

BBC UPDATE

Korean Commencement Service and Bible Conference

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse, Pastor

The international ministry to Korea that the Lord gave me in 2003 continues through BBTS under the auspices of BBC. On July 3, 2011, eight Korean men received their respective degrees of Bachelor of Arts in Bible (Lee, Byoung-Seung) or Master of Arts in Bible (Cho, Jong-Hyoung; Cho, In-Ho; Kim, Jeon-Goo; Kim, Yoo-Taek; Lee, Joo-Sang; Moon, Seong-Ho; Song, Brandon) from Seoul Baptist Bible College and Seminary. I had the privilege of preaching the commencement sermon to them. These men are preparing for the Lord's service as Korean pastors, missionaries, and teachers. We are thankful for the solid teaching of their spiritual and theological mentors, Pastor David Eum and Robert Oetman. Pray for them.

While there, I taught the summary of the *Book of Revelation* with the help of my translator and host pastor, Dr. Eum.

The focus of the Bible conference at Seoul First Baptist Church was the Second Coming of Christ as revealed in *Revelation*. My wife Jan, of 45 years, and myself, enjoyed the hospitality and fellowship with these dear Korean Baptists. We had the opportunity to visit and the DMZ which divides South Korea from North Korea. It was a sober reminder of the fallen nature of man and his proclivity towards extreme wickedness. Korea, as well as all other countries, is in need of theologically trained men to start or pastor solid independent Baptist churches.



Above: The graduates of the Seoul Baptist Bible College and Seminary on July 3, 2011.



Left: Dr. Strouse preaching with Dr. Eun as his translator.



Above: Pastor and Mrs. Strouse with Dr. Eum's family.



Left: Entrance to Pastor Eum's church.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS—Only a Week Away!

Ryan Strouse will be leading the 2011 BBC VBS program, aided by several BBC members. Bible Baptist Church will host the Vacation Bible School next Monday - Wednesday July 11-13, 2011 from 9AM to noon. All children ages 5 - 12 are invited to attend! This year's subject will be the ten plagues against Egypt's deities (Ex. 12:12). For more information, contact Ryan Strouse (860-878-2395).

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2010 VBS Craft Project



Some attendees of the BBC 2010 VBS

Vacation Bible School



Bible Baptist Church

Let My People Go!!



Please come to our VBS,
Where we'll learn from the book of Exodus.
God said "Let my people go,"
But Pharaoh, He said "No!"
And the ten plagues will be taught to us.

Frogs and blood and flies and lice,
And other plagues not so nice,
You'll learn from Exodus,
If you come to VBS,
You'll sing, play games, and make crafts for no price!



July 11 - 13th
9:00 - Noon
40 Country Squire Rd.
Cromwell, CT

You Are Invited

What:
Vacation Bible School

Who:
Children - K5 through 6th grade

When:
Monday - Wednesday, July 11 - 13
9:00 AM - Noon

Parents may drop off their children beginning at 8:45 AM.

Grand Finale: Wednesday Evening, 7:00 PM.
Parents are invited and encouraged to attend this special event with their children!



Bible
Lessons



Crafts



Songs

Where:
Bible Baptist Church
40 Country Squire Rd.
Cromwell, CT

(860) 878-2395
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"Because of Love Orphanage"

BBC members prepared packages for the orphans and staff members in Dr. Suhento Liauw's church orphan ministry "Because of Love Orphanage" under the aegis of Graphe Independent Baptist Assembly (GIBA) of Jakarta, Indonesia. These packages were happily received by the children of the ministry. We recently received this update from Dr. Steven Liauw to the members of BBC.

Dear BBC family,

Praise the Lord we've finally received (tracked down), the third box of the Orphanage gift which you sent some time ago. Attached are some pictures I took while the children and some of the staff were opening the gifts. Some of the children also still have their boxes from the first and second box.

Being not conversant at English at all, I know it is hard for these kids to directly express what they feel (although I will encourage and help them to try to write), but they want to convey a big THANK YOU to all of you. These gifts help us to teach them that they are loved, first of all by God, and also by those who love God, even in far away lands such as the United States.

Most of you, or maybe all of you, may not see them in person in this life, but you have made a contribution and a difference in their lives. Prayerfully, you will see them in heaven.

In Christ,

Steven, Daisy, Stuart

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Commencement Sermon

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse
Seoul First Baptist Church
July 3, 2011

SERMON OUTLINE

Introduction

The Apostle Paul trained his son in the faith Timothy in the word of God and gave him the challenge: *"Take Heed"* (I Tim. 4:16):

I. Take Heed to Self

- A. Develop a Prayer Life (I Tim. 2:1-4)
- B. Develop a Personal Life—in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity (I Tim. 4:12)
- C. Develop a Practical Life (I Tim. 6:12)
- D. Develop a Protecting Life—guard the deposit of Truth (I Tim. 6:20)

II. Take Heed to Scriptures

- A. Reject other authorities' revelation—extra-biblical traditions (I Tim. 1:4)
- B. Receive only authoritative revelation—Jesus' words ("King Jesus Bible" [I Tim. 6:3-5])
- C. Recognize only absolute revelation
 - 1. As a student for life (II Tim. 2:15)
 - 2. As a servant for life (II Tim. 2:24-26)

III. Take Heed to Saints

- A. Teach Salvation (I Tim. 4:10; 1:12-16)
- B. Teach Sanctification
 - 1. About godliness (I Tim. 4:7)
 - 2. About giving (I Tim. 6:17-19)



The First Baptist Seoul Church orchestra.



The First Baptist Seoul Church choir.



The Kim family who graduated from PCC and knows BBC member Ryan Strouse.



Portable Baptistry.



Auditorium of Pastor Eum's church holding about 140 on Sunday mornings.

DEVOTIONAL CORNER

Why Affliction?

by Pastor Cas Reeves



"Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

Genesis 18:25

We can't help but wonder "why," when we see or experience affliction first hand.

Pastor Cas Reeves When, as a nation, we were attacked on September 11, 2001 and so many died: we asked why. When we hear of a loved one or friend or even an acquaintance getting some form of cancer: we ask why? When some one gets killed or dies unexpectedly and the tragedy

brings us sorrow: we ask why?

We may never know the answer to the proverbial "Why;" but, simply, as trusting children of God, we must believe what God has recorded for us. *"Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"* (Genesis 18:25).

We must trust Him, who is our God. Because

When, as a nation, we were attacked on September 11, 2001 and so many died: we asked why.

He is God, He will always do what is right, even if we don't understand why He does it. Matter of fact, our trust is not to be in why God does something, but in the fact that He is God.

The Psalmist mentions a few interesting things about affliction: With regard to his walk before the Lord, he reveals, *"Before I was afflicted I went*

"...It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes"

astray: but now have I kept thy word" (Psalm 119:67). Sometimes affliction will cause us to examine our walk, so as to correct it. Again, he says, *"It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes"* (Psalm 119:71). Sometimes the affliction forces us to turn to the Bible for our solace and in so doing we learn the Word of God.

With regard to the household afflicted by death, Solomon wrote, *"It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart"* (Ecclesiastes 7:2).

"...Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me"

We learn how to act as God's children in affliction, as we note how the Apostle Paul responded in his affliction. *"For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it [affliction] might depart from me. And he said unto me, 'My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.' Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me"* (2 Corinthians 12:8-9). Note the response: *"most gladly."* That is to be our response, to most gladly accept affliction as the will of God in our life. This, acceptance, is only accomplished through trust in the grace of God. -CAR

PRAYER PROMISES

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).

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).

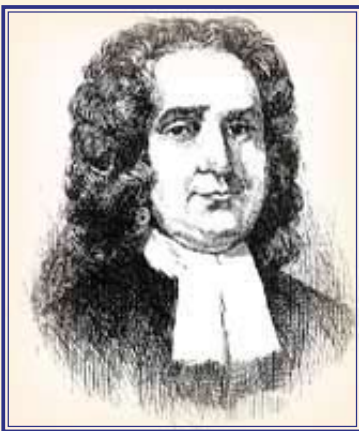
11) "In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me" (Ps. 86:7).

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:

Obadiah Holmes, 1607-1682

Early American Baptist Preacher



Obadiah Holmes

"Wherefore, wait on Him with care and diligence; carefully read the Scriptures and mind well what is therein contained for they testify of Him. Let your hearty desires be to Him that He would effectually be your Teacher and by His Holy Spirit. Beware that you hearken to any that shall speak contrary to the Scriptures, for if they do speak otherways it is because they have no light in them. Let your conversation and life be squared by the same, and they will direct you how to behave yourselves toward God and man."

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Photos



The "bridge of no return" leading into N. Korea.



Dr. & Mrs. Strouse have their backs to North Korea, and about as close to this land as they want to be.



The "freedom bridge" into S. Korea.



Above: Dr. & Mrs. Strouse's hotel and room.

Left: Dr. & Mrs. Strouse's first Korean meal of the week.

KOREAN MINISTRY



The Kim family who bought Dr. & Mrs. Strouse a duck dinner -- it was great!



Downtown Seoul -- a very modern and clean city of 10 million.

Ministry in Korea

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Strouse

*Having gone to the land of the Seoul-full Koreans,
Praying that the inhabitants will be like the Bereans,
To teach them God's precious word,
So that they may turn to the Lord,
Thus giving them more hope than rice and beans.*



Dr. Strouse's syllabi in Korean.



Pastor Eum in his pulpit.



Above: Dr. and Mrs. Strouse meet with Dr. Kim, the chief neonatanologist in a key Korean hospital with nurse Noh. A real treat for Mrs. Strouse since she is a NICU nurse.



Left: Dr. Strouse and Dr. Cho (dentist) family.

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Photos



Fellowship meal between evening preaching sessions.



Ladies in the kitchen.



Seminary classroom Seoul Baptist Bible College & Seminary.



Above: Mother and baby clinic for mothers after delivery to recuperate for up to a month!

Right: Typical bedroom for mothers at M & B clinic.



Typical Korean meal.

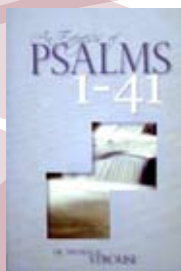


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The Book Corner

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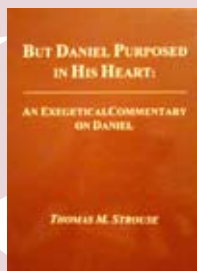
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Psalm 119
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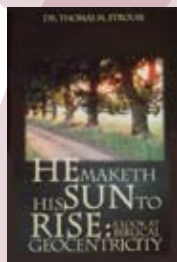
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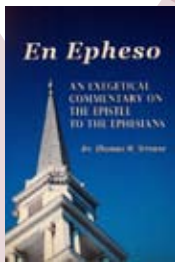
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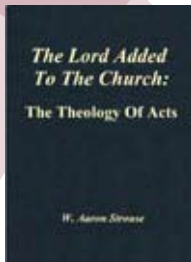
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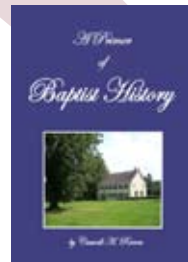
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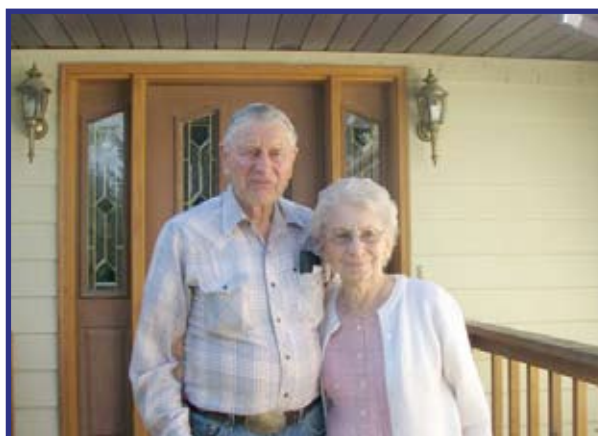
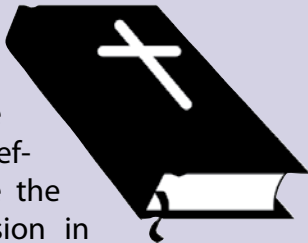
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BBC Bible Study

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.



Dr. and Mrs. Davidson at the their home in Cody, Wyoming. They were recently visited by Jake and Danielle Reeves and their family.

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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