



# BBC UPDATE

## Third Annual BBTS Commencement!

Dr. Thomas Strouse



The Lord gave a beautiful May weekend for the Third Annual Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Banquet and Commencement Service on May 19 and 20, 2012. Over ninety people attended the Sunday services to hear the AM preacher **Dr. Robert Zemeski**, long term missionary to

*Dr. Thomas Strouse* Ireland, preach on Ezekiel 3:14. The commencement preacher was **Pastor Ken Brooks** who challenged the six candidates for graduation with an expository exhortation of Lamentations 3:1-66 to examine their hearts. The preaching was convicting and the fellowship was sweet. The six candidates were Mr. **Tom Baker** from Ireland (Certificate of Theology), Irish Missionary **Stephen Finley** (Master of Biblical Studies), **Mr. James Lawrence** of BBC *in absentia* (Master of Biblical Studies) Mr. **Mark Schabert** of BBC (Master of Biblical Studies), **Pastor Greg Breeden** of Maine (Master of Divinity), and **Pastor Emmanuel Tanierla** of the Philippines (Master of Divinity).



*Mark Schabert shares a word of testimony after receiving his Master of Biblical Studies.*



*Pastor Emmanuel Tanierla receives his Master of Divinity degree*



*Above: Pastor Ken Brooks preached the commencement sermon*

## BBTS Holds Two Modules Classes in Ireland

During the week of May 28 to June Lord blessed with 8 men taking the Matthew Module in the AM and 15 men taking the Ezekiel Module in the PM over a total of 50 hour of classroom lectures in one week. Several of these men are alumni of BBTS and several more are due for graduation next May 19, 2013. In January of 2013, we are planning on moving the Ireland Modules to Faro, Portugal with the intent to expand the European ministry of BBTS. This will be an effort to test our strategy to reach more pastors and missionaries of Europe. Pray for this effort.



*Left: River Valley Baptist Church*



*Below: Some of the students taking the BBTS Module class held in Ireland.*

# BBTS GRADUATION

BBTS Graduation

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Photos

*BBTS Staff and Commencement preacher, Ken Brooks, with the graduating classes.*



*Tom Baker (Certificate of Theology)*

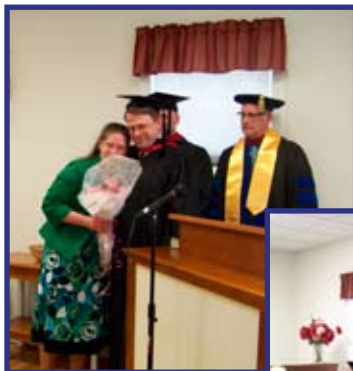


*Above: Stephen Finley and Mark Schabert (Master of Biblical Studies)*

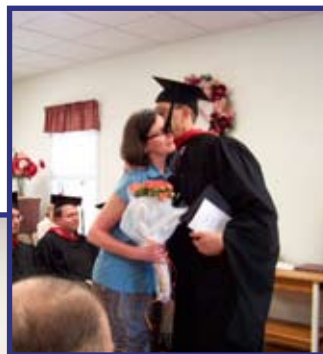
*Right: Pastor Greg Breeden and Pastor Emmanuel Tanierla (Master of Divinity)*



*Pastor Strouse gives the academic awards.*



*Mr. & Mrs. Finley*



*Mr. & Mrs. Breeden*



*Mr. & Mrs. Schabert*



*Mr. & Mrs. Tanierla*

*The wives of the graduates were presented beautiful bouquets of flowers!*



*Pastor Greg Breeden*



*Tom Baker*

# GRADUATION WEEKEND



*Pastor and Mrs. Strouse hosted the out-of-town graduates at their home.*



*Pastor & Mrs. Tanierla*



*Tom Baker & Pastor Strouse*



*Above & Right: The men at the banquet shared their testimonies*



*Pastor & Mrs. Strouse with Mr. & Mrs. Finley*



*Mr. Jeff Skorupski gave the Scripture reading during the Commencement Service*



*Commencement Sunday was a beautiful day! Lunch was enjoyed outside between the morning & afternoon services!*

*Right: The Kwon, Gagnon, & Hagglund families provided a musical special during the morning service.*



# PHILIPPINE MODULES

## Module Ministry in the Philippines

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The Blessed Lord seems to be expanding the ministry of BBTS in the Philippines with more qualified personnel. Last May, 2011, Pastor Jed Raquintan of Quezon City received his MDiv degree and became an Adjunct Professor for BBTS. Now, Pastor Emmanuel Tanierla of Iloilo has received his MDiv from BBTS and is an Adjunct Professor. These two highly experienced and trained men along with Pastor Cas Reeves of Heritage Baptist Church (MDiv 2011, BBTS Adjunct Professor), Mr. Noel Meadowcroft (MBS 2007, BBTS Adjunct Professor), Mr. Jeff Skorupski (MBS 2011, BBTS Associate Professor), and myself will comprise the faculty of BBTS Philippines. Pray for us as we endeavor to carry out II Tim. 2:2.

Adjunct Professor Pastor Emmanuel will be hosting the October Module in Iloilo teaching on "Evangelizing Muslims; Their History, Doctrines and Books." In another biblical venture, BBTS is working with Pastor Tanierla and with Pastor Aniceto Balinas (MBS 2010) who is translating the TR into the local Filipino language of Kineray-a. Pastor Balinas has already translated Titus, Philemon, 1 and 2 Peter, 1, 2, 3, John, and Jude. For example, until now those speaking the Kineray-a language have not had the written text of I Jn. 5:7 ("For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one"). This is a significant text because all modern versions omit this clear reference to the Triune Godhead.

### BBTS Professors in the Philippines



Dr. Thomas Strouse



Pastor Cas Reeves



Mr. Jeff Skorupski



Mr. Noel Meadowcroft



Pastor Emmanuel Tanierla



Pastor Jed Raquintan

## Ireland Modules

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Relaxing with the Zemeski's, Dr. Strouse's host for the modules.



Left: The PM Service at River Valley Baptist Church in Ireland

## What To Do About a Heretic

*"A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject;"*

*Titus 3:10*



*Pastor Cas Reeves*

The apostle Paul gives five final commands to Titus as he finishes his epistle to him. These commands are to aid Titus in his ministry. The last of these commands deals with his ministry to heretics.

Paul reveals in Titus 3:11 that heretics have personal problems and issues with truth and authority. They themselves choose to turn away from truth, missing the true mark of what God wants and what is right. Also, they are self-condemning individuals. Therefore they can be a real problem and heartache for a church and pastor.

Paul's instruction to Titus was clear. It came in

the form of a command. When after the first or second admonition or warnings, Titus was commanded to reject or shun them. Today by extension this command is just as important to a pastor as it was to Titus in aiding him in his ministry.

When the word of God uses the Greek imperative mood, which is a mood of command, it also implies personal responsibility to obey or reject. The pastor is foolish who thinks he knows better than God's word and disregards or dismisses this command, thinking, *I'll reach him the fifth or sixth time*. This pastor will only bring misery and heartache upon himself and his ministry. -CAR

### Quotes From the Past:

#### William Holmes McGuffey (1800-1873)



*William Holmes  
McGuffey*

American educator, who published the McGuffey Reader. He was considered in his day the "Schoolmaster of the Nation."

*"The morality taught by Jesus Christ was purer, sounder, sublimer and more perfect than had ever before entered into the imagination, or proceeded from the lips of man."*

# THE BOOK CORNER

Bible Study

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Book Corner



*A time of refreshment and fellowship followed the Commencement Service!*

## 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.

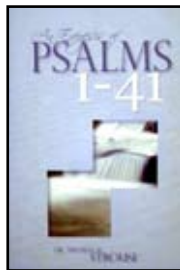


## The Book Corner

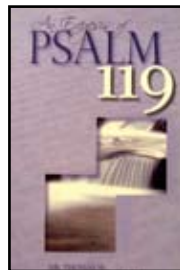
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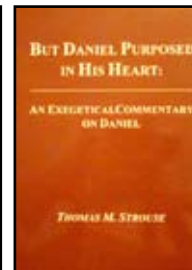
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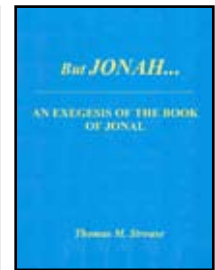
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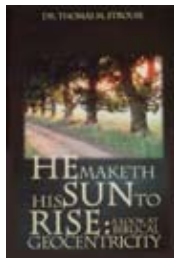
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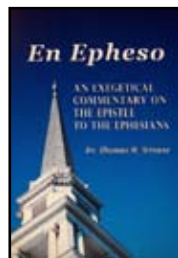
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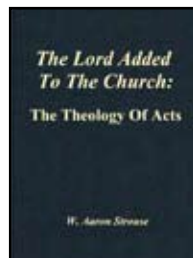
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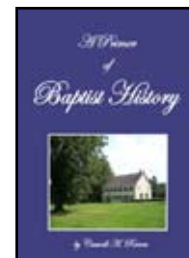
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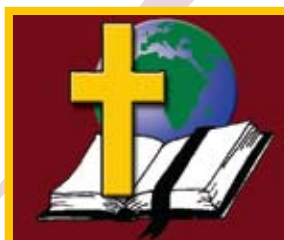
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