

BBC UPDATE

Men's Retreat

Dr. Thomas Strouse



Several fathers and young men from Bible Baptist Church attended the Men's Retreat at Galilean Baptist Church on Sept. 21-22, 2012. The Lord gave beautiful weather and a great time of fellowship around

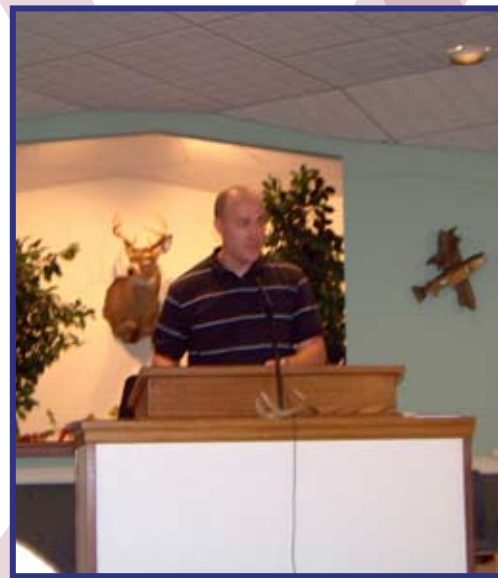
Dr. Thomas Strouse truth with several area churches. Pastor Chris Camp challenged the men with Scripture. It was good to visit with several pastors who are alumni of *Bible Baptist Theological Seminary*. The new pastor of GBC, Pastor Stephen Hinebaugh, hosted the Retreat and was a very gracious and organized host. We were able to give out copies of the newly printed revised edition of *But God Meant It For Good: An Exegetical Commentary on Genesis*. The men and sons who slept in tents overnight apparently survived any ill effects.



Pastor Chris Camp as guest preacher.



Some of the men providing Christ-honoring music.



Pastor Stephen Hinebaugh of Galilean Baptist Church, host of the Men's Retreat

Save the Date!



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

See Page 6 for details

NEW LECTERN!



Mr. Scott Blair, Sr. made this beautiful cherry wood lectern to match the pulpit and communion table which he made for us.

Several BBC Members were so tickled by the new Lectern gift, they couldn't hold back from sharing limericks! Here are a few!

To Cromwell's Assembly we weekly return (He 10:25)
 Where our Pastor is quick to discern (Ep 1:17)
 The right handed path he is told (Re 2:1)
 Where preaching his sheep he does mold (Ac 20:28)
 Soon to come from BBC's new lectern (Ne 8:4)
 Jeff Skorupski



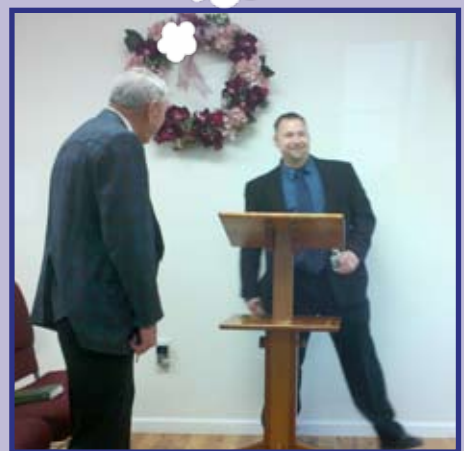
The lectern was made from scraps of cherry,
 Standing behind it felt a little eerie,
 I left pretty quick,
 When I'd finished my shtick,
 To preach from it, is still a bit Scary
 Gino Rossignol

Thoughts on the New BBC/BBTS Lectern

The seminary lectern crafted by the senior Blair,
 Makes one the Word of God want to share,

So Gino got behind it and thought,
 More classes to take I ought!

Teach behind it if you dare, but if you scratch it
 ...BEWARE!



Limerick by Mrs. Kirsten Gagnon

Biblical Proofs for Assurance of Salvation

Bible Baptist Church
Dr. Thomas Strouse, Pastor

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

1. **Do you desire to fellowship with God?** *"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ" (1 Jn. 1:3).*
2. **Are you sensitive to sin?** *"If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:6-9).*
3. **Do you obey the Bible?** *"And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments" (1 Jn. 2:3).*
4. **Do you love other Christians?** *"He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes" (1 John 2:9-11).*
5. **Do you have distaste for the world?** *"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 Jn. 2:15).*
6. **Do you sense the Spirit of God working in your life?** *"But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him" (1 Jn. 2:27).*
7. **Do you anticipate the coming of Christ?** *"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:2-3).*
8. **Do you experience answered prayers?** *"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (1 Jn. 3:22).*
9. **Can you discern between spiritual truth and error?** *"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world" (1 John 4:1-3).*



BBC has acquired two new signs that display our name and all the service time! The above sign is placed at the entrance to our building..



The second sign is at the major intersection from Rt. 372 onto Country Squire Road.



DEVOTIONAL CORNER

Devotional Corner

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The Lord's Side

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Pastor Cas Reeves



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"Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the LORD's side? let him come unto me" (Exodus 32:26).

The question in our text, "Who is on the Lord's side?" was asked by Moses to the people of Israel.

He had found them in "great sin" (vs.21) after coming down off of the mount, and after God had given him the first tablets of the Ten Commandments. *"And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount" (Exodus 32:19).*

From time to time it is good if we would asked ourselves that question, "Who is on the Lord's side?" And then examine our answer and our life to see whose side we're on. From this account we can pick several things out to note. First, these people had too much of Egypt in them. Put an other way too much compromise with the world and its ideas: *"...Up make us gods," (vs.1), and too much compromise with the world and its appearance "the golden earrings, which are in their ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters"(vs.2), and too much compromise with the world and it's religion "and when Aaron saw it [the golden calf], he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD, and they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings" (vs.5-6), and, finally, too much compromise with the world and its pleasures "and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play." (vs.6)*

We understand that Egypt is a type to the world to the Israelites. And they were permeated through and through, from the top of their heads to the tip of their toes with Egyptian culture and worldliness. The question is, "Are we also worldly?" How much of the world's culture is a part of our life as Christians? The apostle John warned, *"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any*

man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15).

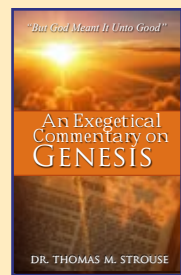
Second, these people were weak spiritually. They fainted at the absence of Moses. *"And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down, and said, we wot not what is become of him" (Exodus 32:1).* God expects us to be strong, *"But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing" (2 Thessalonians 3:13).* Let us not faint, when we can not see the light at the end of the tunnel, but rather *"trust in the Lord" (Proverbs 3:5-6).*

Finally, these people were stiffnecked and couldn't admit to their sin. The Lord said, *"thy people ... have corrupted themselves, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people" (vs.7,9).* When Moses questioned Aaron, he said he cast the gold into the fire, *"and there came out this calf" (vs.24).* It just popped out on its own. The writer of Proverbs warned, *"He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Proverbs 29:1).* The question again is, *"Do we admit to our sin or are we a stiffnecked people under God's judgment?"*

Joshua said, *"choose you this day whom ye will serve" (Joshua 24:15).* Will it be the heavenly or the worldly. Have we chosen the Lord's side and are we on it? *"Who is on the Lord's side?" -CAR*

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Above: At least 22 church members and seminarians listened to Professor Skorupski exposure of Martial Arts in Cults class.

Right: Discussion concerning demonic employment of energy through the Martial Art of Qi Gong.



Associate Professor lecturing on the dangers of Martial Arts.



Left: BBC was privileged to hear BBC member Ohyun Kwon teach the Adult Sunday School lesson entitled: "My Peace I give Unto You" based on John 13 and 14.

New BBC Members

We thank the Lord Who has set into the assembly of Bible Baptist Church some new church members. *"But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him"* (I Cor. 12:18). Mrs. Kathy Lawrence from PA joined recently, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Gary Pierpont from Southington, CT. We praise the Lord for the blessing of these new members.

Quotes From the Past:

William Holmes McGuffey , 1800-1873

American Educator - "Schoolmaster of the Nation"

Publisher of the McGuffey Reader



William Holmes McGuffey

In the 1837 McGuffey Reader McGuffey states:

"The design of the Bible is evidently to give us correct information concerning the creation of all things, by the omnipotent Word of God; to make known to us the state of holiness and happiness of our first parents in paradise, and their dreadful fall from that condition by transgression against God, which is the original cause of all our sin and misery...."

BBC HOMESCHOOL

BBC Homeschool

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Lecture Series

All of the families at Bible Baptist Church have begun the new school year. The BBC Homeschoolers enjoyed a kick-off field trip to the Roger Williams Zoo in Providence, Rhode Island. We were joined by a few other homeschoolers, including one group from Galilean Baptist Church. We were treated to a beautiful day and were able to enjoy many of the animals the Lord has created



Above: Eric ran into a little trouble at the zoo...



Above: Some of the families that participated on the field trip.



Natalie and Faith enjoyed the day!



Bible Baptist Theological Seminary presents
The Third Annual Fall Lecture Series

“Biblical Worship”

Pastor Cas Reeves
“Heavenly Music in Worship”



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**Friday,
November 9, 2012**

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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Pastor Steven Bates
“Biblical Preaching in Worship”



Pastor Steven Bates

Dr. Thomas Strouse
“False Worship within Christianity”



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

Lunch will be provided with free-will offering. A book table will be available with relevant material.

RSVP by November 2, 2012 with total number in your party.

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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 assembly at BBC was happy to welcome back Dr. Harold and Edith Davidson!

The Book Corner

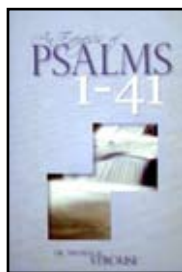
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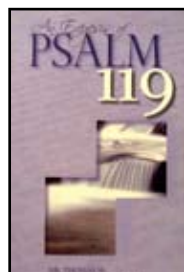
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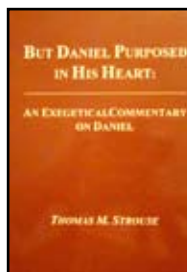
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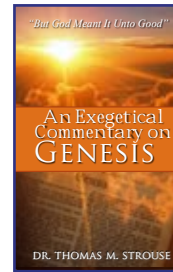
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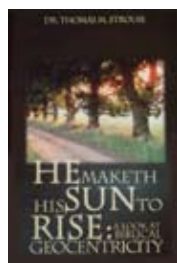
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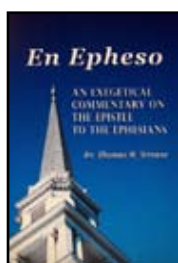
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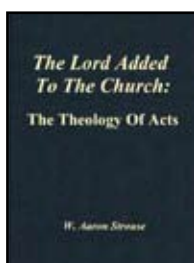
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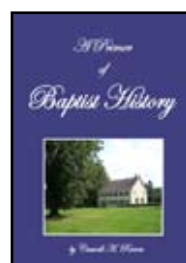
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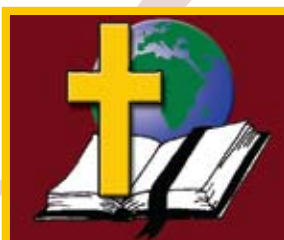
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