



BBC UPDATE

BBC News

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse,
Pastor

We are thankful for the Lord's evident blessing on BBC as we continue to go to Him in corporate and individual prayer, citing the promises of Scripture in our memorized requests. The Lord has given us a good start since the Labor Day picnic, with a fruitful ministry to the Philippines, a stimulating beginning with seminary classes, and a challenging men's retreat through sister church Galilean Baptist Church. I appreciated the following men who handled the Words of God in the pulpit in my absence due to the Filipino trip: Dr. Aaron Strouse, Pastor Jerry Akers, Dr. Harold Davidson, Brother Mark Schabert, and Brother Jeff Skorupski.



Above: Mr. and Mrs. Davidson were welcomed back warmly from their annual summer visit home to Wyoming.

Left: Brother Jeff Skorupski and Dr. Harold Davidson were just two of the men to fill the pulpit during Dr. Strouse's trip to the Philippines.



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BBTS News

With a dearth of good solid exposition from the Scriptures in the country and in central Connecticut, the Lord has raised up BBTS to continue the ministry of training Men of God in the Word of God for the Work of God (II Tim. 2:2). So many pastors are succumbing to the temptation to please men instead of God, in order to foster numerical growth to offset church mortgages and other recession-related issues. Not a few men in Baptist churches are ill-equipped because of their Protestant training to minister adequately to their congregations.

BBTS is attempting to remedy this spiritual anemia sweeping our country. The "salvation" of America will only come through the bold preaching of men of God, expounding accurately and precisely the Scripture, resulting in NT church plants. Neither government nor political parties have the divine authority or spiritual wherewithal to accomplish this end. See our web site for more information concerning the BBTS programs:

<http://www.bbc-cromwell.org/>

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On October 29, 2010, BBTS will have its first Filipino graduation in the host church of Pastor Emmanuel Tanierla of Iloilo, Philippines, with nine Filipino Pastors receiving their MBS. If you are interested in helping these men with financial scholarships for further study, contact BBTS. Pray for these graduate candidates.



Above: Security gates around Cornerstone Baptist Church



Left: Choir practicing before service with piano accompaniment.

Below: Mrs. Raquintan teaching SS.



The Baptismal pool.



The view outside the classroom in Quezon City.

DEVOTIONAL CORNER

Bodily Discipline

by Pastor Cas Reeves

But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

1 Corinthians 9:27

The thought of this passage is regarding the athlete who runs the race to win. We, the Christian, run



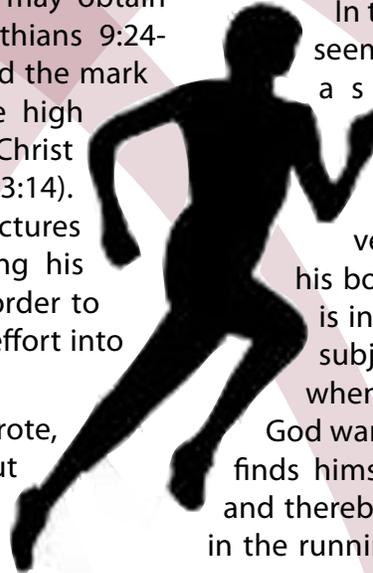
Pastor Cas Reeves

in our life, that we may obtain the crown (1 Corinthians 9:24-25). We "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14).

The word press pictures the runner extending his body as he runs in order to cross the finish line first. He is putting effort into obtaining the prize.

We are to heed what the Apostle Paul wrote, "but I keep under my body." The word but refers to a contrast. In this case, the spiritual race verses the physical race. Our spiritual race is not one of uncertainty or one of mere exercise. Because of the importance of our spiritual race, we are to keep under or

to guard over, or to be careful of our body. We are to be in control and not the flesh. We are to "bring it into subjection." We are to tell it what it will do, it is not to tell us what to do. We are to control or discipline our body.



In this passage the word "castaway" seems to be misunderstood by many as being cast out of heaven. That interpretation couldn't be further from the truth. This word means "disapproved." Paul reveals he is careful to discipline his body for the spiritual race that he is in; thus, he is keeping his body in subjection to spiritual truths, lest when he has shared with other how God wants the spiritual race run, that he finds himself not running the right way, and thereby, becomes disapproved of God in the running for the prize. God's approval meant a great deal to Paul, and so it should for us. Discipline your body to run the race that God has set before you.

Quotes From the Past:



Calvin Coolidge, 1872-1933

30th President of the United States

"Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers. It may not be difficult to store up in the mind a vast quantity of facts within a comparatively short time, but the ability to form judgments requires the severe discipline of hard work and the tempering heat of experience and maturity."

MEN'S RETREAT

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Stafford Springs

The 2010 Galilean Baptist Church's Annual Men's Retreat was held on September 24-25 in Stafford Springs, Connecticut. Pastor Keith Main put together a very well planned retreat that sixty men and boys enjoyed. The fellowship was excellent. Mrs. Main and the ladies did an excellent job feeding the men and boys with delicious and filling meals. The three sessions of preaching on Marriage by the guest speaker Pastor Shawn Foster from Middleburgh, New York was excellent and timely. Also, enjoyable was the skeet shooting, pistol shooting, and trap shooting events. CAR



Fellowship at the retreat.



Above: The Special Music was tremendous!

Right: Men preparing for the preaching service.

Below: John Hagglund and Aaron Strouse.

Below Right: The skeet shooting station.



MORE PHOTOS



Above: Aaron Strouse tries the Skeet Shooting station.

Right: Chow line at the Men's Retreat

Below: The food was definitely worth the wait!



Filipino Pastor Pinos had been imprisoned for four months because he was captured for ministering in an underground church in Saudia Arabia. While there, he was beaten by the religious authorities.

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

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The BBC Youth in the shadow of Goliath!



The Davidsons were welcomed back with open arms!



The Davidsons even got a special cake in celebration of their return!



Eric Hagglund enjoys a super-sized s'more!

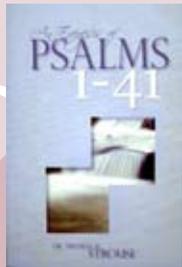
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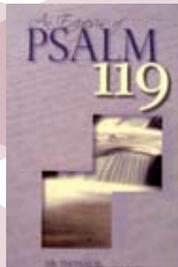
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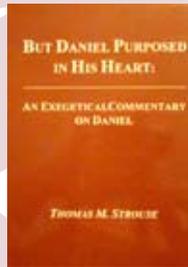
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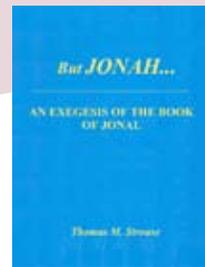
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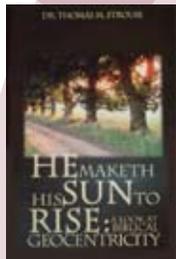
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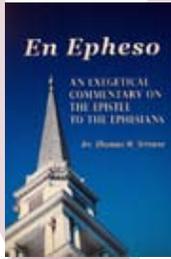
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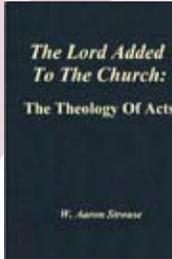
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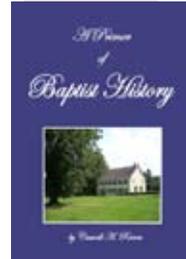
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Prayer Promises

“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).



Prayer
Promises

“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

THE LORD GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR LIFE

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"And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again"

II Corinthians 5:15

FIRST, the Lord wants you to be saved.

1. Why do you need to be saved?
 - a. Because you are dead in trespasses and sins (Eph. 2:1)
 - b. Because you are in a world system controlled by the Devil (Eph. 2:2)
 - c. Because you are a child of disobedience under the wrath of God (Eph. 2:2-3)
2. Because you are without Christ, without hope, and without God (Eph. 2:12).
3. What happens if you do not get saved?
 - a. You will die spiritually (Rom. 6:23)
 - b. You will die in your sins (Jn. 8:24)
 - c. You will be blotted out of the Book of Life (Rev. 3:5)
 - d. You will be cast into the Lake of Fire forever (Rev. 20:15).
4. How do you get saved?
 - a. By believing on the Gospel of Christ (I Cor. 15:1-4)
 - b. By calling out to God for salvation (Acts 16:31; Rom. 10:13)
 - c. By recognizing that as a sinner, you must ask the Lord to be merciful (Lk. 18:13).

- d. By repenting of your sins (Lk. 13:3)
 - e. By receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour (Jn. 1:12)
 - f. By recognizing that Christ loves you and has died for you (Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8)
5. How do you know if you are saved?
 - a. Are you obedient to Scripture (I Jn. 2:5)
 - b. Do you love Christians (I Jn. 2:10)
 - c. Do you acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God (I Jn. 4:15)?

SECOND, the Lord wants you to be sanctified.

1. What does sanctified mean?
 - a. To be separated from the world (II Cor. 5:17)
 - b. To be separated unto God (Rom. 1:1)
2. What is the first step of sanctification?
 - a. Submit to believer's baptism into a NT church (Acts 2:41)
 - b. And be set into the membership of a NT church (I Cor. 12:18)
3. Now that I am a church member, what should I do?
 - a. Read your Bible (II Tim. 2:15)
 - b. Prayer regularly (Phil. 4:6)
 - c. Tithe to your church (I Cor. 16:1-3)
 - d. Witness to others about your salvation and their need (I Pet. 3:15).
 - e. Attend all church services (Heb. 10:25)



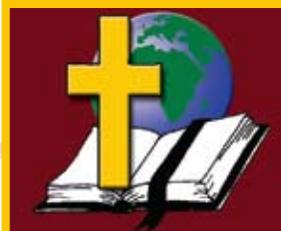
Typical day in the life of one of our college students!

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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