



# BBC UPDATE

## MID-COAST BAPTIST CHURCH



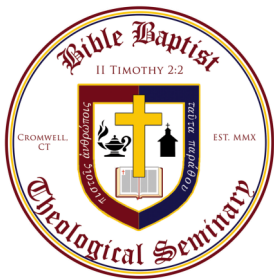
Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

Pastor Bobby Mitchell invited Dr. Thomas M. Strouse to challenge his young preachers/pastors in the assembly and preach to the church in the Thursday evening service (6-20-24). Pastor Mitchell had challenged one of the young men to read all of the commentary entitled *To the Seven churches. A Commentary on the Apocalypse of Jesus Christ*, and he would treat the man to a steak dinner with the author. Pastor Mitchell has the burden for church planting and will send out 18 church members to Nevada to plant a Baptist assembly. One of the families going is that of Pastor Dave Minott, a long time friend and student of Dr. Strouse. Pray for this biblical endeavor in needy Nevada.



*l-r: Pastors Dave Minott, Bob Mitchell, Sr., Bobby Mitchell and Dr. Thomas M. Strouse*

## BBTS FALL SEMESTER SCHEDULE



Bible Baptist Theological Seminary is pleased to announce that Dr. Joel Grassi, erudite scholar on the person, life, and doctrine of John the Baptist, will teach a 12 week semester course on John the Baptist. The class will be held on Thursday nights (6-9 PM) starting on September 5, 2024. He will use as his syllabus the product of his ThD dissertation entitled *The Church that John the Baptist Prepared* (824 pp.). Dr. Grassi has a burden for the Bronx, NY, and currently ministers in Commonwealth Community Baptist Church. Dr. Grassi has a unique and captivating teaching style which will enhance the biblical instruction. The course is open to area pastors and church members with the tuition for seminary credit a total of \$300.00 and for audit \$75.00. Registration will be on the first day of class. Seating is limited.

Also, Dr. Thomas M. Strouse will teach Greek Exposition, levels 1, 2, and 3 on Monday nights, starting August 26, 2024.

## NEW BOOK

Several BBTS graduates have contributed articles concerning Peter’s warning about false teachers with “*damnable heresies*” invading Christian assemblies (II Pet. 2:1). This new book, presently unnamed, should be published by the end of August 2024. The new book will deal the “Lies of the Garden” known as Gnosticism, as Satan easily dupes multitudes of religionists worldwide with diabolical deception, but especially Christianity in the west. For instance, the worldly and carnal Mega Church Movement and the Emergent Church Movement are especially easy prey for the archenemy. A general definition for this latest but expected movement is the following: “In postmodern society Christians are disillusioned with the organized and institutional church and support the deconstruction of modern Christian teaching on worship and evangelism, and on the nature of modern Christian community.” The real lack of focus is upon the Person and Work of the Lord Jesus Christ. When the doctrine of Christology is neglected, biblical candlesticks cease to exist.

<b>Christianity vs. Gnosticism</b>	
<b>Comparison and Contrast</b>	
<b>Dr. Thomas M. Strouse</b>	
<i>Christianity</i>	<i>Gnosticism</i>
1) The Unknown God - Jehovah	1) The Unknown god
2) Known only through angels, apostles, prophets	2) known through angels, teachers
3) Source to know truth about God - Bible	3) Source - esoteric writings
4) God indwells Christians	4) Spark of divinity indwells man
5) Advancement of self (sanctification) required in lifetime	5) advancement of self is indefinite
6) Deliverance from old nature of flesh	6) deliverance from the flesh
7) Salvation of flesh: resurrection	7) salvation from flesh: reincarnation
8) Jesus = God manifest in the flesh	8) all men = god manifest in the flesh
9) Jesus = God-Man	9) Jesus = adopted man or phantom
10) Jesus = 1 Person with 2 natures	10) Jesus = 2 persons, 2 natures
11) Death of Jesus saves man in the flesh	11) Death of man saves god in the flesh
12) Jesus is the Pleroma	12) gods are in the pleroma
13) Faith in the work of Jesus completes believers	13) Faith in man's works never completes
14) Jesus is creator of and greater than angels	14) Angels are highest in Pleroma
15) Christianity gives assurance	15) Gnosticism never gives assurance

## BIBLE CONFERENCE



Dr. M. Ryan Strouse and his family traveled to Willow Grove Baptist Church in Waynesburg, PA on June 26-30 to minister at a Bible Conference. The topic handled was “Christ-like Masculinity in Marriage and Church.”

Dr. Scott Blair and his wife Kelly were the gracious hosts and in attendance were former BBC church members James and Kathy Lawrence.



### BBC/BBTS 2024-2025 SCHEDULE

**July 22-26**  
Plymouth, NH  
*Psalms 42-72*

**August 17-23**  
Indonesia Module and  
Commencement

**August 26**  
BBTS Fall Semester  
Begins  
*Greek Exposition*  
*Mondays (TMS)*

**September 5**  
BBTS Fall Semester  
Begins  
*John the Baptist*  
*Thursdays (Dr. Grassi)*

**September 23-27**  
Bible Baptist Church  
Nashua, NH  
*Minor Prophets I*

**October 20-23**  
Willow Grove Baptist  
Church  
Waynesburg, PA  
Timeless Truths Bible  
Conference  
*The Book of Nahum*

**October 27**  
Calvary Baptist Church  
Mannington, WV  
*TBA*

**November 1**  
BBTS Fall Lecture Series  
Galilean Baptist Church  
Stafford Springs, CT  
*TBA*

**January 6-10, 2025**  
Ireland Module  
*Greek III & Psalms 1-41*

**February 10-14, 2025**  
Philippine Module  
Quezon City  
*Psalms 45-72*

**April 11, 2025**  
BBTS Spring Lecture  
Series  
Galilean Baptist Church  
Stafford Springs, CT  
*TBA*

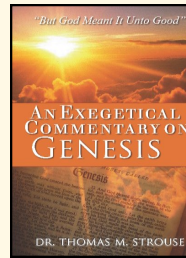
**May 17-18, 2025**  
BBTS Banquet and  
Graduation  
Bible Baptist Church  
Cromwell, CT

**May 26-30, 2025**  
Ireland Module  
*Greek IV & Psalms 42-72*

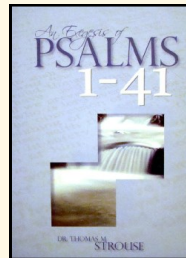


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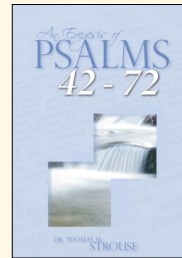
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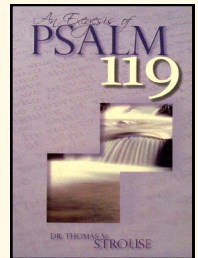
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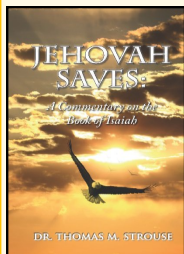
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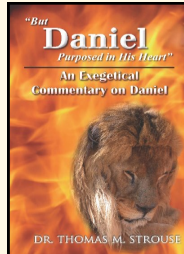
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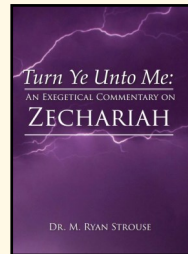
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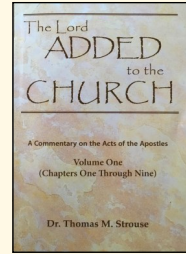
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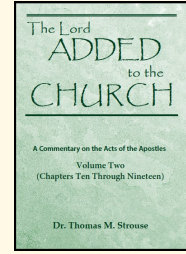
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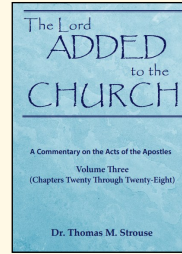
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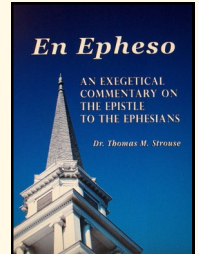
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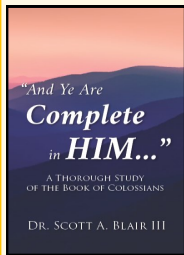
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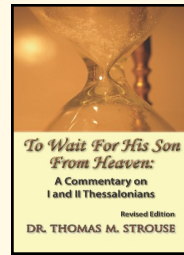
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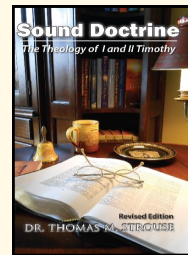
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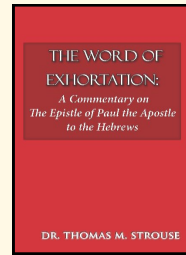
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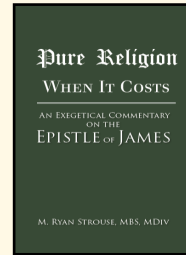
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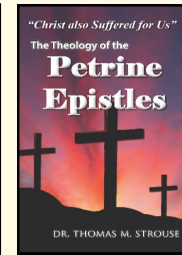
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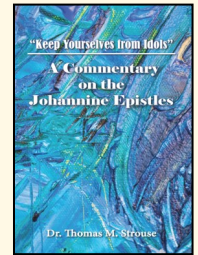
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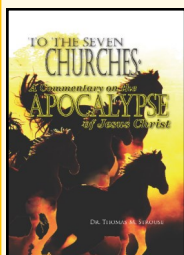
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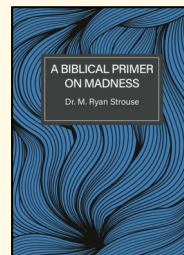
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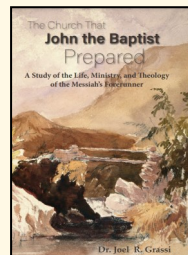
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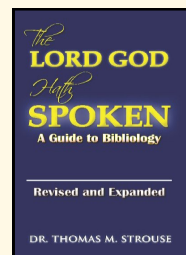
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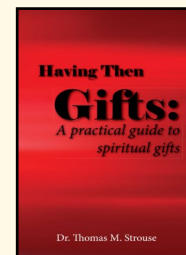
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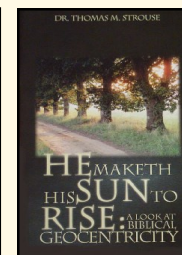
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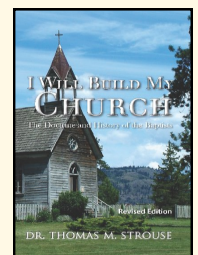
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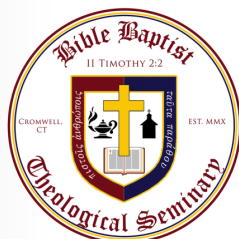


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Baptist Doctrine & History  
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