



# BBC UPDATE

## Quakertown, PA Module

Dr. Thomas Strouse



During some very warm days in PA, the Lord blessed the BBTS Module on I and II Thessalonians with twenty seminarians from several different NT assemblies including the host, Community Baptist Church and Dr. David Smith, pas-

*Dr. Thomas Strouse*

tor. Several of the men are finishing their work for the BBTS graduation next spring with advanced seminary degrees. Dr. and Mrs. Noel Meadowcroft opened their home once again to me, and the Delp family hosted BBTS Associate Professor Jeff Skorupski as he traveled with me.



*Twenty Seminarians attended the BBTS Module on I and II Thessalonians at Community Baptist Church in Quakertown, PA*

## Main's Surprise Party

On June 15, 2012, several BBC families attended a surprise get-together at Galilean Baptist Church to encourage Pastor Keith Main and his family as they prepare to move their ministry to Heritage Baptist Church in Endicott, NY to work with Pastor Cas Reeves. They will be sorely missed but still close enough for occasional fellowship.

*Right: Pastor Keith Main and his family were surprised with a going away celebration on Friday, June 15 at Galilean Baptist Church, Stafford Springs, CT.*



## BBC Coming Events

BBC is planning for a Tent Meeting on **Wednesday, July 4, 2012** for the evening service, beginning at 5 PM. Prior to the service will be a picnic for the families to enjoy from 3-5 PM. All are invited.

The preacher for the **July 8, 2012** services will be the long time close friend to the Strouses, Dr. E. Billy Dudley, missionary teacher in Carolina, Puerto Rico. Dr. Dudley finished his doctoral degree under Dr. Strouse and will be accompanied by his wife Annette and son Joshua. He and his family have been faithfully serving the Lord at Calvary Baptist Tabernacle Church in Puerto Rico.

# BBTS GRADUATION

## Jim Lawrence Graduation

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BBTS Schedule

Brother Jim Lawrence received his MBS from BBTS on June 17, 2012 in lieu of the official commencement service back on May 20, 2012, which he missed because of his son's graduation. Brother Lawrence has lived in the area for the past nine months to study the biblical languages for the entire academic year.



*Brother Jim Lawrence received his Masters of Biblical Studies*



*Jim Lawrence with his wife, Kathy*



*Jim shares a brief testimony*



*Another delicious cake was enjoyed to celebrate Jim's achievement!*

## Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Fall Schedule

### *Monday*

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| Greek Proficiency    | 10AM - Noon |
| Advanced Hebrew VIII | 6 - 7 PM    |
| Hebrew III           | 7 - 9 PM    |

### *Wednesday/Thursday*

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| Romans    | 8- 10:30 AM |
| Greek III | 5 - 7 PM    |

### *Thursday*

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| Cults | 6 - 9 PM |
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### *Friday*

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| Greek I | 10AM - Noon |
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# Christianity and Morality

By Dr. Thomas Strouse, Pastor  
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## ARTICLE

Christianity is based theologically and historically upon the Judeo-Christian Scriptures known as the Old and New Testaments. The morality of the Bible finds its foundation on the command that the Lord God gave the first couple in the Garden of Eden before sin. They were to be fruitful and multiply (cf. Gen. 1:28) within the framework of the institution of marriage, as God stated, saying, *“Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh”* (Gen. 2:24). The Lord Jesus Christ cited this marital passage as the ongoing divine moral standard in His confrontation with the religious leaders of the day (cf. Mt. 19:5-6).

*“Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh”*

Both man and Satan have offered alternatives to the Lord God’s biblical pattern, which alternatives have brought countless heartbreaks and widespread immorality. One of the first aberrations to the Lord’s plan was Lamech’s polygamy (which engendered boasting and pride [cf. Gen. 4:23-24]). This seemed to open the door to the patriarch Jacob’s practice of having multiple wives, spiritually and emotionally hurting the family members (*vide* Gen. 29-30). Satan’s attempted aberration apparently was genetic tampering through the instrumentality of demonic cohabitation with women, therefore producing the Nephillim (cf. Gen. 6:1-4; Jude 1:6-7). Another aberration was Canaan’s immorality with his drunken grandfather Noah (cf. Gen. 9:20-25). Of course, Abram and Sarah’s general consent to include Hagar in family birthing was spiritually and theologically disastrous (cf. Gen. 16:1 ff.). An additional aberration was the effort of the inhabitants of Sodom to rape the two angels who appeared with Jehovah before Abraham (cf. Gen. 19:1-7 with 18:1). The Sodomites were stopped and destroyed by the Lord (cf. Gen. 19:8-28). The perverted mindset of Lot’s daughters led to another aberration of the Lord’s original plan when they

committed incest with their father (Gen. 19:30-38). Further human examples of aberrations to the institution of marriage were Shechem’s rape of Dinah (cf. Gen. 34:1-2) and Tamar’s harlotry with Judah (cf. Gen. 38:12-30). In striking contrast the Scripture recorded Joseph’s sterling character and behavior in the face of immoral temptation (cf. Gen. 39:7-18). The Judeo-Christian Scriptures have identified several human or demonic aberrations to God’s plan for morality, including the immoral activity of 1) bigamy, 2) demonic cohabitation with women, 3) sodomic incest, 4) concubine relationship, 5) sodomy, 6) incest, 7) rape, and 8) harlotry.

To exacerbate these moral aberrations (i.e., immorality) to God’s pattern for marriage has been the universal rejection of the theological teaching concerning the fulfillment of the seed promise through the institution of marriage. The LORD God promised that the seed of the woman would ultimately bruise the head of the serpent’s seed (cf. Gen. 3:15) within the framework of the formula of Gen. 2:24. This, of course, was fulfilled in history as Joseph and Mary, within the divine

*“For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication”*

pattern, acted out their respective roles as legal father and “surrogate” mother in the virgin conception of the holy body of the Lord Jesus Christ (cf. Isa. 7:14; Mt. 1:18-25 and Lk. 1:27-38). Thus all immorality strikes at the Seed promise within the institution of marriage and is therefore “anti-Seed” as well as anti-Christ!

It behooves Christians then to be faithful to their Scriptures, and renounce all aberrations to God’s pattern of marriage, and resist all temptations to be politically correct or socially acceptable. In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul declared, *“For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication”* (I Thes. 4:3).

# FATHERS' DAY

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VBS



Mrs. Schabert made a very creative Father's Day "gift" cake for the Sunday meal dessert table!

On June 17, 2012, BBC honored the fathers with a cookout of grilled fish and chicken for the regular Sunday noon meal. Mr. Bill Gagnon headed up the grill team and everyone enjoyed the beautiful day, fellowshiping around the word of God.



Two of the BBC young ladies beautifully sang "May the Lord Find Us Faithful" during the Fathers' Day morning service.

## Vacation Bible School

### Bible Baptist Church

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my path.*

*Psalm 119:105*

## The Worthy Walk

It doesn't matter if you walk a mile,  
or drive a fancy sports car in style.  
We'll teach you the right path to take,  
For where you spend eternity is at stake!  
Come to VBS at BBC,  
it will definitely be worth while.



**July 9th - 11th**

**9:00 AM - Noon**

**40 Country Squire Rd.  
Cromwell, CT**

# FISHING & FELLOWSHIP

Fishing & Fellowship

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PA Module



*Several BBC families enjoyed a time of fishing and fellowship on June 24. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful weather and the plentiful fish!*



## Quakertown Module Classes



*The Prophet's Chamber at Community Baptist Church, PA...*



*...beautiful and comfortable accommodations!*



*Students listening carefully during PA Module!*

## The Knowledge of God

*"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord" 2 Peter 1:20*



Pastor Cas Reeves

There are great blessings to be found in the knowledge of God. Grace and peace are just two of those blessings. Salvation is another with the promise of finding the knowledge of God. *"If thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandment with thee; If thou criest after knowledge; If thou seekest her as silver and searchest for her as hid treasures; Then thou shalt understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God"* (Proverbs 2:1-5).

The knowledge of God is something Christians are expected to have. Paul admonishes the church at Corinth to *"awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame"* (1 Corinthians 15:34).

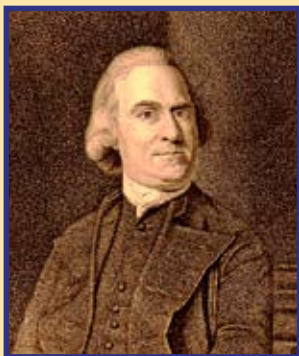
Christian if you want to understand the knowledge of God you must *"study to show yourself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth"* (2 Timothy 2:15). Bringing your mind under Christ's discipline does this; *"Let*

*this mind be in you which was also in Christ"* (Philippians 2:5). *"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ"* (2 Corinthians 10:5).

To the Romans, Paul wrote, *"O the depth of the riches both of wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out"* (Romans 11:33). But God has shared with us the secret of finding the deep riches of his knowledge. We find it written to the Hebrew Christians; *"For every one that useth the milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil"* (Hebrews 5:13-14).

When God shares truth with his children He expects them by true faith to believe it and to follow it in obedience through use. When that happens the Believer will find an alertness to the knowledge of God and many rich blessings. -CAR

### Quotes From the Past:



Samuel Adams

### Samuel Adams, 1722-1803

Known as: "The Father of the American Revolution" wrote in a letter to James Warren, dated February 12, 1779 *"A general dissolution of principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of America than the whole force of the common enemy. While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but when once they lose their virtue then will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader."*

# THE BOOK CORNER

## Manchester Bible Study

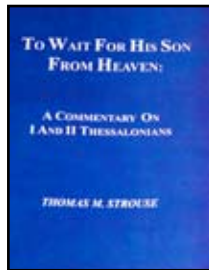
Continue to pray for the Manchester Bible Study as Mark Schabert teaches the *Gospel of John* to several families who live in the area. This is an effort to practice the Great Commission in Manchester, CT, evangelizing and edifying folks who come to the study. The Bible study is every Friday night at 7 PM. Please contact the pastor for directions.



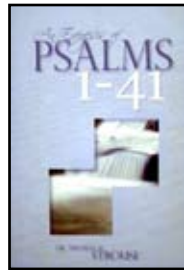
A young BBC fisherman celebrates his birthday at the BBC fishing outing!

## The Book Corner

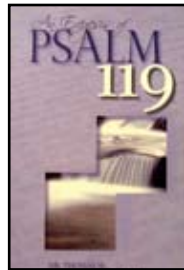
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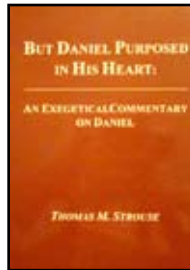
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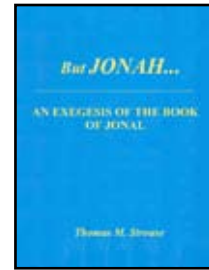
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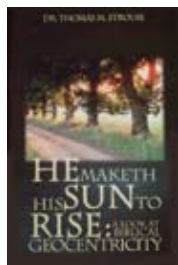
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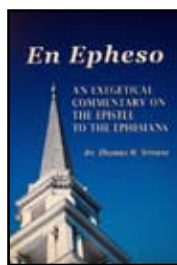
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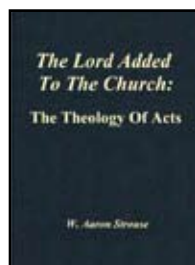
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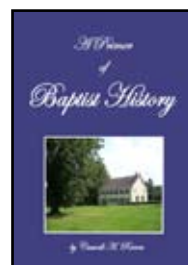
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