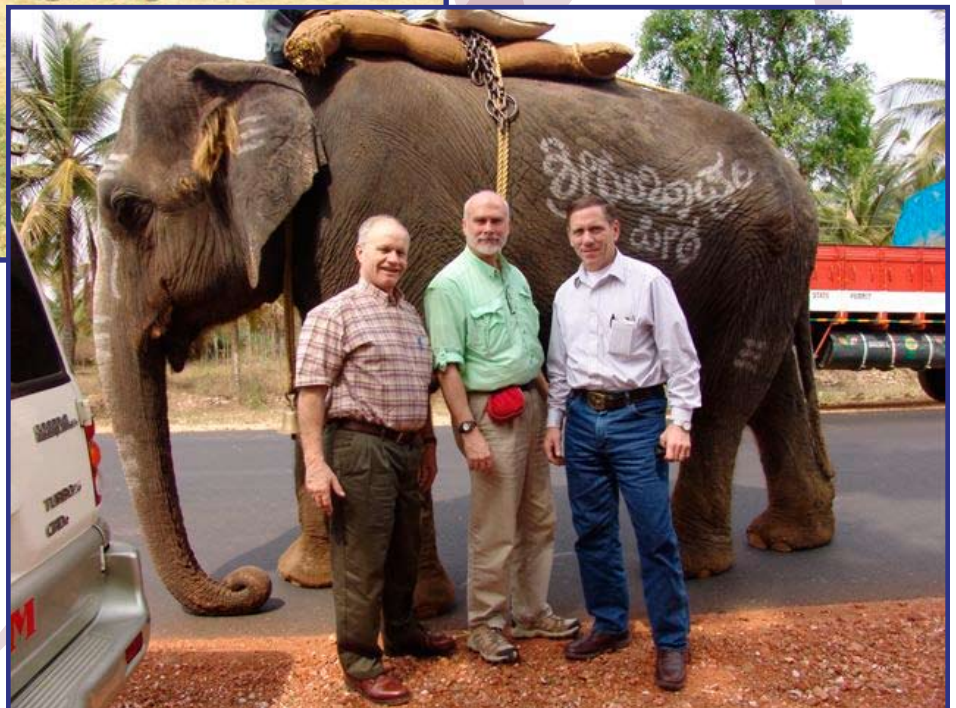
MISSION TRIP

In closing, I would like to list some foundational truths that set a part Pillar and Ground of the Truth Church Ministries from many other church planting missions worldwide.

1. No easy approach to the gospel message. (No easy believe-ism) (Repentance and saving faith)
2. A biblical approach to New Testament Christianity (Essential and Non Essential is out!)
3. Sound position on God's only program in this age of the New Testament Church.
4. Standing on the whole council/ preaching.
5. A received text only position on translations.
6. Church authority, church responsibility and church planting.

7. Training men in and through the local church under pastoral leadership. Men sent directly from the local church to church plant.
8. Emphasis on quality not quantity! (Growth, knowledge, maturity, commitment and zeal for souls!

Presently, Pastor Kumar and the church body are in the midst of a building program to expand the ministry and outreach for Christ. Preaching, teaching, training and sending men into this massive field of souls are of great priority. This is the vision and desire of Pillar and Ground of the Truth Baptist Church, Bhadravathi, India.



^ Above: Pillar and Ground of the Truth Baptist Church

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L-R: Noel Meadowcroft,
Bill Gotwals, Pastor Dave
Smith

THE GHOST CHURCH DISSIPATED!

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"... Ghost Church..."

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse, Pastor

Introduction: Just as fog is dissipated by morning sun, so is the heretical teaching of some sort of universal, invisible, mystical, spiritual body of Christ (i.e., "Ghost Church") dissipated by the light of God's word. The odious doctrine of a mystical body of Christ falls in the category of Paul's condemnation of false doctrine, namely, "perverse disputing of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth" (I Tim. 6:5). This heresy is built upon two unproved assumptions, popularized by the Scofield reference Bible.

I. The existence of a Mystical Church comprised of all Christians since its beginning at Pentecost.

Dissipating truths:

- A. The body equals the church (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18).
- B. Church began before Pentecost (Mt. 16:18; 18:16-18; 26:24 ff. [Heb 2:12]; Mt. 28:19-20).
- C. Kingdom of God is universal (Jn. 3:3-5) and invisible (Lk. 17:20); Not the church or the body.

II. The mechanism of Spirit Baptism to place all Christians in this "Spiritual Body of Christ."

Dissipating truths:

- A. John's theology (prophesied [Mt 3:11] and fulfilled [Acts 2, 8, 10-11, 19]).
- B. Paul's theology (Paul's call for unity over the ordinances of baptism and drinking in I Cor. 12:13).
- C. One Baptism (Eph. 4:5). Which is it?
 - 1.) Spirit Baptism
 - 2.) Water Baptism

Conclusion: If there is no ghost church and no Spirit Baptism, then there is no biblical warrant for the theology or practice of parachurch ministries (non-local church Bible colleges/seminaries, mission boards, etc.), and no biblical warrant for the so-called movement of the "greater cause of Christ" of fundamentalism.

BBTS Summer 2010 Module Schedule

May 24-28	Tools for Biblical Languages	Dublin, IRELAND
May 31 - June 4	Ephesians	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

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.



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