



# BBC UPDATE

## BBC/BBTS November 1 Update

### “Behold He Cometh”

**Dr. Thomas Strouse**

Bible Baptist Theological Seminary will host its Second Annual Fall Lecture Series under the aegis of Bible Baptist Church, Cromwell, CT, on Nov. 17, 2011. All are invited to this time of preaching and teaching on the Second Coming of Christ. With the secular and Christian worlds in great confusion about this eschatological doctrine, the Lecture Series will address key biblical truths about the future.



*Dr. Thomas Strouse*

Dr. David Smith will preach on the biblical teaching concerning Christ's Second Advent, challenging all with many passages of Scripture. Associate Professor Jeff Skorupski will deal with the nature, character and results of the doctrine of the *Bema* of Christ. Pastor Cas Reeves will challenge all with the biblical teaching of the New Jerusalem, the heavenly home of all the saints. I will deal with common heresies, both of the secular world and of the sacred world. With Harold Camping's failed predictions settling beyond doubt that he is a false prophet, and with the Hollywood emphasis on the

2012 doomsday, I will expose the details behind these heresies and behind some of the fallacious teachings of fundamental dispensationalists. For instance, the terminology and concept of "the Rapture of the Church" is missing in the New Testament. The Rapture will consist of the Lord Jesus Christ catching away those "in Christ" (not the same as the "Church"). Another erroneous eschatological interpretation forced upon Scripture is the fallacious belief in the "seven church ages" (popularized by Scofield). Requiring the "church" (some sort of combination of the RCC and Protestantism universal church) to have "seven church ages" before Christ comes back undermines the imminent return of Christ, which hope the NT biblical writers had and gave to their churches ("For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we **which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep**" [1 Thes. 4:15]). These false teachings are rampant among fundamentalists, who in turn detrimentally influence the theology of some independent Baptists. Pray for the BBTS Fall Lecture Series.



**Dr. David Smith**



**Dr. Thomas M. Strouse**



**Mr. Jeff Skorupski**



**Pastor Cas Reeves**

**BBTS Lecture Series  
Thursday, November 17  
The Courtyard by Marriott  
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Cromwell, CT 06416**

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## Kinaray-a Translation Work

Pastor Aniceto Balinas has finished his translation work for the books of Titus, Philemon, I, II, and III John, and Jude for the Kinaray-a language. This language is spoken by about 1 million people on Panay, especially in the mountainous area of Antique. Brother Balinas has translated from the *Textus Receptus* (TR Greek Text behind the KJV) into this language, giving a faithful translation from which he can preach to his mission field. One significant passage to counter the pagan views of God, including

polytheism, is the TR rendering of I Jn. 5:7, which states, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." BBC has had the privilege to help support financially the printing of these Kinaray-a Scriptures. Pray for this spiritual endeavor and lasting fruit for the glory of Christ.



*Pastor Aniceto Balinas*

**November 1, 2011**

# MEGA STORM HITS CONNECTICUT CAUSING THE CANCELLATION OF CHURCHES

With an unusual snow storm hitting Saturday night, many churches throughout CT, including BBC cancelled their Sunday services because of the lack of electrical power. We who love to attend our respective church services for the preaching of the word and the fellowshiping with the saints sorely missed the services. Christians look to passages such as Rom. 8:28 which states, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." It seems to me, who has been involved with the Lord's churches for

over forty years in several different states, that there has been the unusual phenomenon of having to cancel church services in the last three years. Two points come to mind: 1) The primitive conditions that result from natural catastrophes reminds one of the Tribulation which will be far worse (cf. Rev. 6:1-8). 2) The natural catastrophes may be the Lord's judgment on the once Judeo-Christian America which has become extremely apostate, especially in the last several years.



*The Lord spared Dr. Strouse's Mustang!*



*The Gagnon family hosted the Wednesday night church service as the building in Cromwell was still without power. John Hagglund led the song service.*



# BBC PHOTOS



*Above & Right: A time of fellowship following Wednesday evening's service*



*Above: Pastor Jerry Akers speaks to the BBC assembly of his plans to move back to Idaho to serve the Lord.*



*Right: The Akers enjoy the Sunday meal and fellowship time.*



*Above: The BBC Sunday School Choir sang a special version of "Only a Boy Named David" led by Mrs. Kirsten Gagnon during the Sunday, October 23 service.*



*Above: The Hagglunds sang a duet during the Sunday, October 16 service.*

# DEVOTIONAL CORNER

## By Our Observations

by Pastor Cas Reeves

*“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee”*

*Proverbs 23:7*

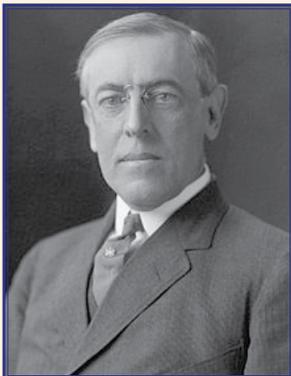
Today we find many who call themselves Christians. Most of the time we take people at their word when they say they are Christians. We ask for a testimony of how they got saved and they give us one. Again we take them at their word. But something inside us tells us there is something wrong about this person’s testimony. We hear with the ear the right words, but we observe with the eye a walk or style of life that doesn’t match the words. We ask ourselves, what kind of Christian is this person? Is he or she a real Christian? Do I have the right to judge?

There are three Greek words that are translated “judge.” The prime word is “krino” and means to separate, select, choose, to determine, to judge (as to decide upon or about). The next word is “anakrino” and means to examine, investigate, question, discern. The prefix “ana” means “up” as one might dig up or pick up, the idea is to separate up in pieces, just as one would do in putting a puzzle

together or the solving of a mystery. The other word is “diakrino” and means to separate throughout, discriminate, discern, to decide, to judge (also to contend, hesitate, to doubt). The prefix “dia” means “throughout” as one might thoroughly look at each piece of a puzzle, trying it, to determine its proper identity in the puzzle.

From our text, we learn the fact that it is more important for us to observe what a person is like and what they do, rather than to rely solely upon what they say. This is especially true, if we are to be discerning of an individual’s true character. *“Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?”* (Matthew 7:16). We learn something else from our observation of a man’s walk, and that is the kind of heart he has, whether, worldly or heavenly, carnal or spiritual, unregenerate or regenerated, wicked or righteous. *“A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things”* (Matthew 12:35). Jesus taught us to observe a man’s treasure. We, as well judge, that *“where [a man’s] treasure is, there will [his] heart be also”* (Matthew 6:21). We are to be discerning, judging, and trying of the spirits (1 John 4:1), and this is done by our observations of people, of their walk and of their treasures. -CAR

### Quotes From the Past:



Woodrow Wilson

## Woodrow Wilson, 1856-1924

28th President of the USA

*After reading the Bible, “...you will have found it the key to your own heart, your own happiness and your own duty.”*

# Welcoming the New Baby!

Mark and Erika Schabert are pleased to announce the birth of their fifth child, Charity Danielle, on Sunday, October 23. Charity weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces. The Ladies of BBC gave Erica a baby shower. Mrs. Gagnon hosted the shower and the ladies enjoyed a delicious brunch, games, and a devotional while showering Erika with presents!

## BBC NEWS



Erika Schabert and Charity Danielle



## Baby Shower!



The ladies showered Erika and Charity with precious gifts!



Left: Charity Danielle Schabert



Kirsten gave a devotional on "Consequences"



Game time!



<<Left: & Right >> Holding the baby!!



Bible Baptist Theological Seminary presents

## The Second Annual Fall Lecture Series

*"Behold He Cometh"*

THE SECOND COMING  
OF CHRIST!



Dr. David Smith   Dr. Thomas M. Strouse   Mr. Jeff Skorupski   Pastor Cas Reeves

### Preaching Schedule:

9:00-10:30 AM *"The Biblical Teaching on the Second Coming of Christ"*—Dr. David Smith, MDiv, DD, Pastor of Community Baptist Church, Quakertown, PA.

10:45 AM-12:00 *"Heretical Views on the Second Coming of Christ"*—Dr. Thomas Strouse, MDiv, PhD, ThD, DD, DLit, Pastor of Bible Baptist Church and Dean of BBTS.

1:00-2:30 PM *"The Judgment Seat of Christ"*—Mr. Jeff Skorupski, MBS, Associate Professor of BBTS.

2:45-4:00 PM *"The New Jerusalem"*—Pastor Cas Reeves, MBS, MDiv, Pastor of Heritage Baptist Church and President of HBTS.

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RSVP by Nov. 1, 2011 with  
total number in your party.  
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*\*Lunch will be provided with free-will offering.*

*\*A book table will be available with relevant material.*

**Thursday,  
November 17, 2011**

**9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

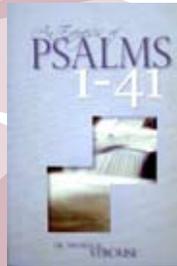
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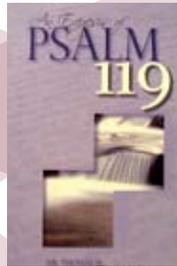
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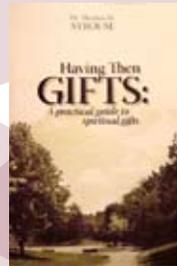
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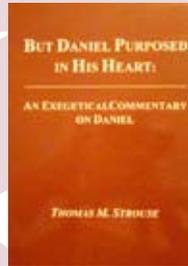
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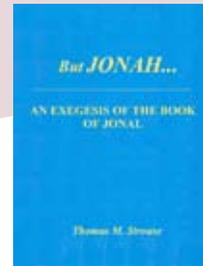
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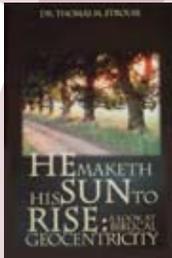
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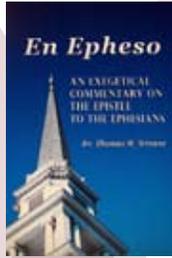
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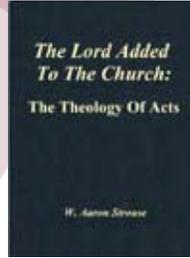
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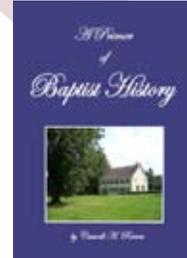
En Epheso  
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The Theology of Acts  
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I Will Build My Church  
\$15.00



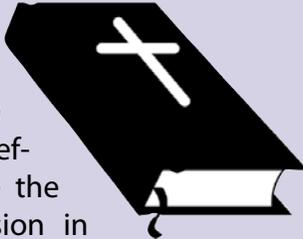
A Primer of Baptist History  
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The Lord God Hath Spoken  
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## Manchester Bible Study

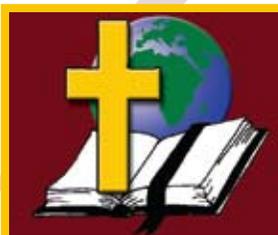
Continue to pray for the Manchester Bible Study as Mark Schabert teaches the *Gospel of John* to several families who live in the area. This is an effort to practice the Great Commission in Manchester, CT, evangelizing and edifying folks who come to the study. The Bible study is every Friday night at 7 PM. Please contact the pastor for directions.



Ryan and Tyler take advantage of the early snowfall and build a tall snowman!

If you have any news for the next issue of the BBC Update, please send to the Editor, Cas Reeves, at either

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