



BBC UPDATE

Commissioning Service of Dr. and Mrs. Davidson

Dr. Thomas Strouse



On May 12, 2013, BBC had the privilege of commissioning Dr. and Mrs. Harold Davidson as church planters to establish a NT assembly in their Cody, WY home. The men of BBC laid hands on this godly couple and prayed over them, publically authorizing them for this biblical task. Several pastors of area church sent letters of recommendation, commendation, and encouragement to the Davidsons. These letters recognized BBC as the authorized agency to commission these church planters, and the testimonial letters were read in the service.

First century Christians established churches in their houses, as the Scripture testifies in several accounts. For instance, Paul wrote a canonical Epistle to Philemon, and "the church in thy house" (Phile. 1:1-2). Elsewhere, the Apostle alluded to "Nymphas, and the church which is in his house" (Col. 4:15). Of course, the quintessential couple to have a church in their house was Aquila and Priscilla. They were involved in the church plant at Corinth (Acts 18:1-2), at Ephesus (Acts 18:18-28), at Rome (Rom. 16:4-5), and again at Ephesus (II Tim. 4:19). They had based their practice of starting churches in their various homes by recognizing and implementing the truth of the Lord Jesus. He required that two or three to be gathered in His name willing to carry out church discipline in order to be an authoritative church (Mt. 18:20; cf. Rev. 1:13). They practiced the Great Commission by evangelizing, baptizing, and catechizing (Mt. 28:19-20) from the church in their house, according to the aforementioned verses.

Please pray for this modern day "Aquila and Pricilla" as they leave Connecticut for Wyoming in June.



Above: Dr. Davidson shares a testimony during the service.



The BBC Men commissioned Dr. Davidson and his wife by the "laying on of hands" and with prayer.



Right: BBC Presents the Davidsons with a "large" love gift!

2013 BBTS Graduation Weekend Schedule

Friday May 17, 2013

11 AM - 1 PM *Dissertation Defense:* Cas Reeves

1 PM Light Lunch at BBC

Saturday May 18, 2013

8 - 10 AM *Dissertation Defense:* Enoch Kumar

10 AM - 12 Noon *Dissertation Defense:* Jeremy Mitchell

Noon: Light Lunch at BBC

6 - 9 PM Graduation Banquet: Crowne Plaza
(No nursery facilities but children welcome)

Sunday May 19, 2013

10 - 11 AM Sunday School:

Pastor David Ellsmore

11 AM - 12 Noon Preaching Service:

Dr. T. M. Strouse

Noon: Pizza and sandwiches at BBC

1:30 PM Pictures of Graduating Class

2 - 4 PM Graduation Service: Crowne Plaza
(No nursery facilities but children welcome)

MOTHER'S DAY AT BBC

Mother's Day

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Photos



Brother Bill Gagnon cooked for the ladies on Mother's Day! All the men took care of preparing the Sunday fellowship meal and cleaning up!



Krista and Amanda beautifully sang "A Passion for Thee" accompanied by Mrs. Gagnon on the piano.



Mother & Daughter offertory piano duet.



Kiera and Molly share a laugh during lunch fellowship!



Some of Strouse family on Mother's day!



Some of BBC's beautifully dressed girls on Mother's day!

The A and M Surprise

Around large families A and M always knew,
That having three kids was way too few,
Since having little Marcus,
They missed all the ruckus,
But now the Lord has given them another two!



Molly is getting practice handling two infants at once!

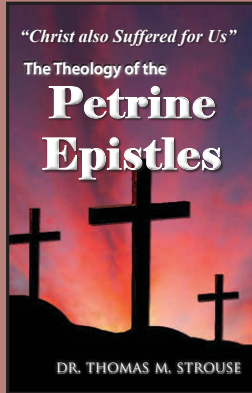
The Second Edition of "Christ also Suffered for Us"

The Theology of the

Petrine Epistles

BY DR. THOMAS M. STROUSE

A commentary on the Petrine Epistles is now at the printers and will be available from Bible Baptist Theological Press on May 24, 2013. Call 860-229-5387 to order your copy!



BBTS Summer Module Classes

May 27-31, 2013

BBTS Ireland Module

Dublin, Ireland

"Baptist History I"

"Petrine Epistles"

June 17-21, 2013

BBTS Module

Quakertown, PA

"The Book of Job"

July 22-26, 2013

BBTS Module

Plymouth, NH

"Angelology"

August 19-23, 2013

BBTS Module

Chesterton, IN

"1 Corinthians"

Fall Module Classes

September 23-27, 2013

BBTS Philippine Module

Quezon City,
Philippines

"The Lukan Parables" - Pastor E. Tanierla

"Biblical Economics" - Dr. Caswell Reeves

September 23-27, 2013

BBTS Europe Module

Prague,
Czech Republic

"Bibliology"

"Ecclesiology"

BBTS Online

BBTS is attempting to open opportunities for seminarians interested in studying the Bible and Theology and receiving seminary degrees. Plans are being made to offer BBTS Online this Fall Semester so that pastors and others can "go to seminary" remotely and potentially receive degrees. Please pray for this endeavor.



BBTS is in the planning stages of offering seminary classes online starting Fall 2013!

DEVOTIONAL CORNER

Accountable For Every Word

Pastor Cas Reeves

"But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment"

Matthew 12:36



Pastor Cas Reeves

It is very clear from the Scripture, God is going to hold us accountable for everything we say. For every foolish and useless word, for every spiteful and hurtful word that we might mention in conversation with others, God warns us, "the day of judgment" approaches for our words.

Christian women are warned against being busybodies, *"speaking things which they ought not"* (1Timothy 5:13). As well, Christian men are warned, *"that there are some which walk disorderly, working not, but are busybodies"* (2 Thessalonians 2:11). We're told not to suffer as a busybody in other men's matters (1Peter 4:15). Be careful and watch your words!

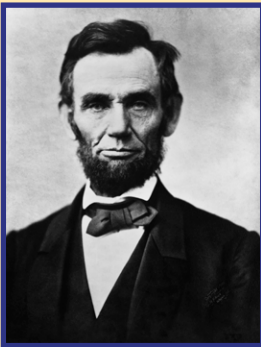
The tongue can be an exceedingly harmful member of the body, *"a fire, a world of iniquity: it*

defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature;" (James 3:6). *"The tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison"* (James 3:8). It is a window into the depraved heart of man, *"for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh"* (Matt.12:34).

Words are associated with three of the seven things God hates: *"a lying tongue...a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among the brethren"* (Proverbs 6:17-19). But God expects His children to have a governed speech in their lives. He says, *"Put away from thee a froward [unruly] mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee"* (Proverbs 4:24). *"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man"* (Colossians 4:6), and have *"a sound speech, that cannot be condemned"* (Titus 2:8).

"The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips" (Proverbs 16:23). God says it plain, *"the tongue can no man tame"* (James 3:8). But it doesn't say, God can't tame it; but rather just the opposite. *"The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD"* (Proverbs 16:1). Yes, the tongue is tamable through Jesus Christ. He said, *"The things which are impossible with men are possible with God"* (Luke 18:27). And the Apostle Paul reminds us of that, when he said, *"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me"* (Philippians 4:13). -CAR

Quotes From the Past:



Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln, 1809-1865
16th President of the USA

"I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from The Savior of the world is communicated to us through this Book."

New Bible Study

BBC started a new Bible study in an assisted living facility in Middletown, CT. Four residents attended as they heard a Gospel message and participated in discussion following. Pray for this new endeavor.



The Tarrats Family ministered in song during the Sunday morning service.

DAVIDSON'S COMMISSIONING



Bill and Ryan sang "What a Day That Will Be" for the Davidson's commissioning service.



The young men of BBC read letters from other pastors sharing their congratulations and advice for the Davidsons.



Mrs. Davidson was presented with beautiful flowers!



Dr. & Mrs. Davidson during the special commissioning service.



Delicious cake and fellowship followed the service.



Harold and Mark discussing the future.



The Davidsons will be missed by ALL the BBC Family!



The Davidsons with the Rossignol family

THE BOOK CORNER

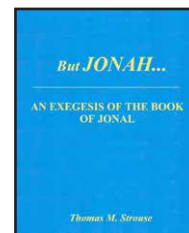
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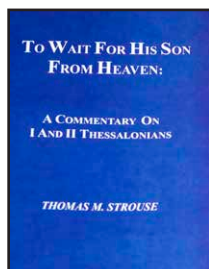
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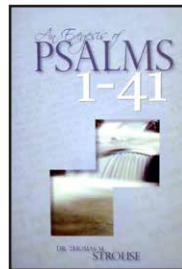
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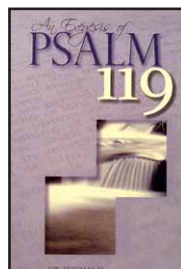
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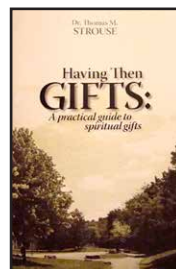
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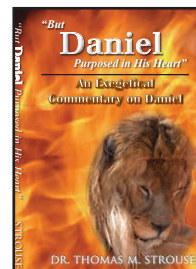
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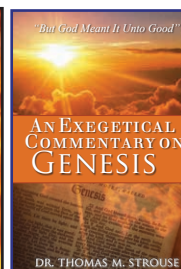
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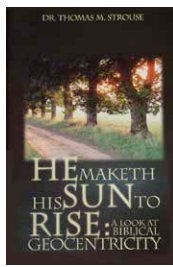
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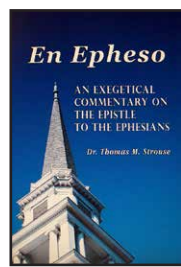
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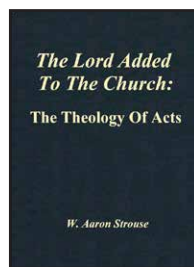
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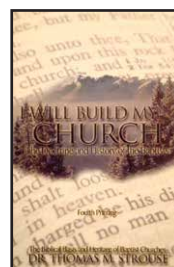
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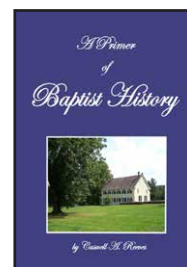
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Children's Sunday School

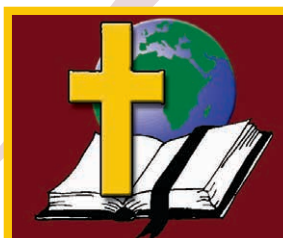


The children made a precious banner for Mrs. Davidson



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