



# BBC UPDATE

## ANNIVERSARY BANQUET



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

Bible Baptist Church celebrated her fourteenth anniversary on December 3, 2023, with a special service reminiscing about her beginning and blessings. Dr. Thomas M. Strouse, seminary dean, felt lead by the Lord to start a NT Baptist assembly in the area and organized Bible Baptist Church of Cromwell, CT in his living room with 27 precious Baptists souls. The church has received many blessings from the Lord, including the salvation of sinners and the edification of saints, the planting of three Baptist churches, the training of scores of men, both national and international for the pastoral ministry through her Bible Baptist Theological Seminary, and the publication of many books on the exegetical exposition of Bible books and theological articles. Pastor and Mrs. Strouse and the church families are grateful to the Lord Jesus Christ for the privilege to be part of the membership and serving in the Body of Christ at Cromwell, CT. The Baptist church (the baptizing entity) is the only divinely authorized agent to do the work of God as commanded in the Great Commission (Mt. 28:19-20). Amen!



*August read the Annual Poem and Jeff and Cisco gave a brief testimony during the banquet. The Ham dinner was delicious. Preston especially liked the desserts. The gift exchange after the service was a lot of fun as always.*



# 14TH ANNIVERSARY POEM

*Mrs. Kirsten Gagnon*

What shall we glean  
from year number fourteen?  
We are a church that can be seen.  
We are friendly – not mean.

Almost two years from the start date,  
We made it through chapter 28  
of Job as we learn to operate  
without pride through the life we  
navigate.

New members we did add.  
Cisco's baptism made us glad.  
Several visitors we also had.  
Church discipline made us sad.

This year we also had some flack  
About the budget being in the black.  
But faithful men had our pastor's  
back  
And made sure his salary wasn't  
slack.

A few missionaries stopped by to see  
us,  
Tom Baker, Armacosts and Mendolas.  
Preachers from the Program "Titus"  
Aiko, Cisco, Tommy, and August.

The ladies had a tea party  
With hats upon each attendee.  
Tommy saw the croquet victory.  
Darrell continues weekly Bible study.

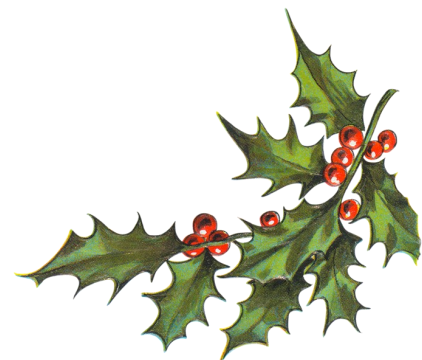
Seminary modules were in high  
demand.  
New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and  
Ireland,  
West Virginia, and Maine we fully  
manned.  
And a Korea trip was also planned.

At the spring lecture we had a closer  
look  
at Pastor's new Johannine Epistle  
book.  
Ryan's class on Madness many took  
And learned the fear of man should be  
shook.

We always love to share  
How the Lord answers prayer.  
Like He did with Karen's cancer  
scare.  
Completely healed - nothing there!

So as we enjoy this anniversary day,  
What is the main take-away?  
We should be in "the Place" on the  
Lord's day.  
And faithful to the Word – we should  
obey.

The salvation of the lost we should  
yearn.  
We have a concern - a point of no  
return!  
Knowing the times, we must discern,  
And keep looking forward to the  
Lord's return.



## MINISTRY IN KOREA

On December 7, 2023, Dr. Thomas M. Strouse and Mr. August Gagnon traveled to Seoul Korea to participate in the Commencement Service of Seoul Baptist Bible College and Seminary under the aegis of Seoul First Baptist Church. Pastor David Eum officiated in the service and conferred one bachelor's degree and four master's degrees to the candidates. The men are either currently pastoring or pastors in training. Mr. D. Im received the bachelor's degree, and the following received the master's, including J. Park, J. Yoo, K. Kim, and Y. Choi. One of these men (identity undisclosed), now pastoring in Seoul, escaped the threat of death for helping North Korean dissidents. All Christianity in North Korea is underground, and exposed Christians are usually executed or severely tortured. There are efforts to smuggle Bibles and Gospel materials underground. Soft American Christianity and Baptists know little about nor care to consider the Apostle John's exhortation, "*Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren*" (I Jn. 3:16). Pray for these men and others who are called to minister to Koreans, whether in North or South Korea! What are you doing with your life?

On Monday, Dr. Strouse and brother August visited the campus of University

of Korea and Dr. Yoon, mechanical engineer from Purdue University, the engineering alma mater of Dr. Strouse. On Tuesday night Dr. Strouse preached on "the Doctrine and Practice of the Local Church" with former Bible Baptist Church member Ohyun Kwon translating the message. Afterward, he had the special privilege to meet Pastor Jaebeon Lee who has spent three years translating Dr. Strouse's book *I Will Build My Church* into the Korean Language. On Wednesday night, Dr. Paul Lee attended, who was one of Dr. Strouse's first Korean seminarians 43 years ago, and who also received his doctorate from Dr. Strouse in 2003. Dr. Strouse spoke on "The Second Coming of Christ" with Dr. Yoon translating. During the week, Dr. Strouse had the privilege of reuniting with former graduate of Pastor Eum's Seminary, Pastor Jae Ik Yang (no relation to Yin).

We are thankful for Pastor David Eum and his church and seminary, winning sinners to the Lord, edifying the saints, and training men for the pastoral ministry. Pastor Eum also headed up the effort to translate from the Hebrew and Greek of the KJV into the Korean equivalent the KJV, with thousands published.



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*Entrance to First Seoul Baptist Church*



*Young girls singing*



*The Choir performed for the graduation service.*



*August gives his testimony*



*Pastor with the Kwon Family*



*August, Pastor Eum, and Dr. Strouse*



*August and Pastor enjoy lunch.*



*Pastor with Dr. and Mrs. Yoon*



*Pastor signing the diplomas*

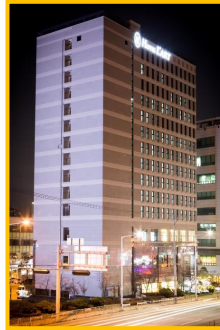


*Pastor with Pastor and Mrs. Jaebeon Lee*

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*Duck Dinner*



*August, Pastor and the  
Kwon Family*



*The accommodations  
provided were amazing,  
overlooking the city.*

## ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Pastor and Mrs. Darrell Nelson are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Allayah Nelson to Mr. Marquis Burrell. A 2024 wedding is being planned.



## BBC/BBTS 2024 SCHEDULE

**January 1-5**  
**Ireland Module**  
*Greek Project and Acts 10-19*

**January 15-19**  
**Fairhaven Baptist College**  
Chesterton, IN  
*Johannine Epistles*

**February 26-March 1**  
**Philippines Module**  
Quezon City  
*Johannine Epistles*

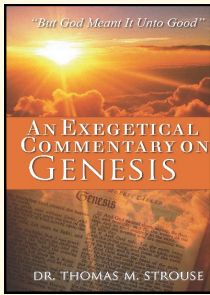
**April 12**  
**BBTS Spring Lecture Series**  
*"TBA"*

**May 18**  
**Bible Baptist Church**  
*Graduation Banquet*

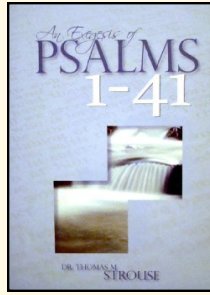
**May 19**  
**Bible Baptist Church**  
*Commencement Service*

**June 3-7**  
**Community Baptist Church**  
Coopersburg, PA  
*Bibliology*

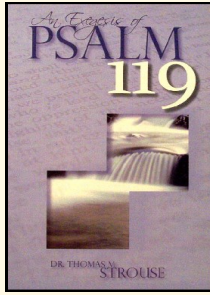
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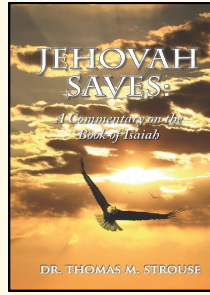
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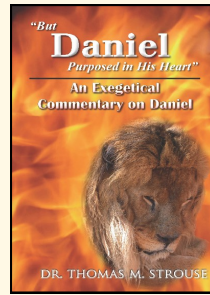
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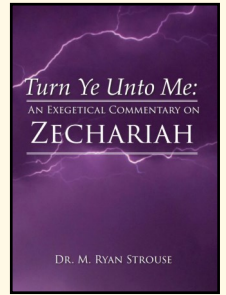
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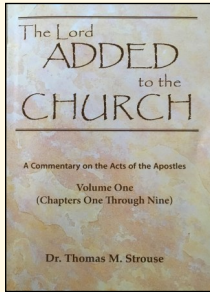
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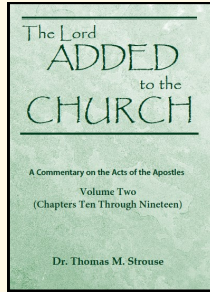
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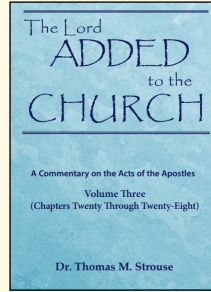
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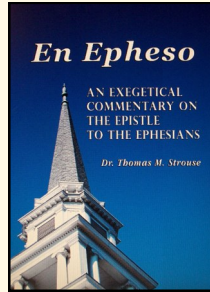
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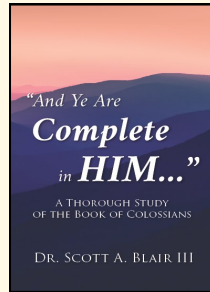
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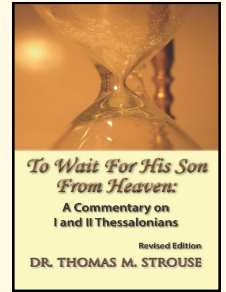
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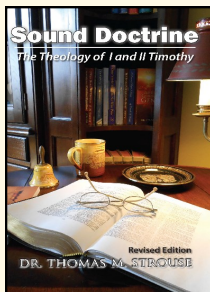
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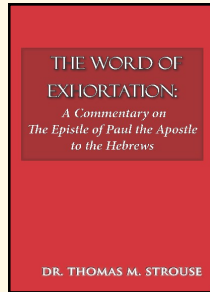
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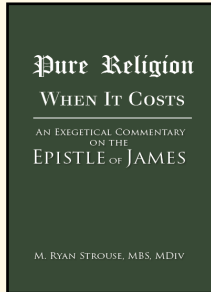
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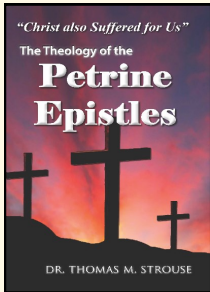
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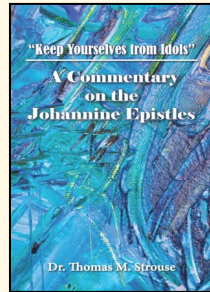
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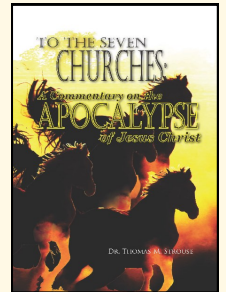
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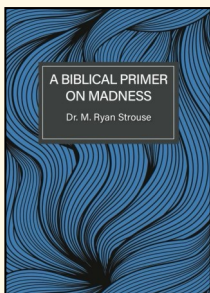
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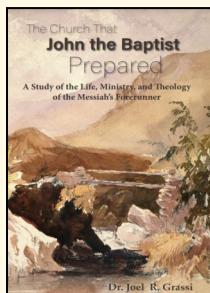
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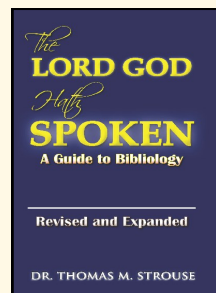
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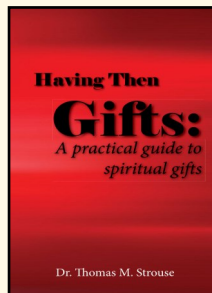
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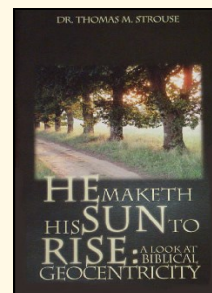
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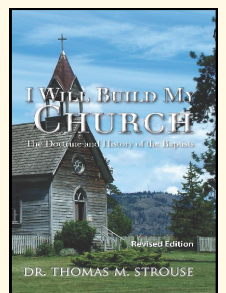
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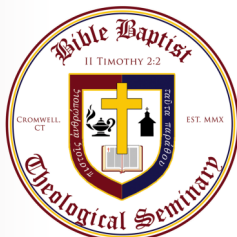
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