



BBC UPDATE

FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse



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Pastor and Mrs. Thomas Strouse celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary (August 27, 1966) by going back home to Indianapolis, IN to be with some of their family. They returned to the place where they had first met and dined with family at the Iron Skillet Restaurant. They had met on a “blind date” outside the restaurant after Jan got off from work. After two years of courtship they married, having vowed to be true to each other. The Lord blessed them with many children and grandchildren. They soon saw the importance of putting the Lord first in their marriage and have served the Lord Jesus Christ for over forty-six years.

During their time serving the Lord, Pastor and Jan have traveled throughout the country and around the world to places such as Czech Republic, England, and Korea to minister the word. They have been involved with Dr. Strouse starting four seminaries and one church—Bible Baptist Church. He has written 20 books and booklets and is currently planning on teaching a module in Dubai.

On the Strouses’ return to BBC, the church honored them with another wedding cake and time of fellowship.



Pastor and Mrs. Strouse standing at the Iron Skillet. The restaurant where they met.



Tom Strouse and Janis Wood

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50th Wedding Anniversary

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Photos



Pastor and Mrs. Strouse standing by their wedding cake in 1966 and 50 years later.



The new Pastor and Mrs. Strouse August 27, 1966



Time to cut the cake!



The bride feeds the groom!



FAIRHAVEN MODULE

FALL SEMESTER BEGINS!

Following their Fiftieth Wedding Celebration in Indianapolis, Pastor and Mrs. Strouse traveled to Fairhaven Baptist College in Chesterton, IN for him to teach the seminary course on the Prison Epistles. The class was well attended and the discussions edifying. During the midweek service at Fairhaven Baptist Church Dr. Strouse gave his testimony about walking with the Lord for forty-seven years, including his challenges, trials, and blessings that he and his family received. During the time Pastor and Mrs. Thomas Strouse were away celebrating their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary several men covered the BBC services including Pastor Chris Camp and Mr. Ryan Strouse. The men challenged the BBC Body of Christ with expositional preaching from the Scriptures. All enjoyed the visiting Camp family as they ministered among the brethren.



Pastor and Jan Strouse visited with the Hagglund Family while in Fairhaven



<< Ryan Strouse covered Wednesday night services

>> Chris Camp challenged the BBC Body of Christ



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Bible Baptist Theological Seminary began its seventh academic year on Monday, August 29, 2016 with several new seminarians as well as the regulars. The courses for the Fall Semester include Prison Epistles, the Book of Hebrews, and the Book of Isaiah. These courses will be available on the internet along with many others for students to complement their course requirements toward graduating with one of seminary degrees at BBTS. See the seminary web site at www.BBC-Cromwell.org or contact the Dean, Dr. Thomas M. Strouse at drtms_bbts@juno.com.

RYAN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mr. Ryan Strouse has been teaching many memory verses to the young children in his Sunday School class at BBC. They presented their memorization verse to the congregation. expositional preaching from the Scriptures. All enjoyed the visiting Camp family as they ministered among the brethren.





Pastor Cas Reeves

If there is peace or war, tranquility or terror most all of us would opt for peace and tranquility. The Greek word is "eirene" a word pronounced in English by the proper name "Irene." The word "eirene" means a state of natural tranquility. Peace, harmony and concord between individuals.

It is clear from the Scripture that Jesus Christ is the author of peace. It was He that stilled the troubled sea and wind in Mark 4:39: *And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.* It is His gospel, which is called the Gospel of peace in Ephesians 6:15: *And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;* It was Jesus who was prophesied to bring peace to a troubled world in Luke 1:79: *To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.* It is Jesus who is called the son of peace in Luke 10:6: *And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again.*

Jesus Christ without question is the promoter of real heavenly peace. It is He that gives this heavenly peace as He declares in John 14:27: *Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.* This heavenly peace is unlike the peace of this world, which has a fleeting nature. Rather this peace is a lasting peace that can remove the worry and fear from the troubles that we have and must bear in this life. John 16:33 says, *These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.* This eternal peace to the soul comes when a person receives and trusts their life to the eternal keeping by Jesus Christ. We note that it is Jesus that made peace with God on our behalf, Romans 5:1: *Therefore being justified by faith, we*

have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the Believer this peace is indescribable and watches over our heart and mind as we read in Philippians 4:7: *And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.* As one of the fruits of the Spirit, Galatians 5:22: *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,* the Believer is expected to adorn this characteristic. It is notable that for the Believer, peace is an acceptable quality in their behavior. He is exhorted to follow peace in 2 Timothy 2:22: *Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.* And again in Hebrews 12:14: *Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:*

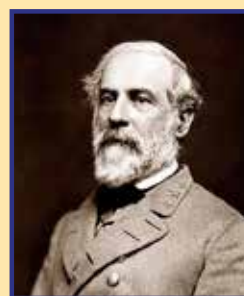
Finally the Apostle Peter tells us who are Believers in 1 Peter 3:11, *Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.* And again in 2 Peter 3:14, he says, *Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.* Through Jesus Christ comes this wonderful peace. Do you have this peace and are you living in it? -CAR

Quotes From the Past:

Robert E. Lee

A Christian General of the CSA

1807-1870



Robert E. Lee

"Get correct views of life, and learn to see the world in its true light. It will enable you to live pleasantly, to do good, and, when summoned away, to leave without regret."

Grow in Grace for Women

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Reflection: The world is looking for peace but internal peace is not possible apart from Jesus Christ. The peace of Christians should look very different than the peace of the world.

John 20:19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

Even the disciples were fearful and they walked with Jesus in His earthly ministry. But Jesus, who is loving and kind, reminds them of the peace He brings. Do you have the peace that Jesus gives?

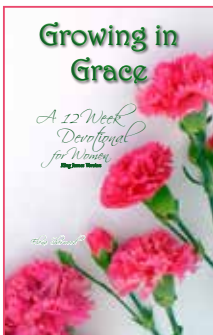
John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

To whom does the world turn during trials? How many people have you seen 'knock on wood' as they scurry to find a piece of wood to knock on. This is all they have...But we who have repented of sin and trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation, have the creator of the heaven and the earth, the One to whom the wind obeys, who advocates for us!

Mark 4:39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

Challenge: What can you do today to strengthen your faith in Jesus? Do you trust Him to bring this great calm to you in turmoil?

"Growing in Grace: A 12 Week Devotional for Women"



This 12 Week Devotional is a ministry of Bible Baptist Church in Cromwell, CT. It is designed for women, and is meant as a support for victory in daily Christian living. Spiritual victory comes by having the Genuine Christ, Accurate Biblical Teaching, Applying the Infallible Word of God, and a Humble Heart.

Using this Devotional Each day you will be given a daily Scripture followed by thoughts upon which to reflect and a challenge for the day. To get the most out of this book, it is encouraged that you take the time each morning to reflect upon and apply each devotion.

Psalm 119:2 "Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart."

Please contact Bible Baptist Church (Elenas6259@gmail.com) if you would like a complimentary copy.

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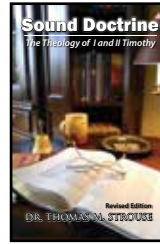
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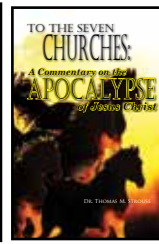
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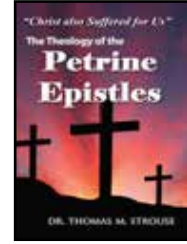
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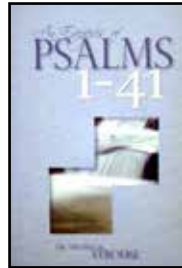
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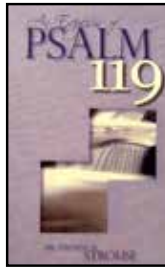
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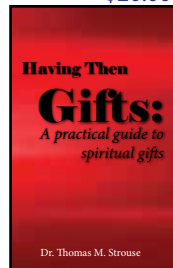
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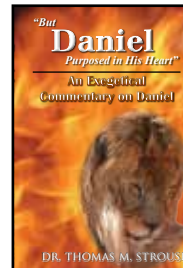
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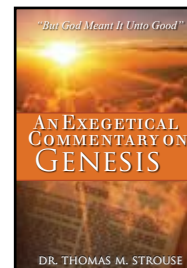
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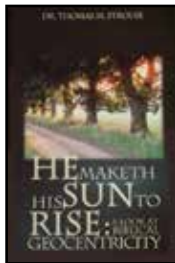
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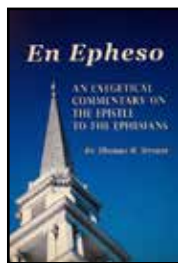
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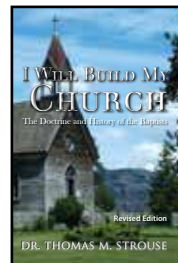
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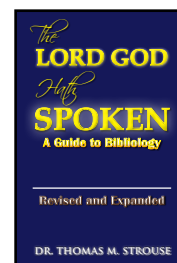
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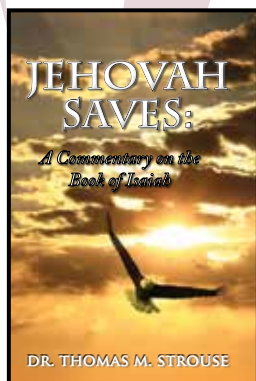
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NEW BOOK: JEHOVAH SAVES: A COMMENTARY ON THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

The new book by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse entitled *Jehovah Saves: A Commentary on the Book of Isaiah* is going to the printer soon. The book is an effort to exegete the contents of all sixty-six chapters of Isaiah, resulting in 508 pages of commentary with 746 footnotes chocked full of word studies, grammatical explanations, and theological teachings. It reflects over forty years of study, research, and reflection from the author.

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