



BBC UPDATE

BBTS 2022 FALL SEMESTER



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

The Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Fall 2022 semester will start on August 29, 2022. The scheduled courses are:

The Book of James NT 516

Dr. M. Ryan Strouse

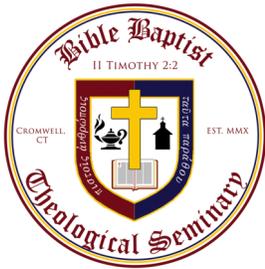
from 6-9 PM on Mondays

and

An Introduction to Biblical Languages BL 550

Dr. Thomas Strouse

from 6-9 PM on Thursdays.



The latter course will introduce the curious beginning student of Scripture to the basic vocabulary and verbs of biblical Greek and Hebrew, giving basic tools to expose the theological wealth of Bible study. These are courses for seminarians seeking biblical degrees such as MBS, MDiv, and DMin as well as for others desiring advanced study in the Bible.

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LABOR DAY COOKOUT

BBTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2022

2-7 PM

The cookout is open to Bible Baptist Church members, sister churches, and Bible Baptist Theological Seminary students and graduates. Meat and drink will be furnished (A-L side dishes, M-Z desserts).

Please RSVP by August 28, 2022 to drtms_bbts@juno.com indicating name and number of people.

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164 HICKORY HILL RD.
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WHEN EUROCLYDON COMES: FAITH OR MADNESS?

The Bible Baptist Theological Seminary 2022 Fall Lecture Series will be held on November 11, 2022 at Galilean Baptist Church in Stafford Springs, CT. The subject will be “When Euroclydon Comes: Faith or Madness?”

Session #1: “Paul’s Prosperous Journey by Faith.” Dr. Thomas M. Strouse will exegete Acts 27 and demonstrate how Paul, Luke, and Aristarchus faced great terror, fear, anxiety, and the disapproval of man with biblical fear of and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sessions #2 and #3: “Madness: Biblical Primer on Mental Illness.” Dr. M. Ryan Strouse will address the subjects: The fear of man, lack of control, hopelessness, pride, self-deception, and madness abounding in the hearts of men and manifested in a myriad of detrimental ways.” Some people pursue spiritual relief through modern medicine’s physical approach to no avail. Spiritual enslavement wreaks physical effects that impact families, churches, and communities through paralyzing isolation, despair, or the eager pursuit of vanity. Ultimately, trusting oneself to escape his or her own lack of peace results in frustrating despair or compounded self-deception. These messages are attempts to equip local churches and help the members to rebuff the secular approaches to mental health with the sufficiency of Christ and His Word.

BBC/BBTS 2022 SCHEDULE

August 22-26

Fairhaven Baptist College
Chesterton, IN
Acts, Vol. 1 (Chapters 1-9)

August 28

BBTS Classes Begin
(See page 1 for details)

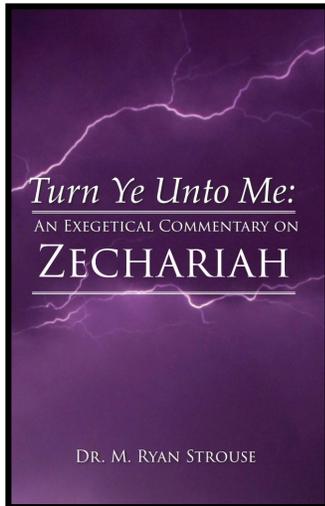
September 5

Labor Day Cookout (2-7pm)
Strouse House

October 2-5

Willow Grove Baptist Church
Waynesburg, PA
Bible Conference

ZECHARIAH BOOK



Recent Bible Baptist Theological Seminary graduate, Dr. M. Ryan Strouse, finished his Doctor of Theology (ThD) dissertation on the *Book of Zechariah*, and then put it in book form for publishing as *Turn Ye unto Me. An Exegetical Commentary on Zechariah*, with many charts, nine appendices, and 573 pages. It is NOW available! The cost will be \$30.00 and may be purchased from Bible Baptist Church. Dr. Ryan is the father of Jack, Landon, Preston, and Bryce and is married to his lovely wife Christy.

The LORD's plea throughout scripture is encapsulated in Zechariah 1:3. "... *turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you.*" The oracle of *Zechariah* details the fragile remnant of Jews who returned to a decimated Jerusalem after seventy years of exile in Babylon; in their post-traumatic state of self-preservation, they struggled to obey the LORD and rebuild the Temple. Nevertheless, if they would turn to the LORD in despair, He would invoke His great jealousy to protect and empower them to accomplish a formidable task – rebuild the Temple.

Ultimately, *Zechariah* reveals the LORD's jealousy to meet with His Jewish people in His designated place of worship. He uncovers that He plucks out broken failures from their sin to restore them to service in the divinely appointed place of worship so that He gets all the Glory (Zech.1-6)! He implores them to abandon futile traditions that inhibit sincere worship in the divinely appointed place (Zech.7-8). Finally, He points to His Son – the Servant, Stone, BRANCH, Corner, Nail, Bow, and KING – who will reign in the Millennial Temple with those He redeemed (Zech.9-14)!



Left: Mr. Gagnon instructs the younger generation the importance of proper meal etiquette.



Above: Ryan and his son enjoy a beautiful day

EXPEDIENT



Pastor Cas Reeves

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." John 16:7

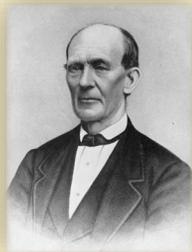
Speaking to his disciples, the Lord shared with them that it was expedient for them that he go away. It is clear that he was speaking of his death, and resurrection, and ascension into heaven to be at the right hand of His Father. So what was He trying to share with them and what did it mean for them; and not only them but for every born-again Believer subsequent to this time?

In reading the verse, what pops right out at the reader is that when the Lord goes from them, He will not leave them alone, but will send them a Comforter, a *paraklete*. This Greek word speaks of "one called along side to aid." It is without question this help by the Holy Spirit gives the believer comfort.

Not so clearly seen, but clearly evident under the microscope of Greek, is another very important work of the Holy Spirit or Comforter in the believer's life. This work is found in the word expedient, *symphero*. What this Greek word signifies, is "to bear together," reflecting an image of when two are bearing a load, burden, or task rather than one person. The truth that the Lord Jesus was telling his disciples, was that it was in their best interest for him to go from them, so that He could send them the Comforter to help them bear their responsibilities toward Him.

Perhaps, if the believer thought about his burdens, and responsibilities as a one hundred pound sack of potatoes that he was carrying into the kitchen, and how much easier it would be if someone else was on the other side of the sack, helping to carry it. Now, this is exactly what the Lord is saying, I have to go so I can send you a helper. That helper is the Holy Spirit, helping and empowering believers to carry their burdens and responsibilities. -CAR

QUOTES FROM THE PAST



"You should not fail to pray to God to keep you from sin and from harm."

William Holmes McGuffey (1800-1873)
American Educator, Known as the "Schoolmaster of the Nation"

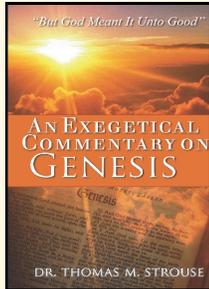
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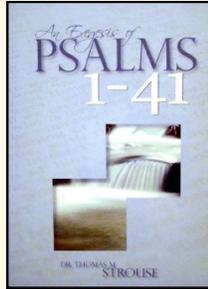
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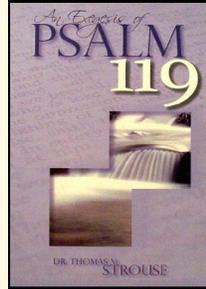
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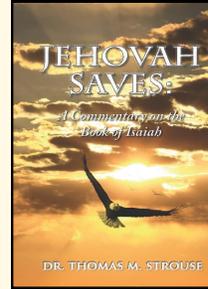
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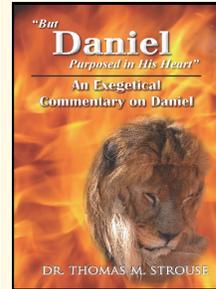
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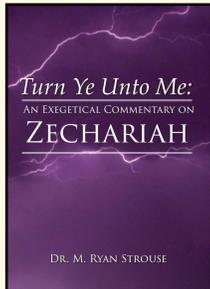
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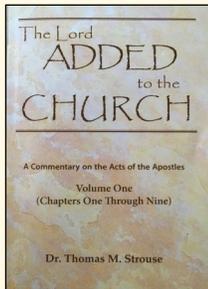
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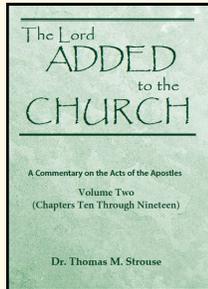
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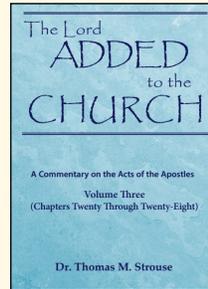
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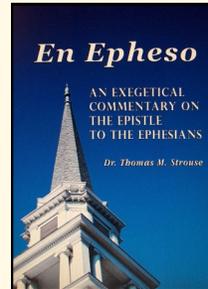
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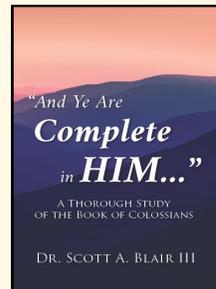
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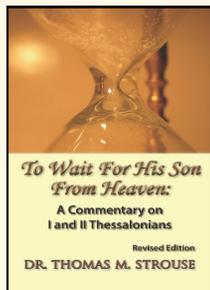
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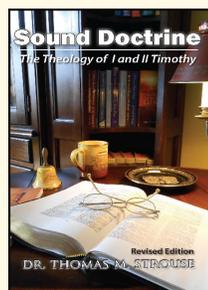
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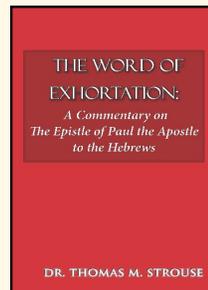
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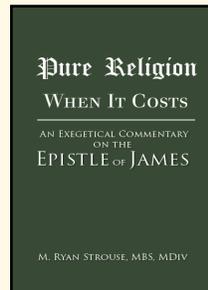
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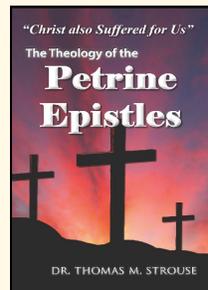
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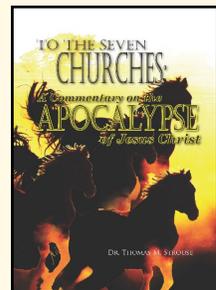
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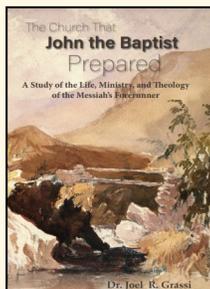
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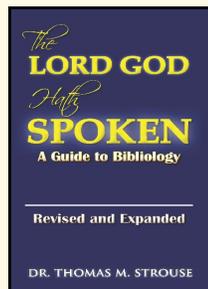
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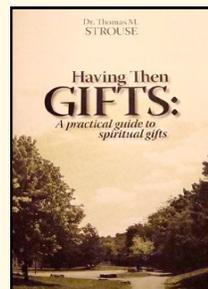
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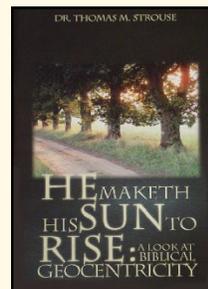
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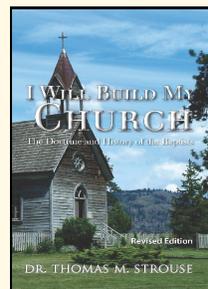
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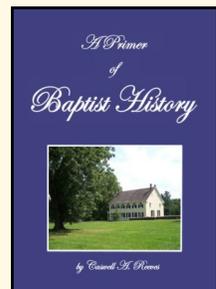
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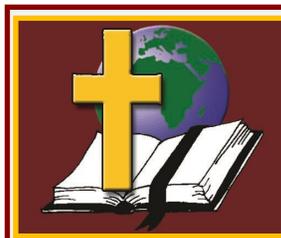


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