

# BBC UPDATE

## BBC/BBTS Labor Day Picnic

Dr. Thomas Strouse



On Labor Day, Sept. 3, 2012, the Lord blessed the annual BBC/BBTS Labor Day Picnic with beautiful weather as rains from Hurricane Isaac held off until the next day. Over ninety church members, alumni, family, and friends attended and fellowshiped around food and truth. A special treat was the presence of long time friend Tapon Chakraborty and his wife. At least eight churches were represented from the states of CT, MA, NH, NY, and PA. New pastor at the Galilean Baptist Church, Pastor

*Dr. Thomas Strouse* Stephen Hinebaugh with his wife and new baby, attended and received a welcome by all. The testimonies and singing were great as many rejoiced in the Lord's goodness amongst brethren of like faith.

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*Above: The Annual BBC/BBTS Labor Day picnic was blessed with beautiful weather and over 80 attendees!*



*New pastor at the Galilean Baptist Church, Pastor Stephen Hinebaugh shared his testimony*

**Save the Date!**

**BBTS Fall Lecture Series  
Friday, November 9  
"Biblical Worship"**

**September 15, 2012**



# BBC/BBTS PICNIC

BBC /BBTS Picnic

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Photos



## Labor Day Picnic!

The Labor Day picnic was again a success,  
Attended by over 80 happy guests.  
There was plenty of good food to eat,  
And fellowship was especially sweet.  
Praise God, we have been truly blessed!

by Kirsten Gagnon



## 1 Peter 1:1 - 5

Bible Baptist Church  
Dr. Thomas Strouse, Pastor

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

### Text

1. Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

2. **Elect** according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

3. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy **hath begotten us again** unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4. To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, **reserved** in heaven **for you**,

5. Who **are kept** by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

ἐκλεκτοῖς

ἀναγεννήσας ἡμᾶς

τετηρημένην εἰς ὑμᾶς

φρουρουμένους

### Summary

Our election is based on the Father's foreknowledge, the Spirit's sanctification, and Jesus Christ's obedience and sprinkling of His blood, as the Triune God "**hath begotten us again**" (ἀναγεννήσας aorist participle denoting punctiliar aspect, i.e., at some point in the past we were regenerated) unto a lively hope, to an inheritance which is "**reserved**" (τετηρημένην perfect passive participle denoting past event with continuing results, i.e., the inheritance has been reserved and still is reserved) in heaven for us who "**are kept**" (φρουρουμένους present passive participle) by the power of God through (our) faith ("**the just shall live by faith**") unto salvation which culmination will occur soon.

## BBC/BBTS Labor Day Picnic



*Food and fellowship was sweet!*



*The group enjoyed a time of song and testimonies*



*Brother Paul Reeves led singing of hymns!*



# DEVOTIONAL CORNER

## Feared God

Pastor Cas Reeves



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In describing Job's spirituality, God makes the statement that Job is *one that fears God*. This word, *fear*, יָרָא (*yare*) is descriptive and speaks of a quality regarding Job's practice. The Hebrew word, יָרָא (*yare*) promotes the meaning of one that has a *fearing reverence* toward God. In other words, it conveys a reverential trust which one has for God, involving faith toward God and hatred toward evil. It is a fearfulness toward God that acknowledges God and promotes godliness.

The fear of God is wise. There are two other accounts beside Job where this same phrase "*feared God*" is found. The first account of this phrase "*feared God*" is found two times in the book of Exodus, referring to the midwives that saved the male children after the king of Egypt had commanded all male children be put to death. These are found in Exodus 1:17 and the other in Exodus 1:21:

*But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive.*

*And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses.*

Beside the books of Exodus and Job, the second account of this phrase "*feared God*" is found in an account, which is in the book of Nehemiah, where it refers descriptively to the keeper of the palace, Hananiah, who is given charge of Jerusalem. This account is found in Nehemiah 7:2:

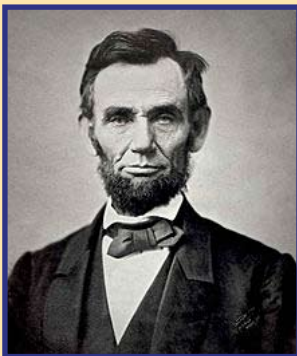
*That I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusalem: for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many.*

From these accounts one learns that to *fear God*, יָרָא (*yare*) is something that is practical that brings with it extraordinary and outstanding behavior on the part of those who reverentially trust in God. The midwives feared God and defied the order of king of Egypt. Hananiah was a faithful man who feared God above many of his brethren and was given charge over Jerusalem. And Job who feared God was the greatest of the men of the east. Solomon wrote *the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom*. Truly Job, Hananiah, and the midwives were wise in the eyes of the Lord. -CAR

## Quotes From the Past:

### Abraham Lincoln , 1809-1865

16th President of the USA



Abraham Lincoln

*"Our reliance is in the love of liberty which God has planted in us. Our defense is in the spirit which prized liberty as the heritage of all men, in all lands everywhere. Destroy this spirit and you have planted the seeds of despotism at your own doors. Familiarize yourselves with the chains of bondage and you prepare your own limbs to wear them. Accustomed to trample on the rights of others, you have lost the genius of your own independence and become the fit subjects of the first cunning tyrant who rises among you."*

September 2012



Church planting in  
STAR, IDAHO

# the AKERS family

Jerry, Lori, & Hannah

*"Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."*

**Ephesians 3:21**



Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our Prayer Letter each month and to pray for our family as we continue this ministry of deputation. We are thankful for the Lord's continued provision and hand of protection! We have several praises to share with you that occurred during the month of August.

- ☆ First Baptist Church of John Day, OR (*Pastor Eric Bortell*) became our fourth supporting church! We believe we have set a very modest and feasible support goal of \$2,000.00 per month. With First Baptist Church partnering with us, we are now at 12.5% of our goal.
- ☆ Centennial Baptist Church of Caldwell, ID (*Pastor Tony VanManen*), which is also one of our supporting churches, will be purchasing new chairs as a part of their September auditorium remodel. The chairs being replaced are in excellent condition, and will be used in their school/youth ministry—except for 50 of them, which they are donating to Star Baptist Church!
- ☆ Steve and Sheri Corman, who are presently members of Lake Shore Drive Baptist Church of Nampa, ID (*Pastor James Bliss*), have committed to assist us in the planting of Star Baptist Church. From 1991-1992, Steve and I took classes together at Tabernacle Baptist Bible College and Seminary in Virginia Beach, VA. Little did we know then that the Lord would cause our paths to cross years later in Idaho! The Lord brought Steve out west several years ago when he and Sheri—a long time member of Lake Shore Drive Baptist church—were married. Since that time, both Steve and Sheri have faithfully served the Lord in various ministries at LSDBC. We are thankful for Pastor Bliss, who initiated this possibility by suggesting it as a way for LSDBC to be involved in supporting this church plant.



Please continue to pray for us concerning a place to meet. Three buildings in the Rockbridge Office park are still available. I am in regular contact with the listing agent, and he doesn't seem optimistic about selling these buildings any time soon because of the present economic situation. Both the pricing and the location make for an excellent possibility for the future home of Star Baptist Church. Please make this a special matter of prayer for us! If the Lord leads you to help us in this area financially, please designate your donation as "Building Fund" and we will use it accordingly. For all the support designated as such, we will apply it to either the purchase or lease of a building. Thank you and God bless!

*Bro. Jerry Akers & family*

## Prayer Requests

- ☆ Please pray for meetings to be scheduled for the open dates of September 23, October 14 & 21 in local NW churches.
- ☆ Please pray for continued safety and provision during deputation ministry travels.
- ☆ Please pray for additional churches to partner with us in the planting of Star Baptist Church.

## Praises

- ☆ Another church partnering with us through financial support!
- ☆ Printing of prayer letters and display materials provided by Lake Shore Drive Baptist Church of Nampa, ID!
- ☆ Commitment of Steve and Sheri Corman to assist us in the planting of Star Baptist Church!
- ☆ Donation of chairs by Centennial Baptist Church of Caldwell, ID!

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# ILOILO CITY UPDATE

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Ministry Update

Warm greetings from Garden Bible Baptist Church -Iloilo City, Philippines. The Lord has been good and faithful!

We have been seeing much fruit with our Christian Student Campus Evangelism (CSCEF) ministry. This ministry, held at the University of the Philippines, has been evangelizing in this Philippines premier University since 2009.

Since June of 2012 alone we have seen more than 50 students coming to Christ and receiving Him as their Lord and Saviour. Last July, the University celebrated its 65th Anniversary of this University and our Campus ministry (CSCEF) participated in the University's 65th Anniversary Celebration by having a booth where Bibles, the books of John and Romans, the book *He Maketh His Sun to Rise: A Look at Biblical Geocentricity*, Gospel Tracts and other Christian Reading materials were displayed. The displayed John and Romans and the New Testaments coming from Bible Baptist Church were taken quickly and we ran short of these materials! We also participated in street painting the example of which is pictured to the right.

September is also a very busy month for us here at GBBC. We will be holding Universitywide Evangelistic Meetings at both campuses of the University of the Philippines (Iloilo City and Miagao Campuses). Pastor Tanierla held meetings to prepare students, who are who are members of GBBC for the Evangelistic Meetings. He also met with the High School Principal and one professor regarding the Evangelistic meeting in Iloilo City. High school students will also be invited to attend in the Evangelistic meetings at the university. Finally, the Masteral program will take place September 24-26. Pastor Ira, Pastor Tanierla's brother will be with us until the Masteral program is completed

Thank you and God Bless.

Emmanuel B. Tanierla MRE, MBS, MDiv.  
Pastor  
GARDEN BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH



*Above and Left: Some of the Students from the University of the Philippines that were given copies of Bibles*



*Above: The 65th Anniversary celebration of the University of the Philippines street painting.*



*Above: The Bible Study held at a University of Philippines (UP) Dormitory*



*Above: CSCEF students in-charge of the University Booth.*

*Left: The UP students receiving the copies of NT Bibles and other reading materials.*



# THE BOOK CORNER

## 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.



*The Schabert Family ministered in music before Sunday Morning Preaching*

Bible Study

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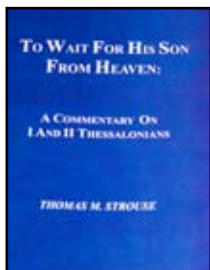
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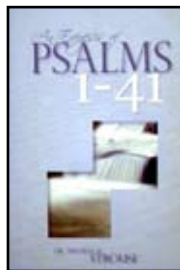
These Books may be purchased through **Bible Baptist Church:**  
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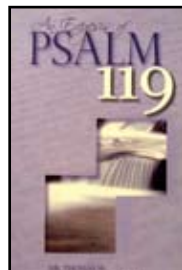
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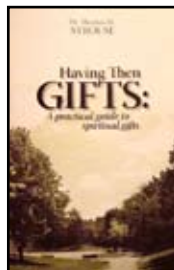
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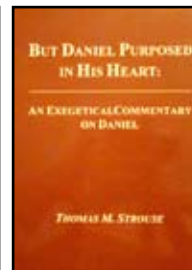
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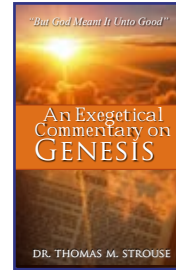
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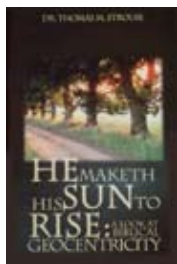
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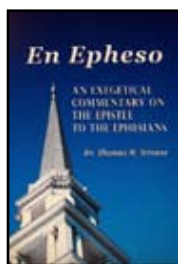
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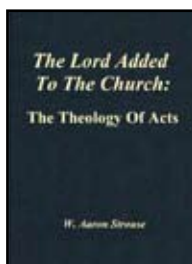
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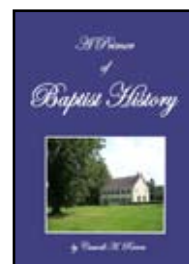
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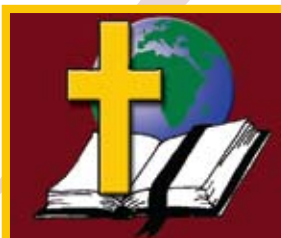
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