



BBC UPDATE

IRELAND MODULE



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

During the week of May 27-31, 2024, the Lord blessed the two modules on *Greek Exegesis* (13 students) and Acts 20-28 (22 students). Dr. Strouse and two other men were housed by Mrs. Kathy Zemeski, who along with her late husband Dr. Robert Zemeski, were the pioneer hosts of the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary modules and personnel since 2004. Recent Bible Baptist Theological Seminary graduate, Pastor Aleksei Jusev, is the current pastor of River Valley Baptist Church, planted by the Zemeskis.



Bible Baptist Church/Bible Baptist Theological Seminary has been involved with investing Biblical training in Independent Baptist pastors in Ireland for twenty-one years. From left to right the pastors are the following: Pastors Lionel Smith, Stephan Finley, Gene McKinley, (TMS), Andrew Canavan, Derry O’Sullivan, Aleksei Jusev, and Dmitry Gospodarev (Belarus). The additional pastor is Keith Hamilton of Limerick, Ireland.



WHAT HAPPENED AT PENTECOST?

Background

Pentecost (literally 50 days) was one of three national holydays for Israel to meet at Jerusalem, along with the Passover and Feast of Tabernacles (Dt. 16:16). Jehovah wanted the Jews to know that with the coming of the Messiah, He had a **New Day** for worship (Sunday **Not** Saturday) in a **New Place** for worship (the Upper Room or assembly of Baptists and **Not** the Temple), and the **New Sacrifice** to worship (the final Lamb of God and **Not** bulls, goats, or lambs). The LORD always has had a place to meet with His people and has demonstrated His presence in the structures with His glory which “*filled the house*” (Ex. 40:34-35; I Ki. 8:10-11; Zech. 1:16, 2:5; Ezk. 43:4-5).

This new place of worship needed public authentication and supernatural power. John the Baptist, the predicted forerunner to the Messiah (Isa. 40:3; Mal. 3:1), prophesied, saying, “*I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire*” (Mt. 3:11; Mk. 1:8; Lk. 3:16; Jn. 1:31; Acts 1:5; 11:16).¹ The authenticated Baptist Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, publicly authenticated and empowered the 120 in the Upper Room by baptizing them in the Holy Ghost with signs and wonders following. He used the first pouring out of the Spirit as predicted by Joel (2:28-32) for the Jerusalem Baptist Church (Acts 2:1-4) and will use the Second pouring out of the Spirit for His Millennial Temple (Isa. 44:3; Ezk. 39:29). Just as the Lord Jesus has Two Comings (Heb. 9:28), so likewise the Spirit has Two Comings. Baptism authenticates and the Spirit Empowers the Baptist assembly.

In addition to the public authentication of Spirit Baptism, the Lord Jesus promised Spirit Regeneration in fulfillment of the New Covenant once He ratified it with His shed blood (Mt. 26:28). The New Covenant, in contrast with the Old Covenant ratified with animal blood (Ex. 24:5-8), promised spiritual cleansing (Ezk. 36:25) and Spirit indwelling. The Lord

¹ In I Cor. 12:13, Paul required that the Corinthian Baptist Church be “*in one spirit*” of unity (cf. Phil. 1:27) with regard to the ordinances of Baptism (*contra* I Cor. 1:11-13) and the Lord’s Supper (*contra* I Cor. 11:20-22). **Heresy:** The Spirit baptizes Christians into the mystical, universal, invisible, ghost, Body of Christ at salvation!

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said, “*And I will put my spirit **within** you*” (Ezk. 36:27). The Lord told the disciples about the Spirit of truth, saying, “*for he dwelleth with you, and **shall be in** you*” (Jn. 14:17). The indwelling of the Spirit is regeneration as Jesus told Nicodemus, saying “*Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God*” (Jn. 3:3, also vv. 4-7). Spirit Baptism **was** visible and temporary whereas Spirit Regeneration **is** invisible and permanent (cf. Acts 2:33 vs. 2:38). Spirit Baptism and Spirit Regeneration were simultaneous (except Jn. 20:22) but very distinct. Spirit Baptism was accompanied with signs, wonders, and **tongues**, but these **ceased** (I Cor. 13:8). Therefore, Paul affirmed that there is **One Baptism** (Eph. 4:5; Mt. 28:19-20). The Lord Jesus baptized the Jews (Acts 2), the Samaritans (Acts 8), the Gentiles (Acts 10-11), and again the Gentiles for Paul’s sake (Acts 19), revealing that all would have the privilege to worship the Trinity in the same Baptist assembly or assemblies on the first day of the week (Gal. 3:28).

“*And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*”
Acts 2:1

BIBLE CONFERENCE



Dr. M. Ryan Strouse

Dr. M. Ryan Strouse will be ministering in a Bible Conference at Willow Grove Baptist Church in Waynesburg, PA with Dr. Scott Blair and his church (June 26-30, 2024). The topic will be “Christ-like Masculinity in Marriage and Church.” As a professor of Bible Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Ryan has written three books, including *Pure Religion When it Costs. An Exegetical Commentary on the Epistle of James, Turn Ye unto Me. An Exegetical Commentary on Zechariah*, and *A Biblical Primer on Madness*. He and his wife Christy have four sons, Jack, Landon, Preston, and Bryce, and are expecting another.

MIGHTY MEN OF BBC



Pastor Thomas M. Strouse meets with his Mighty Men. These faithful, trusted men are able to expound the Word of God, and fill the pulpit of BBC while the Pastor ministers in modules and various local churches, here and abroad.

Pictured with Pastor: Darrell Nelson, Jeff Skorupski, Marquis Burwell, Ryan Strouse, Andrew Williams, August Gagnon, Bill Gagnon, and Aiko Tinte. Missing: Tommy Thompson.

BBC EXTRAS



BBC/BBTS 2024-2025 SCHEDULE

June 3-7
Community Baptist Church
Coopersburg, PA
Bibliology

July 22-26
Plymouth, NH
TBA

June 26-30
Willow Grove Baptist Church
Waynesburg, PA
Bible Conference (R. Strouse)
Christ-like Masculinity in Marriage and Church

August 12-17
Indonesia Module and Commencement

September 23-27
Bible Baptist Church
Nashua, NH
TBA

October 20-23
Willow Grove Baptist Church
Waynesburg, PA
Timeless Truths Bible Conference

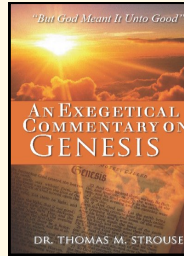
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Calvary Baptist Church
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Galilean Baptist Church
Stafford Springs, CT
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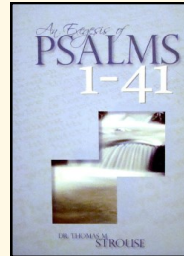
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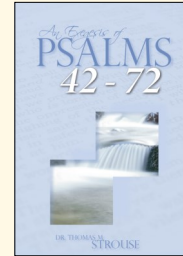
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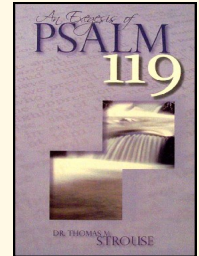
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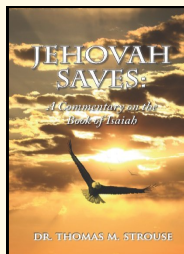
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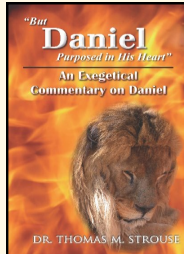
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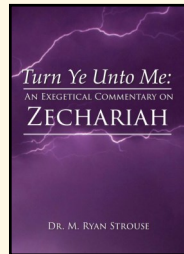
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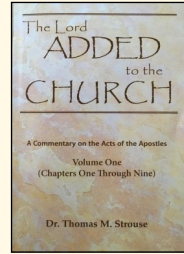
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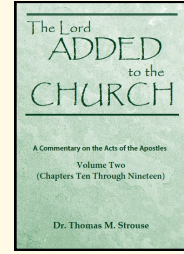
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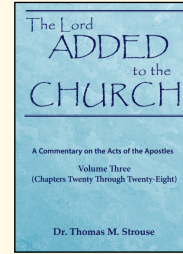
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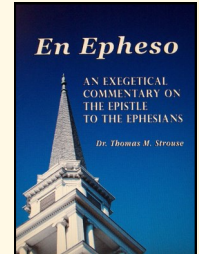
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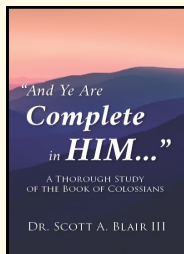
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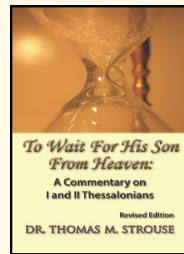
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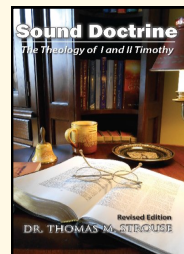
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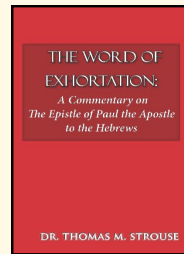
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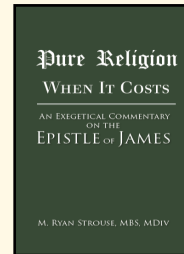
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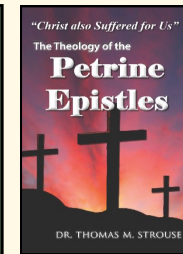
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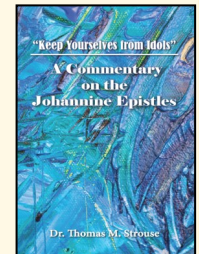
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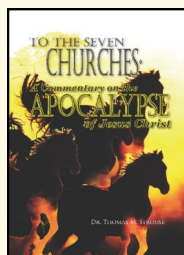
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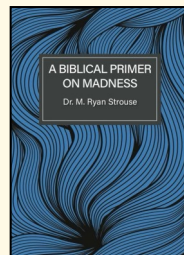
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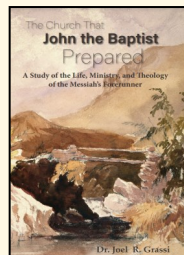
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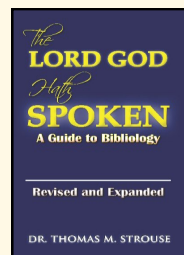
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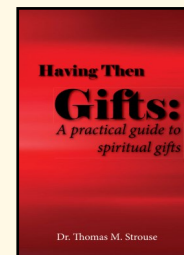
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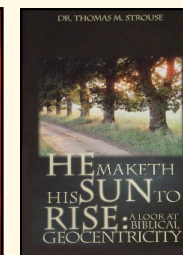
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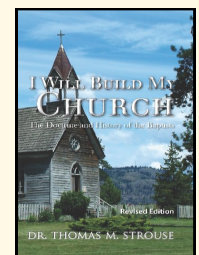
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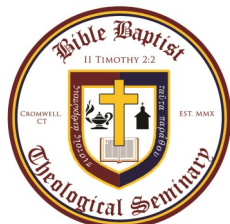


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