



BBC UPDATE

BBTS European Module in Prague



Dr. Thomas Strouse

The Lord blessed the first effort of having BBTS modules in Prague, Czech Republic with ten students and several new pastoral contacts. Pastor and Mrs. Jon Rettig hosted BBTS in Baptist Assembly of Prague. The accommodations were

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great and the fellowship sweet as we studied the supremely important topics of Bibliology and Ecclesiology (see I Tim. 3:15). My wife and I, along with our good Ireland missionary friends Dr. and Mrs. Zemeski, were able to do some sightseeing in this historically interesting city (including the famous geocentric clock, home of Johannes Kepler and burial place of Tycho Brahe). Czech Republic is an atheistic nation, having been under the brunt of communism for so long, and its citizens are completely ignorant of anything religious or Christian. Certainly Paul's words are descriptive of Prague, Czech Republic, saying, *"That at that time ye were **without Christ**, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, **having no hope, and without God in the world**"*

(Eph. 2:12). The Rettigs and two other Baptist missionaries are the only light for biblical truth in this darkened country of 10.2 million, and even the apostate Baptist Union churches have only about 2500 members.



Above: Pastor strouse preaching through a translator.



Left: Some of the students in the BBTS Module held in Prague.



Below: The classes were held in a beautiful facility!

Seminary Modules Held in the Philippines

Pastor Cas Reeves traveled to the Philippines to teach the seminary class on Biblical Economics. He arrived Saturday, September 21. Sunday was a good day in the Lord's house at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Quezon City, Philippines. The Sunday School lesson from the Book of Judges that Pastor Raquintan brought was rich and challenging. Pastor Reeves then preached both the morning and the evening services.

The module classes began on Monday with Pastor Emmanuel Tanerila presenting his class on "The Parables of Jesus Christ from the book of Luke." It was an excellent class, challenging its students to have a Biblical perspective

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Seminary Module Class on Biblical Economics taught by Pastor Cas Reeves

BBTS PRAGUE MODULE



The Strouses, Zemeskis and Rettigs in front of Hus statue in Prague.



Pastor and Mrs. Thomas Strouse, Pastor and Mrs. Jon Rettig and Pastor and Mrs. Zemeski.

Right: Mrs. Strouse and other ladies enjoyed the preaching and teaching in Prague, especially next to a cozy fireplace!



Pastor Strouse in front of the world famous geocentric clock!

BBC Homeschool International Day Celebration Approaching!

The BBC Homeschooled Children have been working diligently over the past 5 months researching a country and learning about a BBC Missionary's ministry in that country. They will be sharing the fruits of their research with the BBC Family on Saturday, October 26th at 5PM. You are welcome to come on out, receive your "BBC Passport" and tour the countries from around the world! Pizza, dessert and various snacks from around the world will be served!



BBTS Online Update

The installation of video/audio recording equipment has been delayed by a couple of weeks, delaying the Fall Semester online program of Bible Baptist Theological Seminary. Nevertheless, the courses will be recorded this semester, and instructions for online registration and enrollment will be clearly revealed on our web site: www.bbc-cromwell.org.



Philippines Modules

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toward the study of the parables. In the afternoon, Pastor Reeves taught a week long module class on Biblical Economics, emphasizing: personal stewardship of finances in the related areas of basic economics, debt, budgets and savings, including investments.

Sunday the 29th of September, Pastor Reeves preached in the morning service of the Cornerstone Baptist Church. A baptismal service followed the morning service. Pastor Raquintan and Pastor Reeves then traveled to Pompana, which is two hours north of Quezon City, and preached to this new church plant

Pastor Reeves had this reflection of his trip: "For me it has been an honor and a blessing to be with the dear brethren of the Philippines and to enjoy the company of the assembly of believers at the Cornerstone Baptist Church. I rejoice in the blessing it has been and the privilege to serve my everlasting Savior, Jesus Christ as a theological professor here in the Philippines."



Pastors Tanerila and Raquintan



Hotel where Pastors Reeves and Tanerila stayed.



Seminary students dining at Hotel

SEMINARY MODULES IN PHILIPPINES



The module class on "The Parables of Jesus Christ from the book of Luke."



Pastor Tanerila teaching his class on "The Parables of Jesus Christ from the book of Luke."

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



BBC FISHING TRIP

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

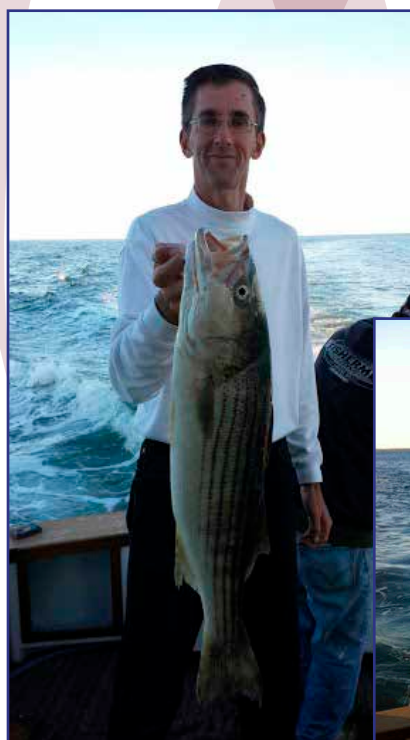
On Tuesday, September 17, 2013, I had the privilege to go fishing with several BBC men on Long Island Sound. We all were able to catch some blue fish and stripers. It was a wonderful time of respite on a beautiful day.



Eric caught the most fish on the trip, bringing in a total of 11 stripers and blues!



Pastor Strouse fighting a big Striper!



John Hagglund brought home a nice Striped bass!

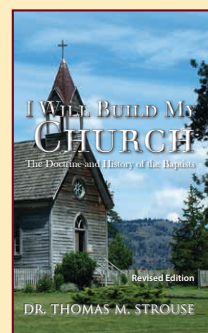


Here are two of Pastor's catches!

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The Blessedness of the Word of God



Pastor Cas Reeves with us that it is living and powerful, more so than even dynamite. The word of God is therefore a mighty tool to give blessings from God to His people.

One of the greatest places to find the blessedness of the word of God is Psalm 119. It reveals a number of areas that are a blessing to the child of God. First, we are told it brings us God's mercies and salvation: *"Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD, even thy salvation, according to thy word"* (Psalm 119:41). Secondly the word of God is able to give us direction and guidance throughout our lives: *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path"* (Psalm 119:105). Thirdly, it is a source of strength to us in a time of emotional heaviness in our lives: *"My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word"* (Psalm 119:28). Fourthly, it brings the comfort that is real and gives us back our lives from anguish and despair: *"This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word"* (Psalm 119:50). Fifthly, God's word, as light reveals, gives revelation to truth and to the things of life; as well, it gives us understanding or

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the ability to comprehend things: *"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple"* (Psalm 119:130). Finally, it helps us when we place His words in our heart to live pleasingly with a clean or pure life before God and man: *"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee"* Psalm 119:11).

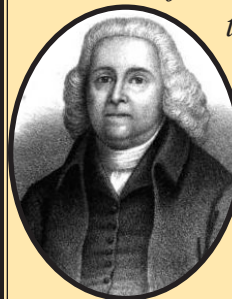
Certainly, these are only a few examples of the blessedness of the word of God for those who love and cherish their God, Creator and Savior. How much apart of your life is the word of God? -CAR

Quotes From the Past:

Isaac Backus, 1724 - 1802

Prominent Baptist preacher in Colonial America

"Religious matters are to be separated from the jurisdiction of the state, not because they are beneath the interests of the state but, quite to the contrary, because they are too high and holy and thus are beyond the competence of the state."



Isaac Backus

2013 Men's Retreat at GBC



Brother Jeff Skorupski, Pastor Dan Herr, and Pastor Scott Blair were among the attendees of the 2013 Men's Retreat

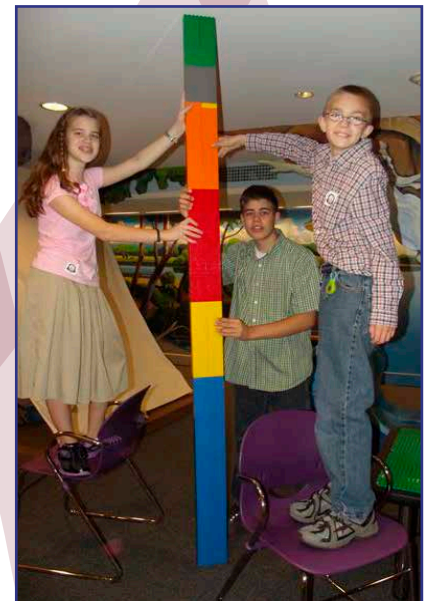
Every year in late September, as Autumn begins to display its glory, Galilean Baptist Church in Stafford Springs, CT hosts a two-day retreat for men. This year, Pastor David Smith of Community Baptist Church in Quakertown, PA, challenged the attendees to "Stand in the Gap". The theme verse was Ezekiel 22:30, *"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."*

Several men from BBC attended the event. The food was tremendous. Activities included archery, pistol and firearm range, and skeet shooting on their softball field.

FIELD TRIP

BBC Homeschoolers Visit the CT Old State House

On October 1st the homeschool group took a trip to Hartford to visit the Old State House. Built in 1796, it houses an original 1802 painting by Gilbert Stewart of George Washington. The children learned much about the three branches of government, which were all housed here until 1878. The State House contains the Joseph Steward Museum of Curiosities. The curiosities included an eight and a half-foot alligator, a calf with two complete heads to one body, and collections of insects and butterflies. Several inventions, such as electrifying machines, are on exhibit. The museum is full of artificial and natural wonders. The highlight of the trip was the multi-sensory, multi-media exhibit that follows 300 years of Hartford's history. It included a 1570 Bible and Mark Twain's bicycle!



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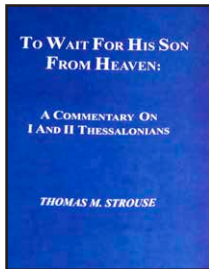
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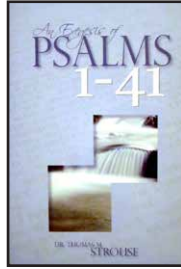
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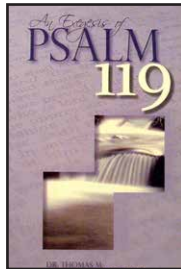
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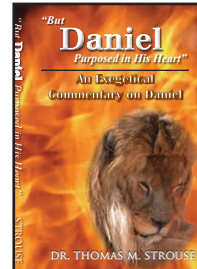
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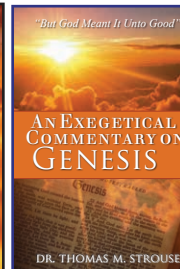
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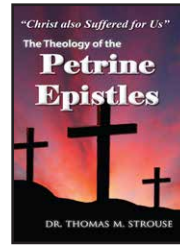
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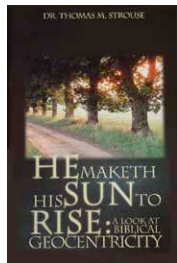
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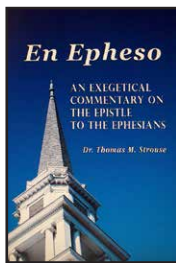
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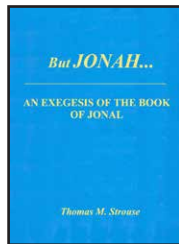
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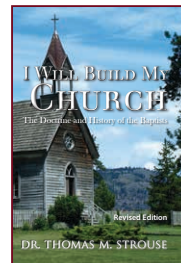
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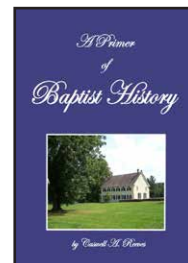
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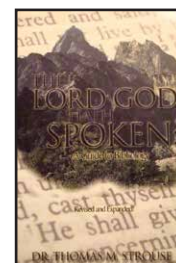
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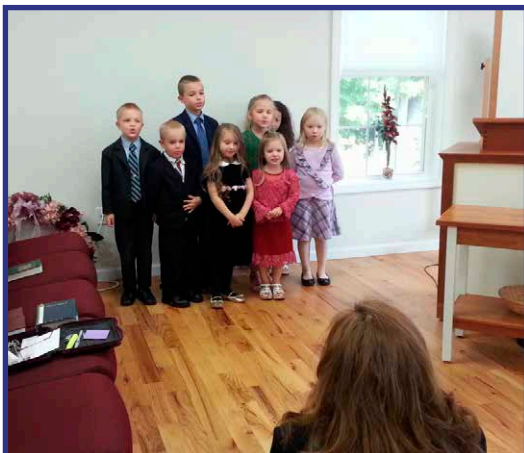
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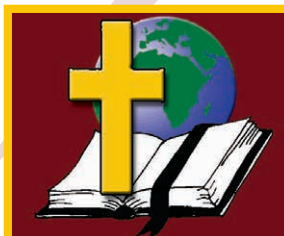


The BBC Children's Choir sang during last
Sunday Morning's service. It was a blessing!



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