



# BBC UPDATE

## BBC News

### BBC's First Baptismal Service Scheduled for August 22

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse, Pastor



Dr. Strouse

*Bible Baptist Church* will conduct her first baptismal service next Sunday, August 22, 2010 at Galilean Baptist Church in Stafford Springs, CT. Pastor Keith Main has graciously granted us the permission to use his baptismal pool. Several folks will be baptized into the membership of Bible Baptist Church, as the Lord adds to this assembly. Scripture says, *"Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved"* (Acts 2:47), and *"But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him"* (I Cor. 12:18). Baptism is the first act of obedience for the saved sinner. It pictures one's death to self and identification with Christ's death, one's burial (since dead things are to be buried) and identification with Christ's burial, and one's resurrection and identification with Christ's resurrection (Rom. 6:4-5). Baptism is one of two ordinances that Christ commanded and that the churches in Acts practiced. Water baptism places the saved sinner into the local church—the body of Christ (I Cor. 12:27; Eph. 1:22-23).



Latest piece of church furniture--Bill's grill!

## BBTS News

### BBTS Fall Semester Begins August 30

The fall semester of BBTS will begin on Monday, August 30, 2010. *Bible Baptist Theological Seminary* will continue the ministry I have had in CT for the last ten years, with the same Perspective, Program, Personnel, and even Picnic. The **Seminary picnic** will be hosted at the Strouse House, and all past graduates, staff, friends, and family are **cordially invited to attend on Sept. 6, 2010**. The hours are **3-7 PM**, with those whose names start with A-M to bring a side dish, and those with N-Z to bring a dessert. Drinks and meat will be furnished.

BBTS offers the degrees of COT, BDiv., MBS, MDiv, DMin, ThM, and ThD, preparing the Men of God in the Word of God for the Work of God through the Church of God. Each class is available for those taking it for personal edification (\$75.00), for audit (\$150.00) and for degree (\$300.00).

BBTS is biblical in its interpretation and unique in its application of I Tim. 3:15. This key verse in I Timothy teaches that each one of the Lord's churches (with a bishop and deacons), is the depository for the truth. The Lord's churches have preserved His words through the centuries, and continue to do so. The two biggest questions in Christendom today are what is the nature of the church and where are the Lord's words? The Bible predicts that church members in the Lord's churches will recognize and receive by faith the Lord's preserved words (cf. Jn. 10:27). These churches are independent and Baptist by nature (Mt. 3:6; 13-17), and the words are the inspired and preserved words in the "received Bible movement" started by the Lord Jesus Christ (Jn. 17:8, 20; Acts 2:41 *et al*).

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## 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

## BBTS FALL SCHEDULE

### Monday

**Advanced Hebrew**

*Dr. T. Strouse*

**6:00 - 9:00 PM**

### Tuesday

**Advanced Hebrew**

*Dr. T. Strouse*

**1:00 - 3:00 PM**

**The Book of Nehemiah**

*Pastor J. Akers*

**6:00 - 9:00 PM**

### Wednesday/Friday

**The Book of Matthew**

*Dr. T. Strouse*

**8:00 - 9:30 AM**

### Thursday

**Greek III**

*Dr. T. Strouse*

**7:00 - 9:00 AM**

**Baptist History I**

*Dr. T. Strouse*

**6:00 - 9:00 PM**

## Science and Godliness Go Together

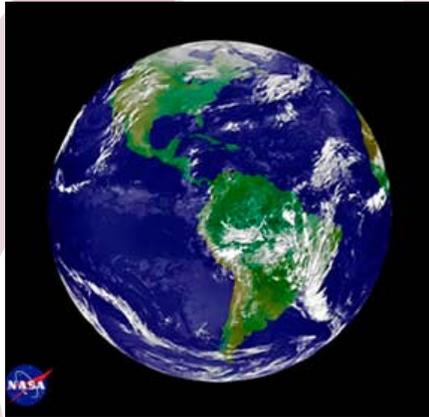
by Pastor Cas Reeves

*"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth"*

*Genesis 1:1*

Science is the study of the knowledge of nature and the physical world. If it is true science, "true" meaning "of truth" then it must come from the word of God, which is truth. "Thy word is truth" (John 17:17). It must also include Jesus Christ, who is "truth" (John 14:6). Jesus said, "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30). Therefore, unlike the study of false science, which starts with a theorized presupposition by man, the study of true science must start from the presupposition of God. That presupposition: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). We are warned, as Christians, to "shun profane and vain babblings [false philosophies held by those who know not God]: for they will increase unto more ungodliness" (2 Timothy 2:16). Note the insinuation, God wants us to increase in godliness. To do this, we are intreated to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

Note, what we learn about God as we start with, "God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). It took power to create: "Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee" (Jeremiah 32:17). Therefore, we conclude: God is all-powerful - He is a God of Omnipotence.



If God, then, has created all things, he must know all things. "God ... knoweth all things" (1 John 3:20). He must, if he knows all, know the beginning and end of things. "...I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning" (Isaiah 46:9-10). Therefore, we conclude: God is all knowing - He is a God of Omniscience.

If God knows all, He must see all or be all-present. The Psalmist tells us that God fills the heavens. "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me" (Psalm 139:7-10). Therefore, we conclude: God is everywhere at all time, beholding all things - He is a God of Omnipresence.

True science always points to God and godliness. Godliness starts with God. And He wants us to be godly. To be godly, we must know Him and have faith believing "...that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).

### Quotes From the Past:



**Daniel Webster, 1782-1852**

**American Statesman**

*"If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instruction and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity."*

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# PRAYER PROMISES

The membership of BBC is currently working on memorizing this collection of Prayer Promises.

“LORD, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: Help us, O LORD, our God, for we rest on thee” (II Chron. 14:11).

“The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him,  
to all that call upon him in truth” (Ps. 145:18).

“The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth,  
and delivereth them out of all their troubles” (Ps. 34:17).

“But the prayer of the upright is His delight” (Prov. 15:8).

“The LORD is far from the wicked, but he heareth the prayer of the righteous  
(Prov. 15:29).

“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things,  
which thou knowest not” (Jer. 33:3).

“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock,  
and it shall be opened unto you” (Mt. 7:7).

“What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them,  
and ye shall have them” (Mk. 11:24).

“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will,  
and it shall be done unto you” (Jn. 15:7).

“Be careful for nothing: but in everything by prayer and supplication with  
thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God” (Phil. 4:6).

“Pray without ceasing” (I Thess. 5:17).

“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain  
mercy, and find grace to help in time of need” (Heb. 4:16).

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally,  
and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him” (Jam. 1:5).

“The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much” (Jam. 5:16).

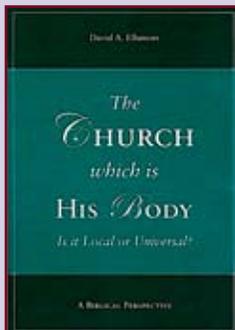
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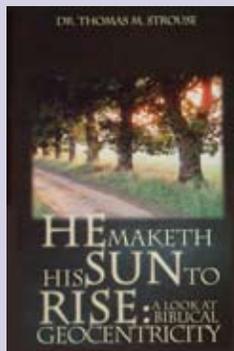
## The Church Which Is His Body: Is it Local or Universal



Copies of Pastor David Ellsmore's book, *The Church Which Is His Body*, may be obtained by contacting him directly at [dellsmore@aol.com](mailto:dellsmore@aol.com).

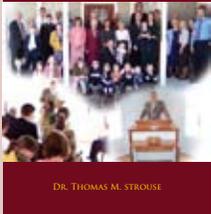
## HE MAKETH HIS SUN TO RISE

The book "He Maketh His Sun to Rise" by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse is a must read for every serious Bible student.



It very carefully sets forth a biblical argument for Geocentricity. It puts forth a fideistic rather than a rationalistic approach to hermeneutics, which challenges the reader as to whether he really accepts what God says by faith or by a human scientific rationale. We are pleased that this book is now available.

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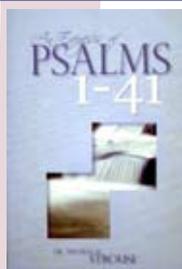
## YE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST

Dr. Strouse's article on the doctrine of the local church has been printed and is still available through *Bible Baptist Church*.

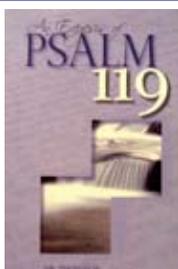


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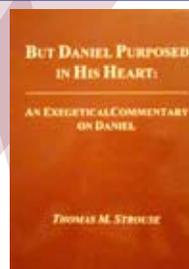
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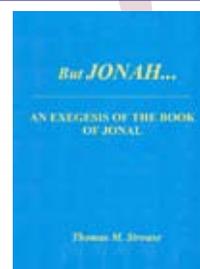
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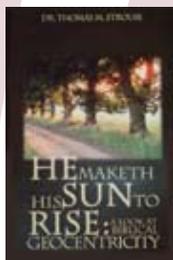
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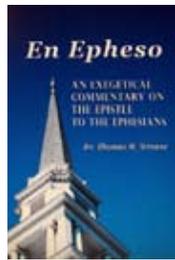
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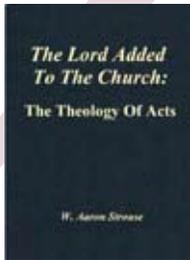
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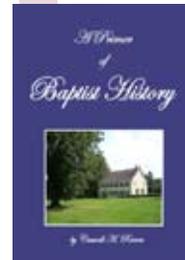
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## Mark 5:1-20

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### Introduction

1. Christ just finished teaching about the blessings of the Kingdom of God
2. Christ now began teaching about the enemy to the Kingdom of God

### I. The Wickedness of Demons (vv. 1-5)

- A. Their Nature
  1. They were unclean
  2. They were Legion
- B. Their Behavior
  1. They were unchained
  2. They were untamed
- C. Their Goal—ultimate destruction of host
  1. Violence
  2. Choking

### II. The Power of the Saviour (vv. 6-15)

- A. He demanded worship
- B. He permitted demons to enter swine (“deviled ham”)
- C. He changed the man

### III. The Response of the People (vv. 16-20)

- A. The Unsaved—they wanted Christ to depart
- B. The Saved—he wanted to be “with” Christ

### Conclusion

Christ taught that the disciples’ enemy was as the size of a Roman Legion (c. 2000 legionnaires [number of swine]) out to destroy them with great violence (cf. Eph. 6:11-12).

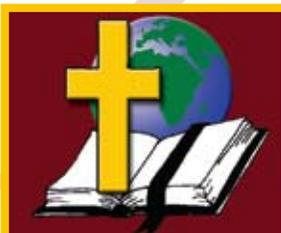


^ Above: Tyler Strouse’s internship program with Pastor Jeremy Rice.

< Left: BBC children enjoy making s’mores on the new grill!

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# SERMON OUTLINE

## Seminary Picnic!

You are invited to attend 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! If your name begins with **A-M**, please bring a side dish, and those with **N-Z** please bring a dessert. Drinks and meat will be furnished. RSVP to [drtms\\_bbts@juno.com](mailto:drtms_bbts@juno.com) by **August 29**

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