



BBC UPDATE

BBC Hosts Vacation Bible School

Dr. Thomas Strouse



Bible Baptist Church hosted her Third Annual Vacation Bible School from July 9 - 11. This year's theme was "The Worthy Walk." The BBC youth and two visitors enthusiastically learned how to walk worthy through the daily Bible lessons.

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The theme verse was Psalm 119:105:

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

They also sang songs, played games memorized Bible Verses, and made crafts relating to their Christian Walk.



BBC hosted her Third Annual Vacation Bible School. Mrs. Gagnon (left) taught on "The Worthy Walk" and the children learned to "follow the light" on their "walk in the Lord."



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Baby Shower for Mrs. Tarrats

On July 7, 2012, the ladies of BBC held a baby shower for Tiamo Tarrats at Erika Schabert's home. The ladies enjoyed a wonderful time of food, fellowship and games. Mrs. Kirsten Gagnon gave a devotional and the ladies of BBC were able to bless Mrs. Tarrats with many gifts for her son, due

later this month. Please pray for a safe and healthy delivery.



Right: Several of the ladies enjoy fellowship time at the Schabert home.

Right: Mrs. Tarrats and her daughter open a gift.



Fairhaven Baptist College Module

The Lord blessed with a wonderful week at Fairhaven Baptist College in Chesterton, IN as I taught the Book of Ezekiel to students and staff. FBC is a beautiful campus for training in the Lord's work under the auspices of Fairhaven Baptist Church and Pastor Roger Voegtlin.

Right: Dr. Strouse with Pastor and Mrs. Dan Armacost and family from Fairhaven Baptist College.



4TH OF JULY SERVICES

BBC 4th of July Picnic and Service

BBC celebrated the Fourth of July by holding her first "Tent Meeting"! BBC Members enjoyed a delicious picnic before the regularly scheduled Wednesday evening prayer meeting. Although the day was very warm, the rain showers held off and a good time of fellowship was had by all. The picnic was followed by congregational singing and powerful preaching.



Pastor Strouse preached the message: "Upon Ushering in the Anti-Christ"



Congregational Singing



Some of the BBC youths dressed patriotically for the 4th of July festivities!



Even the youngest enjoyed the picnic!

BBTS Graduation

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BBTS Schedule

Missionary Billy Dudley

Billy Dudley, missionary teacher in Carolina, Puerto Rico visited BBC and preached the morning message on July 8. Dr. Dudley finished his doctoral degree under Dr. Strouse and he and his family have been faithfully serving the Lord at Calvary Baptist Tabernacle Church in Puerto Rico.



Above: Billy Dudley, his wife, Annette, and son Joshua with the Strouse family.

Right: Billy Dudley with Pastor Strouse.



BBTS Fall Schedule

Monday

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

Wednesday/Thursday

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

Thursday

Cults	6 - 9 PM
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Friday

Greek I	8- 10 AM
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"Upon Ushering in the Anti-Christ"

By Dr. Thomas Strouse, Pastor
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July 4, 2012

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INTRODUCTION

*The Demise of Christian/Capitalistic America

*The Marxist/Socialist control of a Society:

1. Federalization of private sectors
2. Re-distribution of wealth
3. ensorship of opposition
4. Restriction of firearms

I. THE DIRECTION OF SOCIETY—FACILITATING ANTI-CHRIST

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition" (II Thes. 2:32).

A. The Prediction of Anti-Christ

1. His hatred for Christ: "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Gen. 3:15).
2. His spirit of rebellion: "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time" (I Jn. 2:18).

B. The Person of Anti-Christ

1. Western European: "And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the **people of the prince** that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined" (Dan. 9:26). He will be received as the Jews' messiah: "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive" (Jn. 5:43). He will be the Cosmopolitan Man--666 (Rev. 13:18).
2. Blasphemous and Lawless: "And he shall **speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and**

times and the dividing of time" (Dan. 7:25).

3. Greatest Political Statesman: "And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer" (Rev. 6:2).
4. Satanically Energized: "And they worshipped the **dragon which gave power unto the beast:** and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?" (Rev. 13:4).

C. The Plan of Anti-Christ

1. To Control Global Economic Policy: "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" (Rev. 13:16-17).
2. To Manipulate and Destroy the Ecumenical Movement: "And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these **shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled**" (Rev. 17:16-17).
3. To Be Military Leader of the World: "But in his estate shall he honour the **God of forces:** and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. Thus shall he do in the **most strong holds** with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them **to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain**" (Dan. 11:38-39).

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II. THE DUTY OF THE SAINT—FACILITATING CHRIST

“Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness” (II Pet. 3:11-13).

A. Hasting

1. *σπεύδω (speudo) = “to speed up”*
 - a. Lk. 2:16; 19:5-6
 - b. Acts 20:16; 22:18
2. Holy conversation and godliness because this behavior contrasts with the wicked world and brings conviction: *“And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment” (Jn. 16:8; cf. II Thes. 2:6-8).*

B. Praying

1. *“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty” (1 Timothy 2:1-2).*
2. *“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God” (Rom. 13:1).*

C. Resisting

1. *“Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people” (Prov. 14:34).*
2. *“And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come” (Lk. 19:13).*

CONCLUSION

1. Haste by godly living.
2. Pray for leaders.
3. Resist sin personally and corporately.
4. Vote in favor of biblical principles and practices returning to USA.



Above: These two girls decorated the cake for the shower!

Right: The cake!



Baby Shower Photos!



Gifts!



Fellowship!



The purse game!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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Photos



The Character Of The Preacher's Ministry

1 Thessalonians 5:1 - 12



Pastor Cas Reeves

When the Apostle Paul wrote his letter to the church of the Thessalonians, he rehearsed the kind of ministry he had among them when he first entered their city. His ministry is an example to all preachers of the kind of ministry they should have among their congregations.

Regarding the character of the preacher's preaching: In first Thessalonians 2:1-12, Paul begins the description of his ministry by calling the church folks to remembrance: *"you know our entrance in unto you..."* He then states: *"we were bold in our God to speak the gospel"* (v.2). His exhortation was without deceit, uncleanness and guile (v.3). He spoke not to please men but to please God (v.4), neither with flattering words nor a cloke of covetousness (v.5); nor of men sought we glory, or were we burdensome to you (v.6)

Regarding the character of the preacher's behavior and attitude: Further, Paul states that

he was gentle among them comparing his gentleness to that of the caring tenderness of a nurse with a child (v.7). He was genuine and fully committed to them, not only to impart the gospel, but also to impart himself to them, because the Thessalonians were dear unto him (v.8).

Regarding the character of the preacher's work ethic: Paul again calls the church members to remembrance of his labor and travail, laboring night and day among them so as not to be burdensome (*chorageable*) to them (v.9). Paul calls them as witness to his labor among them that it was holy, just, and without blame (v.10). Further he states that he exhorted, comforted, and charged everyone as a father does with his children (v.11).

Finally, Paul shares the reason for the way he ministered to them. It was so they would *walk worth of God, who had called them unto his kingdom and glory*. Paul's behavior in his ministry is an example to all preachers in the gospel ministry. -CAR

Quotes From the Past:



James Monroe

James Monroe , 17512-1831

5th President of the USA. In his 2nd Annual Message to Congress on November 16, 1818, he said:

"When we view the blessings with which our country has been favored, those which we now enjoy, and the means which we possess of handing them down unimpaired to our latest posterity, our attention is irresistibly drawn to the source from whence they flow. Let us then, unite in offering our most grateful acknowledgments for these blessings to the Divine Author of All Good."

THE BOOK CORNER

Manchester Bible Study

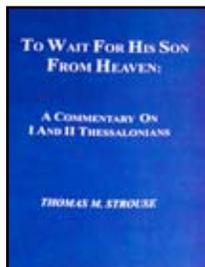
Continue to pray for the Manchester Bible Study as Mark Schabert teaches the *Gospel of John* to several families who live in the area. This is an effort to practice the Great Commission in Manchester, CT, evangelizing and edifying folks who come to the study. The Bible study is every Friday night at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



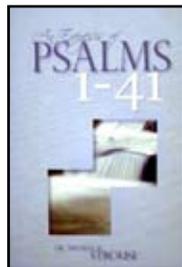
Two young ladies in a deep theological conversation during VBS.

The Book Corner

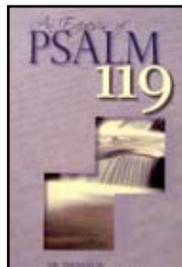
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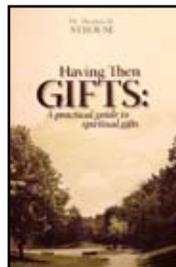
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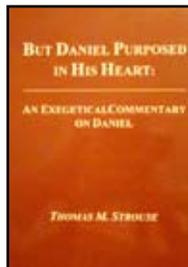
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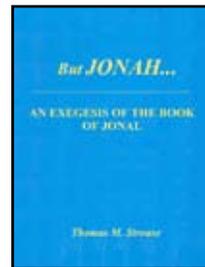
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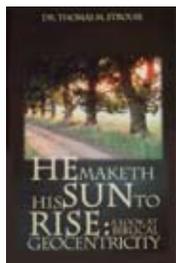
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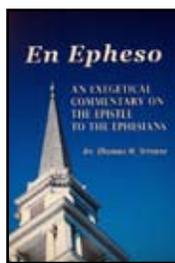
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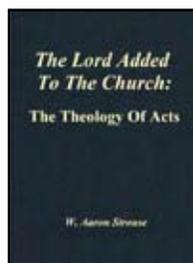
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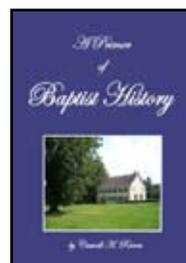
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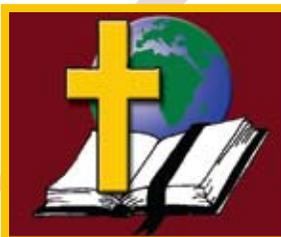
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