

BBC UPDATE

Baptismal Service

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse, Pastor

On Sunday, September 4, 2011, the Lord added to BBC two additional souls through the church ordinance of Baptism (cf. Acts 2:41, 47). Caleb Schabert and Miss Christy Olson (Ryan Strouse's fiancée) received believer's baptism based on their respective testimonies of faith in Christ. Pastor Keith Main of Galilean Baptist Church provided the baptistery and his church members joined BBC in a combined service. We thank the Lord for this sister church in the area with whom BBC has fellowship.



Above and Right: Pastor Strouse, Christy Olson, and Caleb Schabert



Right: A delicious dessert fellowship with the members of Galilean Baptist Church followed the Baptismal Service.



BBC/BBTS Labor Day Picnic

The Lord Jesus Christ withheld the rain on Monday, September 5, 2011 for the annual BBTS Labor Day picnic at the Strouse house. Some eighty people from seven different NT churches attended as we fellowship around the truths for which BBTS is internationally known. Several new seminarians, some with families, attended including Mr. Jim Lawrence from PA, Mr. Rich Roberts from MA, and Gino Rossignol from CT. Three of the churches represented are recent church plants, including Bible Baptist Church of Cromwell, CT, Chester Baptist Church of Chester, MA and Maranatha Baptist Church of Agawam, MA. The picnic was highlighted with testimonies and singing of Gospel songs accompanied with some stringed instruments. It was a blessing to have Pastor Cas Reeves, Pastor of Heritage Baptist Church and president of Heritage Baptist Theological Seminary, and some of his family and church members attend, all the way from NY. Overall, it was a great day with new friendships made, as well as some fun and fellowship.



September 15, 2011

BBC UPDATES

Bridal Shower for Christy Olsen

The Ladies of BBC gave a Bridal Shower for Miss Christy Olson on September 3, 2011, hosted by Mrs. Jan Strouse. The ladies were

very generous in love and gifts as they welcomed and encouraged Christy in anticipation of her wedding on November 11, 2011 with Mr. Ryan Strouse. The couple will live in the area and serve the Lord in Bible Baptist Church.



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Food and Fellowship at the shower was wonderful!!

Goodbye to Dr. Aaron Strouse and Family

The Lord has led Dr. Aaron Strouse and family to relocate in NC. We will sorely miss Aaron, Molly, Maddie, MacKensie and Marcus as they move along in the Lord's plan to serve Him elsewhere. Aaron is a wonderful son who has a godly wife and great family. He has served the Lord as registrar and professor for many years in three different church ministries including BBC/BBTS. He has written a commentary on Acts as well as several important theological articles, and has stood in defense of his father and pastor many times. Remember to pray for them as they continue in the Lord's will.



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Fellowship!



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Great Food!

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Music and Testimonies



What the NT Says about Baptism

Dr. T. M. Strouse

8-22-10

Introduction

- A. Baptism is the doorway into the church.
- B. In order to keep the 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

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

II. The Nature of NT Baptism

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

III. The Requisite for NT Baptism

- A. A. Acts 8:37
- B. B. Acts 16:31, 33

IV. The Identification with NT Baptism

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

V. The Authority for NT Baptism

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

VI. The Purpose of NT Baptism

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

VII. Some "Problem" Passages

- A. Acts 2:38
- B. Acts 22:16
- C. Eph. 4:5

Conclusion



The BBC Youth had a busy weekend; active at the show-er, the baptismal service fellowship time, and the BBC/BBTS Picnic!

DEVOTIONAL CORNER

Seek God's Word

by Pastor Cas Reeves

*"Seek ye out of the book of the LORD,
and read"*

Isaiah 34:1

This is a command. We are ordered to seek the Word of the Lord and read. The importance of the Bible in our life can not be over stated. It is imperative that we get into God's Word and read it. The Apostle Paul said by inspiration of God, "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).



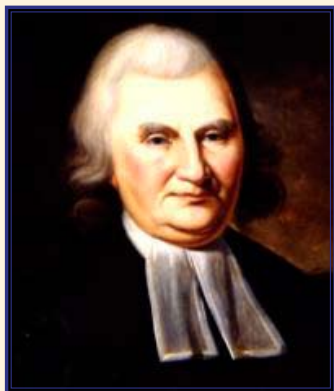
Pastor Cas Reeves

Luke tells us in the book of Acts regarding the saints at Berea and those at Thessalonica. At Berea, we are told, "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11).

When Joshua took over the leadership of Israel, the LORD gave him the similar mandate. "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (Joshua 1:8).

Again, the wisdom of Solomon reveals the physical blessing that we get as we remember God's Word. "My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee." Three things are promised: Time, Years, and Peace. We cannot afford to be indifferent to searching, reading and studying our Bible. We are commanded, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly [or abundantly]" (Colossians 3:16). Paul exhorts Timothy, by saying, "Till I come, give attendance to reading" (1 Timothy 4:13). The word, "attendance" means "to keep the mind." The idea is simple. Christian, we are to be "paying attention" to reading God's Word. Let us seek God's Word.

Quotes From the Past:



John Witherspoon

John Witherspoon
1723-1794

Signer of the Declaration of Independence of USA

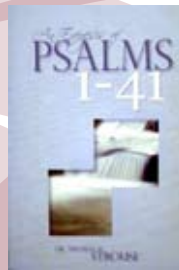
"Those who wish well to the State ought to choose to places of trust men of inward principle, justified by exemplary conversation."

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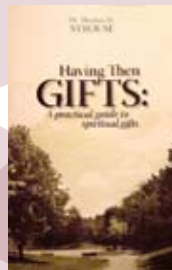
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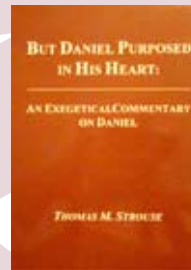
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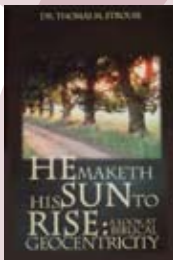
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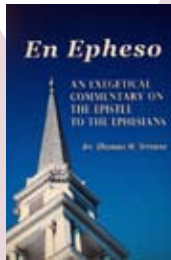
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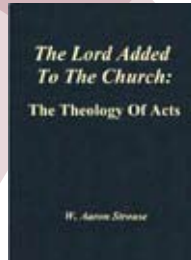
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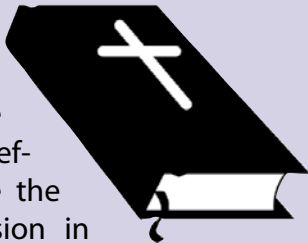
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BBC Bible Study

Manchester Bible Study

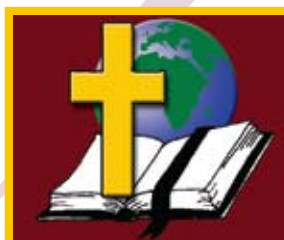
Continue to pray for the Manchester Bible Study as Mark Schabert teaches the *Gospel of John* to several families who live in the area. This is an effort to practice the Great Commission in Manchester, CT, evangelizing and edifying folks who come to the study. The Bible study is every Friday night at 7 PM. Please contact the pastor for directions.



Noel Meadowcroft and new BBTS Seminary Student, Jim Lawrence, in a deep discussion at the picnic.

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