



# BBC UPDATE

## BBC Baptismal Service



**Dr. Thomas Strouse**

On Sunday August 25, 2013, Bible Baptist Church met at the home of church member Mrs. Lilia Harding for a baptismal service in her swimming pool. Mr. Daniel Phelan III was baptized into Bible Baptist Church membership on the basis of his testimony of repentance from sin and faith in Christ. We are thankful for those the Lord adds to our assembly (cf. Acts 2:47). Scripture states, "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him" (I Cor. 12:18). Pray for Brother Phelan as he now has the privilege to grow in one of the Lord's assemblies (II Pet. 3:18).



*Above: Dan Phelan III about to be baptized.*



*Left: Pastor with Dan Phelan's family.*

*Below: The Baptism was held in Mrs. Harding's beautiful backyard!*



## BBTS Module Held at Fairhaven Baptist College

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse had the privilege of teaching the seminary module class on I Corinthians at Fairhaven Baptist College in Chesterton, IN. The following six students attended class: Miss Bethany Unger, Dr. Jeremiah Mitchell, Mr. Derek Renshaw, Mr. Clint Schreiber, Mr. Jim Hunt, and Mr. Stephen Muldrow.



## BBTS/BBC Picnic!

The annual Labor Day BBTS/BBC picnic is planned for **Sept. 2, 2013** at the Strouse house from **3:00 - 7:00 PM**. All past and present seminarians and all BBC members are welcome to attend!!



Those whose last names end in **A-N** should bring a side dish and those ending in **O-Z** should bring dessert.

Please also bring lawn chairs. Please RSVP to **drtms\_bbts@juno.com** with total number coming by September 1.

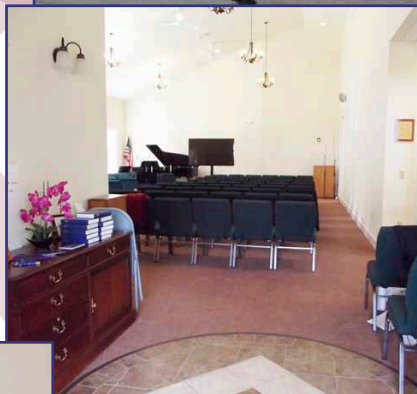


## CALVARY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH BUILDING DEDICATION

On Saturday August 17, 2013, Calvary Independent Baptist Church of West Redding, CT, held a dedication service for the new building they were finally able to occupy for worship. Host Pastor Ken Brooks greeted the eleven pastors/churches which attended, with all rejoicing in the Lord's blessings for Calvary Independent Baptist Church. Several from Bible Baptist Church attended to encourage the membership of this sister NT assembly in CT. The testimonies of several personnel in CIBC were a great challenge, as we all fellowshiped around the truth of God's word.



**Above:** Calvary Independent Baptist Church.



**Left:** A look inside their new building.



*The choir sang during the dedication service. All the special music was a blessing!!*



**Above:** The Lord blessed with a beautiful day for the service which was followed by a time of fellowship outside.



**Above:** Pastor and Bill enjoyed the event.



**Left:** Pastor Ken Brooks with some attendees.



# II Corinthians

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## ARTICLE

### A. The Authorship of II Corinthians

1. External Evidence: Polycarp, Athenagoras, Cyprian, Tertullian, and Irenaeus attested to the Pauline authorship of this Epistle
2. Internal Evidence
  - a. The author claimed to be Paul (II Cor. 1:1; 10:1).
  - b. The author claimed to be an apostle (II Cor. 1:1; 12:12).

### B. The Date of II Corinthians

1. Paul started the Corinthian church in early 50's and remains 18 months (visit in "heaviness").
2. Perhaps he wrote Proto-I Corinthians and received their letter about marriage.
3. He wrote I Corinthians ("sorrowful letter") about AD 55 from Ephesus.
4. He left Ephesus and went to Troas and Macedonia to find Titus (AD 55).
5. Having received Titus's good report, he wrote II Corinthians (AD 56).

### C. The Background of II Corinthians

After writing I Corinthians, he waited at Ephesus for Timothy to indicate a resolve (I Cor. 16:10-11), which did not come. His initial evangelistic trip to Corinth was in heaviness (II Cor. 2:1; Acts 18:5) as he had just left Athens and faced stiff opposition (Acts 18:6). Having written I Corinthians, rebuking the church for her pride, and having required the expulsion of the fornicator, he considered this a "sorrowful" letter (II Cor. 2:2-11). He left Ephesus and went to Troas hoping to find Titus with

news about the Corinthians' response, and finally met up with him in Macedonia with the good news of their repentance (II Cor. 2:12-13; 7:5-16). The fornicator had been restored, their pride evinced in factions regarding the ordinances had been stemmed, and their collection for the poor saints at Jerusalem had been fulfilled. However, a new problem developed, namely Jews who attempted to undermine Paul's apostolic ministry (i.e., II Cor. 11:1 ff.), and against whom he defended himself (II Cor. 10:1-12:18).



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### D. The Purpose of II Corinthians

1. He rejoiced in the Corinthians' repentance.
2. He urged them to finalize their gift to the Jerusalem church.
3. He defended himself against the Judaizers.

### E. The Characteristics of II Corinthians

1. Both Epistles are example of practical pastoral theology as Paul's revealed his tenderness as a shepherd and exhortation as a father.
2. II Corinthians gives basic instruction of theological topics such as suffering, the New Covenant, the judgment seat of Christ, and Christian stewardship.
3. Paul focused on rejoicing in the midst of trials, seeking the Lord's strength in weakness.
4. He recognized Satan's efforts to thwart the welfare of the Corinthian assembly.
5. He continued the theme of humility in the believer's life, exalting his office but decreasing his person.

### F. The Outline of II Corinthians

- I. Paul's Defense of His Manner (1:1-24)
- II. Paul's Defense of His Ministry (2:1-7:16)
- III. Paul's Defense of His Mission (8:1-9:15)
- IV. Paul's Defense of His Model (10:1-12:13)
- V. Paul's Defense of His Motive (12:14-13:14)

**Save the Date!**

**BBTS Fall Lecture Series**

**Friday,**

**November 15, 2013**

**"Sound Doctrine in the  
Book of Titus"**

**"What is Sound Doctrine?"**

**Dr. Thomas Strouse**

**"Sound Doctrine and the Pastor"**

**Pastor Roger Sebrell**

**"Sound Doctrine and the Congregation"**

**Dr. Cas Reeves**



### Upcoming BBTS Module Classes

**September 23-27, 2013**

BBTS Europe Module Prague, Czech Republic

*"Bibliology"*

*"Ecclesiology"*



# BBC BAPTISM

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Homeschool Limerick



## A Homeschool Limerick

A new year of homeschooling has begun.



For some it's awful, others fun.

But this is an important job to do,

To give Godly instruction we know is true.

So keep up the fight until you're done!



# The Map to God's Blessings

Proverbs 3:1-10

## To a Length of Days and a Long Life:

1. My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:
2. For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

## To a Favor with both God and Man:

3. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:
4. So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

## To a Direction for Life's Path:

5. Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
6. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

# DEVOTIONAL CORNER

## To a Healthy Life:

7. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.
8. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

## To a Prosperous Life:

9. Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:
10. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

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## Quotes From the Past:

**John Leland, 1754-1841**

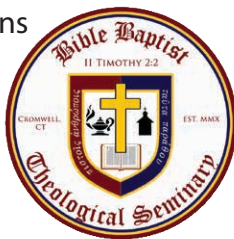
An American Baptist minister, who was out spoken in keeping personal religious liberty apart from the State.

*"Every man must give an account of himself to God, and therefore every man ought to be at liberty to serve God in a way that he can best reconcile to his conscience. If government can answer for individuals at the day of judgment, let men be controlled by John Leland it in religious matters; otherwise, let men be free,"*



## BBTS Online Update

The installation of video/audio recording equipment has been delayed by a couple of weeks, delaying the Fall Semester online program of Bible Baptist Theological Seminary. Nevertheless, the courses will be recorded this semester, and instructions for online registration and enrollment will be clearly revealed on our web site: [www.bbc-cromwell.org](http://www.bbc-cromwell.org).



## 2013 BBTS Fall Semester Class Schedule

### Mondays

|            |                     |
|------------|---------------------|
| Greek I    | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM |
| Aramaic II | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM   |
| Hebrew V   | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM   |

### Wednesdays

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| 2 Corinthians | 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM |
| Greek V       | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  |

### Thursdays

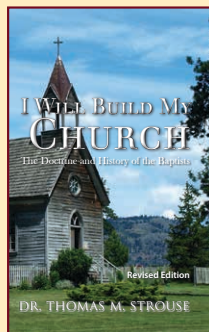
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| Theology Proper | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM |
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### Fridays

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| Greek III | 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM |
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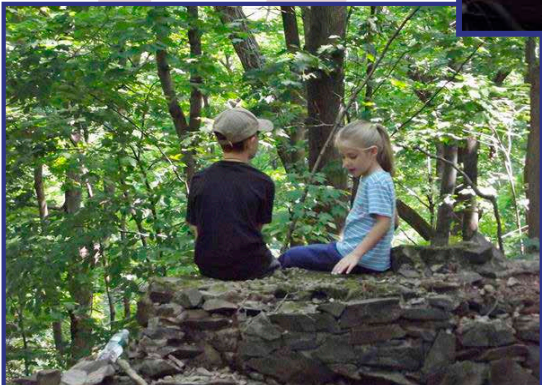
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BBC Family Events



*What better way to get a nature study, history lesson, and PE all at once than to visit the Dividend Pond Trail and Archeological District in Rocky Hill. The Homeschoolers hiked through this park as they learned how Dividend Brook powered mills and forgeries from the 1700s to the 1900s. The park is a nice little historic treasure hidden in Rocky Hill.*



## Upcoming BBC Family Events

**BBC Family Fishing:** Northfarms Reservoir Wallingford  
Sunday, September 8 after church

**BBC Men's Fishing Trip:** Old Saybrook  
September 17

**BBC Homeschoolers' International Day Celebration**  
Saturday, October 26

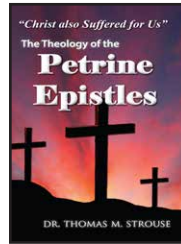
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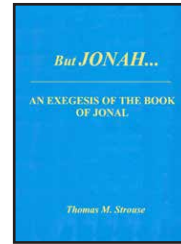
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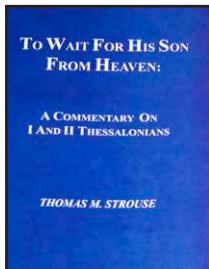
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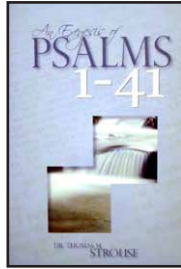
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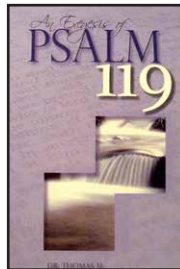
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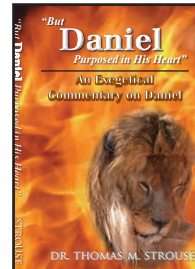
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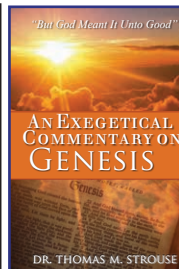
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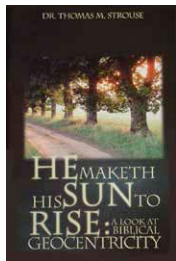
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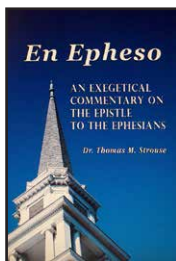
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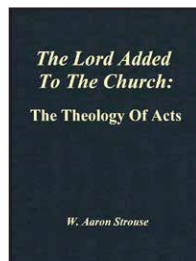
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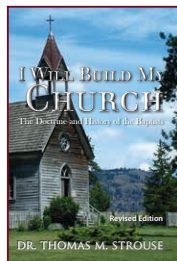
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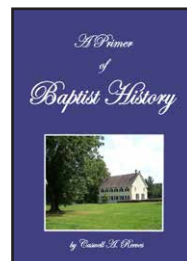
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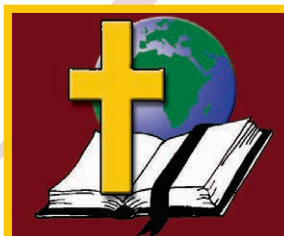
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