

BBC UPDATE

BBC News

BBC's First Baptismal Service

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse, Pastor



Dr. Strouse

The Lord blessed on August 22, 2010 with the first baptisms of BBC. Four saved sinners were added, upon their baptism, to the body of Christ in Cromwell, known as Bible Baptist Church. The four were, in this order, So-



One of BBC's newest members, Elena Sherwood, is one of four baptized at BBC's first baptismal service

phia Gagnon, Sara Rossignal, Krysta Hagglund, and Elena Sherwood. We are thankful for those whom the Lord Jesus Christ has "set" in our assembly (I Cor. 12:18), and looking forward to the employment of their respective spiritual gift for the edification of the body (Rom. 12:1-8 and Eph. 4:12). We are thankful for the good attendance

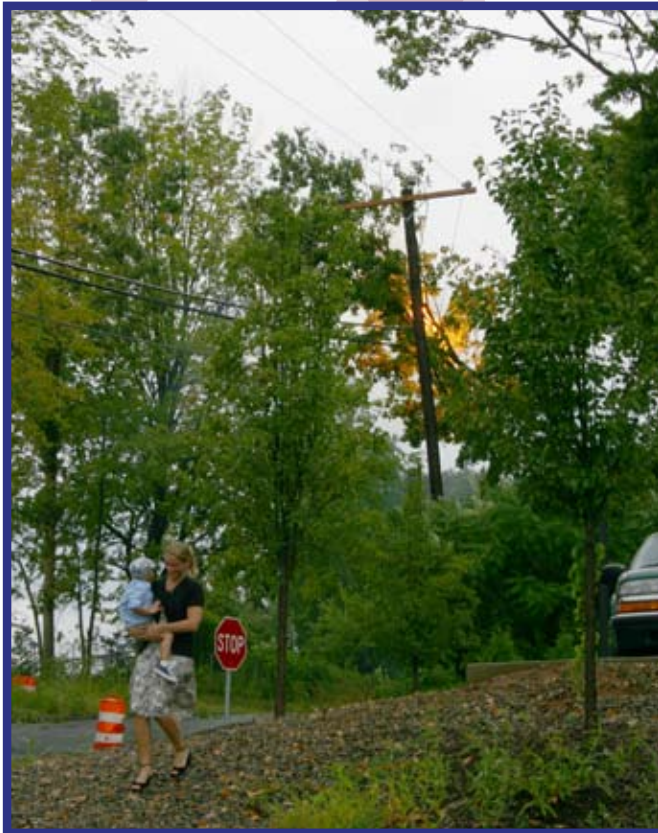
for the morning service with a total of 46 in attendance. The PM baptismal service was held at Galilean Baptist Church in Stafford Springs, shepherded by Keith Main. As BBC was preparing to travel to GBC, the enemy caused a large branch to fall on the electrical wires over the church parking lot, with frightening crackling and fire, endangering our safety and potentially prohibiting our egress from the parking lot. The Lord intervened and no one was hurt—"but the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil" (II Thes. 3:3).

Bible Study in Manchester

BBC is praying about the possibility of starting a Bible Study in Manchester as a precursor to a church plant under the aegis of BBC. We want to be involved in the Great Commission, which is essentially the establishing of immersionist assemblies around the world, starting at home.

After experiencing the Satanic opposition on Sunday to our effort to practice the ordinance of baptism, I began to observe what the Lord is doing. He has affirmed the biblical authority of BBC as a candlestick in several ways.

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Fire! *A large branch fell on the electrical wires over the church parking lot just as BBC members were leaving for the first Baptismal Service.*

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Bible Study in Manchester (continued)

1. Initially, as several men began to pray and examine the Scripture about the starting of a new church in Central CT, the Lord confirmed through His Scriptures that church members start churches. Since our pattern of approach was in doctrinal harmony with the New Testament, the **Bible confirms our status as a NT Candlestick.**
2. **The Lord God has blessed BBC** not only with new members, but with a new building, new furniture paid for, and sufficient funds with much excess to carry on the work of God.
3. **Many men have shown their favor towards BBC**, such as with the attendance to the Spring Lecture Series in which at least fifteen area pastors attended and showed their support.
4. **Satan has opposed BBC** at several critical times, attempting to thwart the work of the Lord.

BBC's biblical authority is based upon 1) **conformity with the NT**, 2) **spiritual and material blessings from the Lord**, 3) **human approval from godly pastors**, and 4) **satanic opposition from the hater of truth**. In other words, **BBC/BBTS** has **biblical approval, heavenly approval, human approval, and satanic disapproval.**

BBTS Lecture Series Announced!

BBTS LECTURE Series

Mark your calendars now for the Fall BBTS Lecture Series! The Lecture Series will be held **Thursday, November 18, 2010** from **9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**. The speaker will be Dr. Charles L. Parker and he will be teaching on *"The Messenger of the Lord"*. The Lecture will be held at Bible Baptist Church in Cromwell, CT. Registration, coffee and donuts begin at 8:30 AM.



Dr. Strouse at the BBTS April Lecture Series

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

How To Prepare For An Appointment You Cannot Miss

by Dr. Charles Nichols

“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:”

Hebrews 9:27



Dr. Charles Nichols

How can you be ready for your appointment with death and what follows?

First, you can **recognize** the fact of your sinfulness and the fate of that sinfulness. *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; (Romans 3:23 For the wages of sin is death... (Romans 6:23a)*

Second, you can **resign** humbly to the fact that your sin’s fate is just and deserved. *And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. (Luke 18:13)*

Third, you can **repent** – which is to turn from yourself, your sin and anything and everything you have depended upon for salvation and turn to Christ alone. *I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. (Luke 13:3)*

Fourth, you can **request** by sincere prayer the sal-

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vation provided by God in Christ. *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16) For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Romans 10:13)*

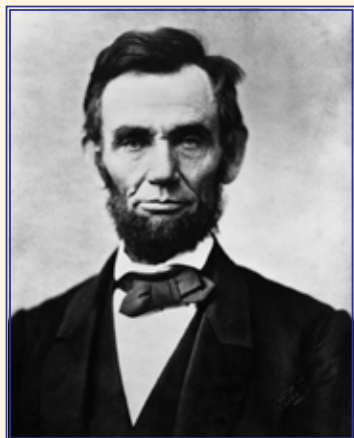
Fifth, you can **receive** by faith the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. *But as many as received him, to them gave he the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: (John 1:12) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)*

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Note: If your faith is insufficient for acquiring this gift of salvation, God’s remedy for that insufficiency is the hearing of God’s Word. *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17). You will need the faithful preaching of God’s Word in a Bible preaching church. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? (Romans 10:14)*



Quotes From the Past:



Abraham Lincoln, 1809-1865

16th President of the United States

“I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, and stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong.”

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

Baptismal Service

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Cromwell



*New Member:
Sophia Gagnon*



*Dr. Strouse preaching the
baptismal service message.*



*New Member:
Sara Rossignol*



Pastor Jerry Akers leading the song service.



*New Member:
Krista Hagglund*

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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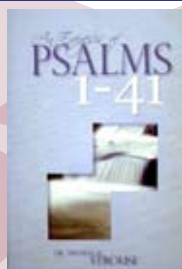
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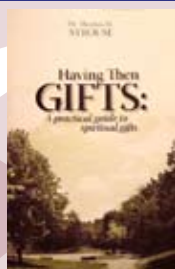
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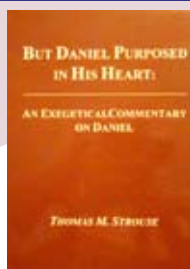
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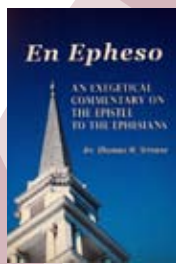
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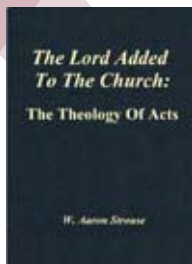
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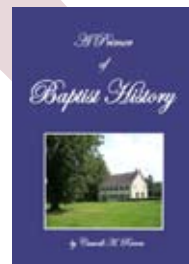
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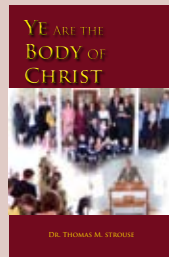
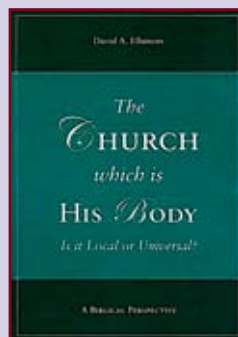


The Lord God Hath Spoken
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The Church Which Is His Body:

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.



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*.

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



SERMON OUTLINE

BBC/BBTS Picnic!

You are invited to attend the Annual BBTS picnic on **Sept. 6, 2010** from **3:00 - 7:00 PM** at the Strouse house! 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 by **September 2**.

Strouse House:
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Rd., New Britain, CT
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What the NT Says About Baptism

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Introduction

- A. Baptism is the doorway into the church.
- B. In order to keep unity of the faith (Eph. 4:13), we must keep the unity of the ordinances (I Cor. 12:13).

I. The Origin of NT Baptism—With John and Jesus

- A. Mt. 3:1-6
- B. Mt. 3:13-17

II. The Nature of NT Baptism—A Burial

- A. Rom. 6:3-5
- B. Col. 2:12

III. The Requisite for NT Baptism—Faith

- A. Acts 8:37 (NIV omits entire verse)
- B. Acts 16:31-33

IV. The Identification with NT Baptism—to Christ and His assembly

- A. Gal. 3:27
- B. I Pet. 3:20-21

V. The Authority for NT Baptism—heaven

- A. Lk. 7:29-30
- B. Mt. 28:19-20

VI. The Purpose of NT Baptism—addition to the assembly

- A. Acts 2:41, 47; 5:14
- B. I Cor. 12:18, 27

VII. So-called “Problem” Passages—Context does not teach baptismal regeneration

- A. Acts 2:38
- B. Acts 22:16

Conclusion

- A. Privileges
- B. Accountability



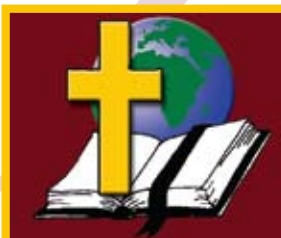
Above: BBC's Men's Ensemble with Ryan Strouse on piano.



Left: Joel Schabert takes a rest in the nursery during the morning service!

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