

# BBC UPDATE

## IRELAND MODULE

**Dr. Thomas M. Strouse, Pastor**

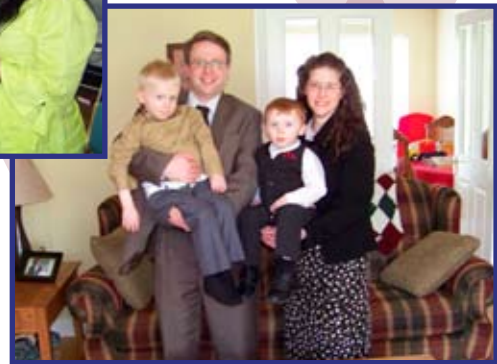
During the week of May 23-27, 2011, the Lord blessed the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Module courses in Ireland. A total of 16 men took two courses, Bibliology II and the Book of Hebrews, studying one or both for five hours per day for five days. The seminarians came from England, Portugal, Romania, USA, and of course Ireland. While I was there, I preached in Pastor Stephen Finley's church on Sunday morning and Pastor Robert Zemeski's on Sunday evening. Although many of these men have small churches, they are faithful to the Scriptures and suffer afflictions and persecutions. Continue to pray for them.



*Above: Module classes on Bibliology II and Hebrews were attended by 16 men!*



*Sunday Morning Service in Pastor Finley's church.*



*Stephen Finley and his family*

## HERITAGE BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY GRADUATION

On Sunday, May 29, 2011, Jeff Skorupski (recent MBS graduate from BBTS and now associate professor) and myself traveled to Endicott, NY, to participate in the Heritage Baptist Theological Seminary commencement service. The seminary, under the aegis of Heritage Baptist Church and the leadership of good friend, Pastor Cas Reeves, celebrated its second annual commencement service by awarding five academic degrees and one honorary. The following received their respective degrees:

- Linda M. Reeves (Certificate of Bible)
- Chad A. Vigil (Certificate of Theology)
- Elias A. Reeves (Associate of Theology)
- Jacob A. Reeves (Associate of Theology)
- Paul H. Reeves (Master of Biblical Studies)
- Paul E. Norwalt (Doctor of Divinity)



*Heritage Baptist Theological Seminary Graduating Class of 2011*

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# HBTS COMMENCEMENT

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Liauw Farewell

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Myself, Dr. Norwalt and his wife Claudia all went to the same high school (Speedway High School) and graduated the same year (1963). It was a special blessing several years ago to find out that we were now independent Baptists holding to common NT faith and practice. Dr. Norwalt and his wife have been through some fierce battles in defense of creationism and geocentricity.



*Pastor and Mrs. Cas Reeves with Dr. Strouse, Dr. and Mrs. Norwalt*



*Dr. Strouse with two Speedway High School friends (1963), Doctor of Divinity recipient Pastor Paul Norwalt and his wife Claudia (Merrimack Baptist Church, NH).*



Bible Baptist Church is planning the second annual VBS on **July 11-13, 2011**, from **8 AM to Noon**. Mr. Ryan Strouse will be heading up the program with the help of some experienced VBS staff. Please pray for and promote our VBS.

## Liauw Farewell

It was a great blessing to BBC to have the Steven Liauw family (including Daisy and Stuart) as part of our church membership. Dr. Liauw came from Jakarta, Indonesia to study for his Doctor of Theology degree at BBTB, which degree he received on May 15, 2011. While here, Dr. Liauw preached and taught on several occasions and Daisy played numerous specials on the piano. Dr. Steven Liauw is the son of one of my former seminarians and doctoral students, Dr. Suhento Liauw. Their leaving was bitter-sweet; we hate seeing them go, but are encouraged that they will be a blessing to others as they inculcate the word of God to needy Indonesians.



*Farewell picture of Dr. Strouse with the Liauws*

# IRELAND MODULE

*The seminar-ians enjoying the module.*



*Dr. Strouse at Lecture time.*



*The Weston Airport where the classroom is located.*



*The seminar-ians enjoying break time.*



*Missionary wife Wendy O'Sullivan with her delicious Irish meal.*

## Homeschool Day at the Park!



*BBC Homeschoolers enjoyed an "end of the year" day at the park!*



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*Dr. Strouse with D. Whitecar and J. Raqintan.*



*Missionary Don Whitecar to Belize preached the Wednesday night message*



*Pastor Jed Raqintan speaking to potential BBTs seminarian Caleb Mitchell.*



*The Rossignol family hosted Pastor Jed Raqintan for dinner on a rainy day during his trip to Connecticut for graduation.*



1) "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well" (Ps. 139:14).

2) "Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way" (I Sam. 12:23).

3) "Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant" (Neh. 1:6).

4) "Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows" (Job 22:27).

5) "Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice" (Ps. 141:2).

6) "He...continued all night in prayer to God" (Lk. 6:12).

## PRAYER PROMISES

7) "Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer" (Rom. 12:12).

8) "I will call on the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies" (II Sam. 22:4).

9) "Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people" (I Chr. 16:8).

10) "As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me" (Ps. 55:16).

11) "In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me" (Ps. 86:7).

12) "Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live" (Ps. 116:2).

### Quotes From the Past:

## Patrick Henry, 1736-1799



Patrick Henry

An early American statesman and orator in Colonial America before, during and after the American Revolution

*"That religion, or duty which we owe to our Creator, and the manner of discharging it, can be directed only by reason and conviction, not by force or violence; and therefore all men are equally entitled to the free exercise of religion, according to the dictates of conscience; and that it is the mutual duty of all to practice Christian forbearance, love, and charity toward each other."*

# DEVOTIONAL CORNER

## Encouragement in Faith

by Pastor Cas Reeves

*“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”*

### Hebrews 11:6



The Bible is very clear; in order to please God one must have a Bible faith. By Bible faith, is meant a faith that comes from the words of God. The Apostle Paul reveals, *“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”* (Romans 10:17). It is simply a faith that takes God at His word. A faithful person is one who receives God’s word by believing and observes God’s word by believing.

The measure of one’s faith is usually the measure of how well or acceptable he observes what he believes regard that which God has revealed to him from the Scriptures. There are many Christians who have been discouraged because of their personal evaluation regarding the weakness of their faith. As a result many beat themselves for it and tend to live their Christian life in a weak state not allowing themselves the help of God to strengthen them because they seem so unworthy.

The Christian needs only to read the book of Judges to find Godly people who were

weak in their personal faith as God unfolds their accounts. Yet one notes how God used men like Barak, Gideon, and Samson. These were men that all had faith issues in their lives: Barak, who needed the strength of Deborah’s faith to accomplish his task; Gideon, who needed sign after sign in order to believe God was really with him in his task; and Sampson, who was more worldly than faithful, whose eye was always wondering, but who at the end of his life called upon God by faith to gloriously glorified God in the finishing victoriously his task.

As one evaluates the commonalties of each of these men: first, they each had their own personal problems in faith, which causes one to surmise they were weak in their faith. Secondly, regardless of the measure of their faith, they attempted by faith to do what God had asked them to do. Thirdly, even though these men struggled internally with their particular faith issues, they accomplished what God asked them to do; they were willing to let God use them. And fourthly, all three of these men are mentioned in God’s Hall of Faith: *“And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Sampson...,”* (Hebrews 11:32).

Beloved, the most important evaluation of the Believer’s faith is God’s evaluation. Let each of us be encouraged that even though we may judge ourselves to be weak in faith, God can use us, if we will let Him.

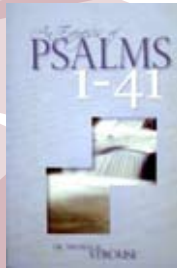
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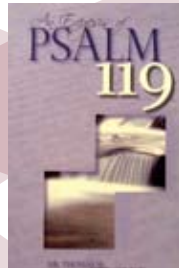
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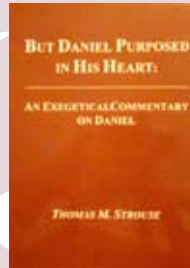
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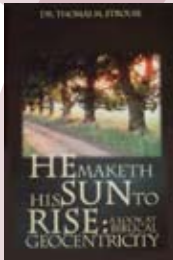
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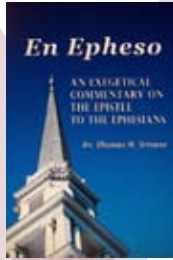
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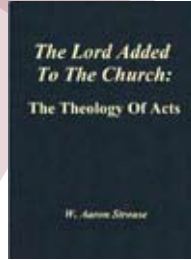
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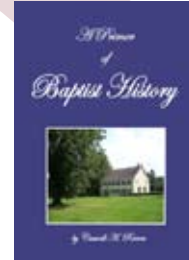
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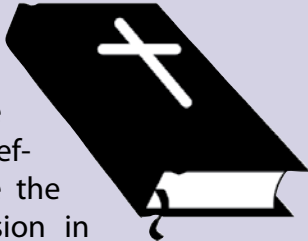
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BBC Bible Study

## 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.



Gino Rossignol enjoys the Homeschool day at the park, too!

If you have any news for the next issue of the BBC Update, please send to the Editor, Cas Reeves, at either

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