

# BBC UPDATE





#### **Dr. Thomas Strouse**

The Lord blessed with a good turnout for the BBC/BBTS Labor Day picnic on Sept. 2, 2013. Although there were dark clouds and some intermittent showers throughout the day, at least sixty-five church members attended from five different independent Baptist churches (CT, MA,

Dr. Thomas Strouse and NY). In attendance were our good friends

including Dr. Cas Reeves, Pastor Dave Hinebaugh, and Pastor Dan Herr. We at BBC thank the Lord for the soteriological unity of the Spirit (Eph. 4:3), and the ecclesiological unity of the faith (Eph. 4:13), that we share with these other churches. Although we may be small in number (and identify with the Lord's "little flock" [Lk. 12:32]), we serve a great God!



Top: Plenty of room under **Above:** Most of the 65 picnic Left: A time of singing, and testimonies.

**Top:** Church Planter Mark Pereira of Portugal preached the Sunday Services. Right: Brother Pereira's wife, Aura, answers questions about their ministry.

## **Church Planter Mark Pereira Visits BBC**

On Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013, church planter Mark Pereira presented his burden to plant churches in Portugal to BBC.

> He and his wife Aura are in the States to raise prayer and financial support for their goal of starting independent Baptist churches in their homeland. Brother Pereira is a 2013 Master of Biblical Studies graduate of BBTS, and also hosted the January 2013 module in Portugal. He holds to scriptural positions on bibliology and ecclesiology, and is highly recommended by BBC. Pray for the Pereiras for Portugal.

### **BBTS Online!**

BBTS courses will be online the week of Monday, September 16, 2013! Check the seminary web page at www.bbc-cromwell.org and look for the link. Those who are taking courses for credit toward a degree program (MBS, MDiv, DMin, ThM, ThD) will need to register and pay for the courses. If you have never filled out a BBTS application, you may do so by downloading the application and mailing with \$30.00 fee.

The online courses cost \$300.00 per course (3 credits x \$100.00 per credit hour). Mail to:

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#### **Upcoming BBTS Module Classes**

September 23-27, 2013

BBTS Europe Module Prague, Czech Republic *"Bibliology"* 

"Ecclesiology"



# **BBC PICNIC**



























#### The Work of the Lord

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58: Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:57

The ultimate victory that believers have in Christ is the promise of the resurrection. That is, that this same physical body, which we live and walk in today, will one day be resurrected as was the Lord Jesus Christ's own body. Truly it is the fulfilling of the promise of eternal life to those who receive Christ Jesus as their Savior.

As the Apostle Paul writes to the church at Corinth, sharing the truth of the resurrection, he shares with them that it is "therefore" the basis for the church members service or the "work of the Lord." Paul uses three descriptive words to tell the church members how they were to be accomplishing the work of the Lord. First is the word, "stedfast," which has the idea of being settled or positioned firmly as a ship's anchor may be firmly planted on the ocean floor. In other words church members are to serve the Lord with convictions that are settled or stedfast in what they believe. Secondly, Paul uses the word "unmoveable." This word means "stuck" and carries the idea of immoveable. This again speaks of church members serving the Lord in a stalwart manner, not wavering. The third descriptive word he uses is "abounding," reflecting an abounding manner and character of service for the Lord's work. Serving the Lord is just not a Sunday activity, but a lifetime of daily abounding service. The Apostle further shares that this personal labor is not in "vain." In other words, it is exceedingly rewarding.

Are you laboring in the vineyard of the Lord in a right manner? -CAR

# 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
 2 Corinthians

 Greek V
 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Thursdays** 

Theology Proper 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Fridays** 

Greek III 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

#### **DEVOTIONAL CORNER**

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



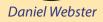
#### Ouotes From the Past:

#### Daniel Webster, 1782-1852

#### **American Statesman**

"If there is anything in my thoughts or style to commend, the credit is due my

parents for instilling in me an early love of the Scriptures. If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and

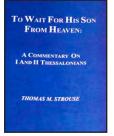


authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity."

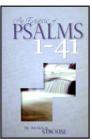
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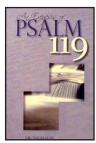
These Books may be purchased through *Bible Baptist Church*: 40 Country Squire Rd. Cromwell, CT 06416 860-229-5387



I & II Thessalonians \$10.00



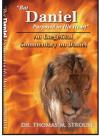
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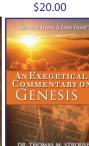
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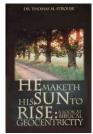
Daniel \$20.00



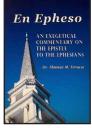
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Peter

Genesis \$20



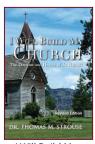
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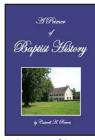
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Jonah \$10.00



I Will Build My Church \$15.00



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The Lord God Hath Spoken \$15.00

# BBC Fun



Happy 16th Birthday, August!





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