

BBC UPDATE

BBC News

BBC Hosts Vacation Bible School

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse, Pastor



Dr. Strouse Bible Baptist Church hosted its first Vacation Bible School with Ryan Strouse organizing and heading up the effort on Aug. 2-4, 2010. Most of the BBC membership was involved in various aspects of VBS. We ministered to our children plus two visitors during the three day VBS, culminating on Wednesday evening with the awards. We are thankful for what the Lord allowed us to do, and trust that the truth will flourish in these young hearts.



The First Vacation Bible School at BBC!

BBTS News

Module in New Hampshire

The Lord blessed in the Roman's Module, with 16-18 students of Scripture from Dr. Kulus' three churches exegeting the text of Paul's Epistle. Seminarian and church planter Greg Breeden from Maine also took the course. Dr. Kulus and his wife Nancy were my hosts, giving me plenty of food and fellowship in their comfortable home.

Module in New Jersey

Pastor Jeremy Rice, 2010 MBS graduate, hosted the Baptist History module in his church in Northfield, NJ. About sixteen different people attended the class throughout the week, and several testified to the value of the material during the mid-week service. Tyler Strouse attended the class since he was already in Northfield Baptist Church as Pastor Rice's summer intern.



BBTS Module on Romans held in Lebanon, NH.



BBTS Module on Baptist History held in Northfield, NJ

BBTS NEWS

News from Former Students

Ken Brooks ('01 - MBS) reports that plans keep on progressing toward their new church building.

Cas Reeves ('06 - MBS) reports that he picked up the second printing of his book, *A Primer of Baptist History*. Copies available for purchase through Baptist Bible Theological Seminary - \$20.00.

Derry O' Sullivan ('09 - MBS) reports that this year's preparations are progressing for their church's annual Holiday Club, Aug 17th to 22nd.

Dan Armacost ('10 - M.Div) reports things are going well as they get ready for new and returning students at Fairhaven Baptist College in Chesterton, IN.

Prayer Request from Ireland

God answers prayer! We got a reprieve on the building. The contractor pulled out unexpectedly! Do pray that the replacement contractor will be more amenable to facilitate our continuing use of the building for services during maintenance work. It would be good to be able to use the main hall even if other parts of the building are unavailable. We would be willing to sacrifice the Sunday School for a while, if only we could have the main service there on Sunday mornings. Please continue to pray about this.



Pastor Derry O' Sullivan ('09)

BBTS FALL SCHEDULE

Monday

Advanced Hebrew 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Dr. T. Strouse

Tuesday

Advanced Hebrew 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Dr. T. Strouse

The Book of Nehemiah 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Pastor J. Akers

Wednesday/Friday

The Book of Matthew 8:00 - 9:30 AM
Dr. T. Strouse

Thursday

Greek III 7:00 - 9:00 AM
Dr. T. Strouse

Baptist History I 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Dr. T. Strouse

2010 BBTS FALL CALENDAR

August 30	Classes start
September 6	Seminary Picnic (Strouse House)
September 13-17	Quezon City, Philippines Modules
October 11-13	Midterm Exams
October 25-29	Iloilo City, Philippines Module and Graduation
November 18	Fall Lecture Series
November 24-26	Thanksgiving Break
December 13-15	Final Exams
December 17	Semester End

Seminary Picnic!

Mark your calendars for the Annual BBTS picnic on **Sept. 6, 2010** from **3:00 - 7:00 PM** at the **Strouse house** for all **BBC members, BBTS graduates, and friends of BBTS!**



How To Pray For Other Christians

by Pastor Cas Reeves

"Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit. For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you"

Colossians 1:8-9

We, as Christians, who love in the Holy Spirit, since Jesus Christ saved us, also, love other Christians. This love, we demonstrate by praying for their spiritual welfare and growth. In this passage we have the Apostle Paul doing this very thing for the new Christians at Colosse. As we look at his prayer it teaches us how to pray for other Christians. As Paul ceased not to pray for these Christians, neither should we stop praying for one another. And as we pray for them, let us pray, that they *"might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding"* (Col. 1:9).

We need to pray for other Christians to know the Word of God. It is the source of wisdom and spiritual understanding for God's perfect will. We also pray for their Christian walk that it might be worthy: *"might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God"* (Col. 1:10). God expects Christians to keep growing, to keep being fruitful, and to keep on learning the His Word. When we continually pray for their walk, it

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speaks to the fact, that we, ourselves, recognize the importance of the Christian walk.

As well, we need to pray that they be *"strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness"* (Col. 1:11). Every one of us needs to learn to be more patient, to have a greater endurance with people and circumstances, and to be able to suffer along with the difficulties that present themselves. And we need God's help in doing it. That is why; we call upon God for each other to be *"strengthened with all might."* This, we do with thanksgiving to our heavenly Father *"which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son"* (Col. 1:12-13).

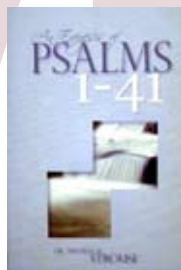
Let us, who are Christians, pray without ceasing for one another, for each other's successfulness in the Lord, and for the brethren to have wisdom and strength through the Lord Jesus Christ, and to do it with thanksgiving. CAR

The Book Corner

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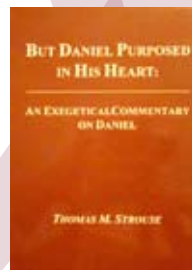
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Psalm 119
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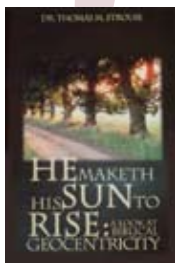
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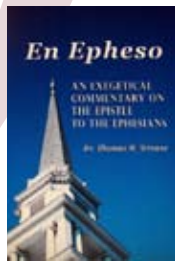
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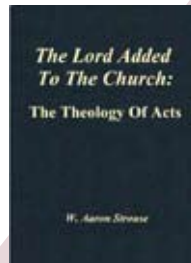
Jonah
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Geocentricity
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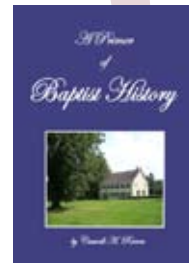
En Epheso
\$20.00



The Theology of Acts
\$20.00



I Will Build My Church
\$15.00



A Primer of Baptist History
\$20.00



The Lord God Hath Spoken
\$15.00

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Song Time!



Bible Lessons!



All the Crafts related to the Bible lessons!



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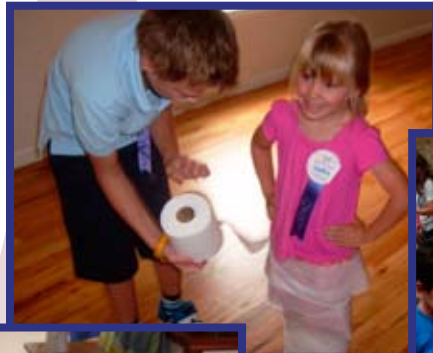
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Game Time!



Snack Break!

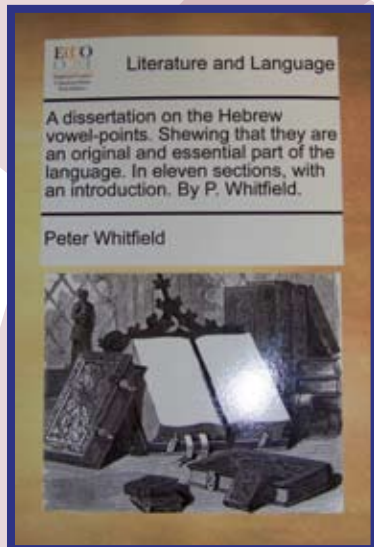


BOOK REVIEW

Book Review: "A Dissertation on the Hebrew Vowel-points..."

By Dr. Thomas Strouse

My good friend Dr. Chet Kulus ('04 and '06) gave me a copy of a scanned original of the rare but valuable book by Peter Whitfield (1748), entitled "A dissertation on the Hebrew vowel-points. Shewing that they are an



original and essential part of the language. In eleven sections, with an introduction" (288 pp.). I had seen one of the few remaining copies of this volume several years ago at the library of Yale in New Haven, CT, and took copious notes from it. This excellent defense of the inspiration of the vowel points of the Hebrew OT, and their subsequent preservation

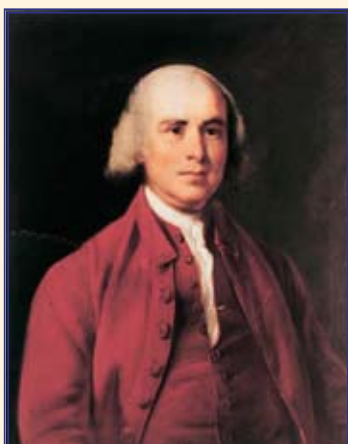
through the Hebrew Masoretic Text underlying the King James Version, is not for the novice bibliologist. Whitfield irrefragably repudiates the opinion of Elias Levita (16th century) about the novelty of the vowel points, skillfully showing from his knowledge of Hebrew conjugations and verb stems the impossibility of Levita's sentiment of an inspired consonantal text only. The significance of Whitfield's scholarly contribution is that it defends our Savior's assertion that "it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of

the law to fail" (Lk. 16:17; cf. Mt. 5:18). The "tittle" (*kerai'a* = a dot) is the smallest vowel (*chireq*) of the Hebrew language which the Lord promised to preserve. This preservation is manifested in the Masoretic Hebrew text behind the KJV. Text critics have rejected the preserved Hebrew text, producing a "rubber" text by which they may amend it with inferior translations such as the Greek Septuagint and the Latin Vulgate, and with the Gnostic-laced Hebrew Dead Sea Scrolls. Modern translations such as the NAS, NIV, ESV, and NKJV follow the amended Hebrew text, changing the meaning of the words of the OT Scripture, and consequently changing the interpretation.



On A Lighter Note: Pastor Kulus with his extensive train set that helps keep him on track!

Quotes From the Past:



James Madison, 1751-1836 4th President of the United States

"I have sometimes thought there could not be a stronger testimony in favor of religion or against temporal enjoyments, even the most rational and manly, than for men who occupy the most honorable and gainful departments and [who] are rising in reputation and wealth, publicly to declare the unsatisfactoriness [of temporal enjoyments] by becoming fervent advocates in the cause of Christ; and I wish you may give in your evidence in this way."

SERMON OUTLINE

“What Proverbs Says about Discipling Children.”

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1. The Bible uses several words for the fool—the simple fool (*pethi*), the classic fool (*kesil*), and the advanced fool (*nabal*).
2. All children come into the world as a *pethi* and will advance to the *kesil* and then to the *nabal* unless disciplined by the parents. The *pethi*:
 - A. loves simplicity (Prov. 1:22),
 - B. is easily turned away from biblical behavior (1:32),
 - C. is void of understanding (7:7),
 - D. is credulous (14:15),
 - E. will advance to *kesil* if not disciplined (14:18),
 - F. but may learn from observing judgment on scorners (19:25).

Biblical Steps in Child Discipline

1. Fathers need to try to win the child’s heart (Prov. 23:26).
2. Parents need to teach the fear of the Lord to the child in precept and practice (Prov. 1:7-8).
3. Parents need to attempt to develop the child’s heart to receive the words of God (Prov. 2:1-6).
4. Parents need to practice corporeal discipline with a wooden rod (Prov. 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:17).
5. Parents need to explain parameters of behavior to the child and then use the rod if parameters are violated (Prov. 29:15)
6. Parents are to make disciples of their children through loving discipline (Eph. 6:4).



New Professor For BBTS

BBTS welcomes new professor, Pastor Jerry Akers, who will be teaching through the Book of Nehemiah.



Pastor Jerry Akers ('09)

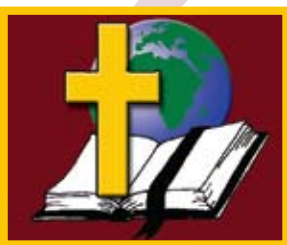
Professor Akers will utilize seventeen years of pastoral experience along with his knowledge of Hebrew to expound the KJV text of Nehemiah. He is currently a MDiv candidate. This will be a great refresher course for busy pastors and well as a required course for BBTS seminarians. It is three credits and costs \$300.00.



BBC Members Amanda and August Gagnon (above on ends) attended the Galilean Baptist Church Camp. Bill Gagnon ('08) and Jeff Skorupski ('10) (above, middle) were counselors at the camp hosted by Pastor Keith Main ('05) (right) of Galilean Baptist Church.



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