

BBC UPDATE

BBTS Picnic!

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse,
Pastor

The Lord blessed on Sept. 6, 2010 for the first annual BBTS seminary picnic, causing hurricane "Earl" to pass out to sea. We had probably the largest group with an excess of 80 in attendance, along with eight different churches represented. It was good to have past graduates, current students and area pastors, along with their families, fellowship around the common truth of the Bible. Pastor Main and his family along with Dr. Aaron played their stringed instruments as we sang some favorite Gospel songs. It was good to have Pastor Cas Reeves, a dear friend in the Lord, and his family and church come and fellowship, bringing about 22 folks. It was truly a blessing to fellowship around the truths once delivered (including the KJV and the local church position) with the brethren, using a secular expression, having the "same spiritual DNA."

BBC News

BBC continues to move forward in the fulfillment of the Great Commission, having recently baptized 4 believers into the membership of BBC. The Lord willing, we will be having another baptismal service soon with more who need to join a NT assembly. Our church focus has been on memorizing verses which contain prayer promises, and then claiming these "inspired promises" in our Wed. night service, seeing many answers to prayer. We are also thankful for the way our Savior has blessed financially, as our members take seriously their stewardship responsibility in tithes and offerings. Please pray that our church and other NT assemblies will continue to have the freedom to carry out Mt. 28:19-20 (cf. I Tim. 2:1-4).



Top: Over 80 attended the first annual BBTS picnic!

Above: The strings group led a joyous song time!

Below: Dr. Strouse mans the grill!



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BBTS Launches Fall Classes

BBTS has started its first fall semester with some of the same seminarians and returning pastors of the past. We are thankful for the privilege to train our church members, area pastors, and those from a distance, in the Word of God. Well trained men in the Lord's churches is the need of the hour and the only remedy for our spiritually blind society.

The Philippine modules at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Quezon City have ten students enrolled, working toward their seminary degrees of MBS or MDiv. Some of the men have traveled great distances to take the modules on Bibliology and the Book of Revelation. Pray for them as they attempt to reach the Philippines with the truth of Scripture.



Mealtime with the seminarians and plenty of rice!



Dr. Strouse in front the active volcano Mayon.



The History of Baptists class in Cromwell, CT.



Class picture of the Quezon City Modules.



Dr. Strouse with Pastor Roy Raquintan and family in Legaspi at Cornerstone Baptist Mission.

Before Time - There Was Social Behavior

by Pastor Cas Reeves

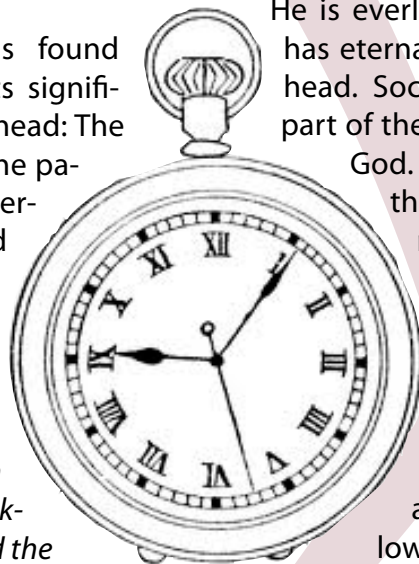
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God



Pastor Cas Reeves

We think in time. We have seen the beginning of things and the end of things. Our mind is able to understand the concept of time. On the other hand, the concept of the eternal or everlasting is a difficult concept for us to grasp, other than, "it means forever." The Bible tells us that God is "from everlasting to everlasting." God has always been and God will always be. In other words, God was before time and He will be after time. He is everlasting.

The importance of everlasting is found throughout the Word of God. But its significance can readily be seen in the Godhead: The Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Within the parameters of the Godhead, we see an eternal social relationship. The Godhead being eternal, therefore, makes social relationship something that existed before time. Note: *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth* (Genesis 1:1). Creation was the work of the Godhead: *And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day* (Genesis 1:2-5). Here, we see the creation of light and time, as the Spirit moved and God spoke in unison. Later in social conversation, we are told of their conclusion: *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness* (Genesis 1:26). Regarding Jesus the Son of



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Psalm 90:2

God and creation, we are told: *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him* (Colossians 1:16).

This brings us to the first point. God did not have to create man because he was lonely and needed fellowship. Fellowship or social intercourse existed in God before creation and therefore before time. God was not lonely, and longing for conversation with others.

He is everlasting, and therefore had and has eternal communion within the Godhead. Social intercourse, therefore, is a part of the eternal nature and essence of God. The second point, brings us to

the dignity of man in his social relationships. Having been created in the likeness of God, we find that our nature calls out for social communion with others. Because this social nature is rooted in God, it can only truly be fulfilled with God and God's way. For eternal fellowship: *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man*

cometh unto the Father, but by me (John 14:6). And for present social intercourse: *But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation* (1 Peter 1:15). Before time there was social behavior, and that behavior was holy and godly. Therefore as a Believer, who is living for eternity, our present social behavior with others should dignify our Christian position and our created likeness in God. This social behavior is called *godliness*.
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BBTS LABOR DAY PICNIC 2010

Pastor Cas Reeves, Melvin Wilson, Pastor Thomas Strouse, Jeff Skorupski,
Pastor Chris Camp, Ray Reeves, Paul Reeves, Pastor Dan Herr
Pastor Paul Norwalt, Mark Shabert, Bill Gagnon, Pastor Steve Bates



BREAKING THE BANK!

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The BBC Youth were excited to "Break the Bank!"



Above: Brother Gagnon splits open the bank



The children dive in to get a closer look!!



Amanda Gagnon



BREAKING THE BANK!



Eric Hagglund



Caleb Schabert

The BBC Youth helped count up the change stored in the Filipino bank. Dr. Strouse was able to deliver over \$210 to Jed Raquintan of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Quezon City.



Natalie Rossignol

Quotes From the Past:



John Tyler, 1790-1862
10th President of the United States

“Let it, then, be henceforth proclaimed to the world, that man’s conscience was created free; that he is no longer accountable to his fellow man for his religious opinions, being responsible therefore only to his God.”

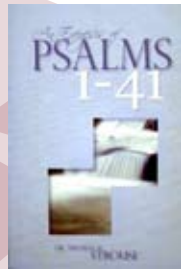
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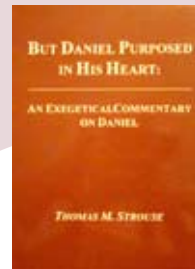
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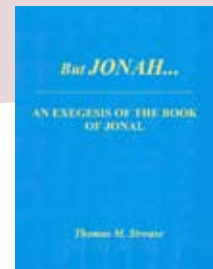
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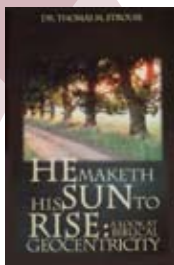
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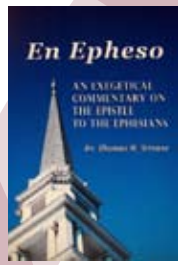
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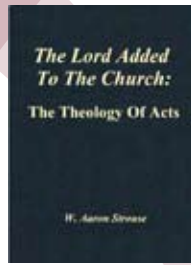
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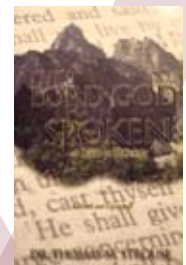
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BBTS FALL SCHEDULE

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

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



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).

SERMON OUTLINE

A Prophet is Not Without Honor

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Introduction: The Lord Jesus taught the 12 by parables, miracles, and now about rejection. Unbelief in Nazareth (for the second time [cf. Lk. 4:18 ff.]) caused several results:

I. They Dismissed His Person (vv. 1-3)

- A. His occupation--a carpenter
- B. His parents--son of Mary (and illegitimate -Jn. 8:41)
- C. His family--no standouts

II. They Dishonored His Office (v. 4)

- A. He was a Prophet (Dt. 18:15; Acts 3:22)
- B. He was dishonored in Nazareth for the second and last time (Lk. 4:18 ff.).

III. They Diminished His Work (vv. 5-6)

- A. He did mighty works in the region (v. 2)
- B. He did not mighty works in Nazareth because of their unbelief (He was both the revealed and concealed Christ)

Conclusion: There is great accountability for the light and truth revealed. When the Bible truth is rejected, Christ becomes more concealed to the unsaved and to Christians!

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.

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