



BBC UPDATE

THE PROSPEROUS INDONESIAN JOURNEY



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

On Thursday, August 15 through August 23, 2024, Dr. Thomas Strouse had a prosperous journey to Jakarta on the Island of Java, Indonesia, and back by the grace of God and the prayers of the saints. After a twenty-four hour flight through Doha, Qatar to Jakarta,

Pastor Strouse was received and welcomed by the three Doctor Liauws, including the father Dr. Suhento Liauw, and sons Dr. Stephen Liauw and Dr. Andrew Liauw. Dr. Suhento and Dr. Stephen each received their theological doctorates from Dr. Strouse, DRE and ThD degrees, respectively. The two sons also received medical doctorates in Indonesia. These highly trained men in theological and biblical studies are certainly qualified to head up the Graphe International Theological Seminary under *aegis* of Graphe Baptist Church of Jakarta.

Dr. Strouse spoke through an interpreter of the Bahasa language at the Commencement Service of Graphe International Theological Seminary to about two hundred church members and guests, challenging the fourteen graduates to *“Take heed to thyself”* (I Tim. 4:16). The following day, Dr. Strouse spoke and answered many questions in Sunday School before preaching in the morning service from Acts 3:17-26. On Monday through Thursday (8 AM to 5 PM), lectured on the problem within Christianity of teaching and practicing *“The Lies of the Garden, “not after Christ.”* About sixty pastors, seminarians, and church members attended daily. Afterward, the Liauws with their wives, Lie Lin, Daisy, and Julia Anna treated all with delicious Chinese-Indonesian food.

Dr. Suhento Liauw was born to a Chinese family in Borneo, Indonesia and ultimately pursued the Doctor of Religious Education at Tabernacle Baptist Theological Seminary in Virginia Beach, VA, of which seminary Dr. Strouse was Dean and Professor. He arrived in the States in 1994 and went back to Jakarta in 1996 to plant a New Testament Baptist Church. His son Dr. Stephen followed his footsteps and received the DRE from TBTS in 2006. Later, Stephen, his wife Daisy, and son Stuart came to the USA and joined Bible Baptist Church in 2011, and Brother Stephen received his ThD. They were faithful members and Daisy was the pianist of Bible Baptist Church.



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Graphe Baptist Church, under the leadership of the three Doctors, has a biblical ministry of training pastors and starting churches. So far, Grace Baptist Church has planted sixty Baptist assemblies throughout the islands of Indonesia, which churches are overseen by graduates. Some of the churches are in cities and some are in remote areas of Indonesia (literally “islands of India”). Further, under the leadership of Pastor Suhento, Graphe Baptist Church has another Bible college/seminary facility in Borneo to train students in their initial year before coming to Jakarta to finish out their degree requirement. Dr. Suhento gave the interesting account of preaching to new medical students years ago, and one medical doctor responded to the Gospel and was saved, and he came and attended the lectures. This medical doctor is now the personal physician for the president of Indonesia! This reminds of the testimony of Paul and of the Gospel manifested in the palace of the king (Acts 23:35; Phil. 1:13).

The ministry of Dr. Suhento Liauw, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, is a biblical example of training nationals to evangelize and train their own country and countrymen. *“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also”* (II Tim. 2:2).



Seminary Course Students



The Liauw family with Dr. Strouse



Some food and Java in a Java restaurant



Dr. & Mrs. Suhento Liauw



Daisy at the Piano



Dr. Steven Liauw preaching



Dr. Liauw in his Dean's office



Typical early morning traffic in front of church



Liauw family in front of their new gated & beautiful home.

MIGHTY MEN



While traveling to, during his stay, and on his return, Pastor Strouse had his faithful Mighty Men fill the pulpit to preach and teach from God's Word.

August 18th: Sunday School - Aiko Tinto
AM Service - Dr. M. Ryan Strouse
PM Service - Andrew Williams
Wednesday August 21th: Marquis Burwell
August 25th: Sunday School - Jeff Skorupski
AM Service - Dr. M. Ryan Strouse
PM Service - Bill Gagnon
Wednesday August 28th: Don White

These sermons are available on our website bbc-cromwell.org.

LABOR DAY COOKOUT

You are invited to the Labor Day Cookout at the Strouse House (164 Hickory Hill Rd., New Britain, CT) on **September 2, 2024** from 2-7 PM.

Meat and drinks will be supplied. If attending, **RSVP** with your name and number **ASAP** to drtms_bbts@juno.com. If bringing a dish: A-M sides; N-Z desserts.

Don't forget lawn chairs and specialty drinks (soda, diet, etc.).

Modest Christian attire appreciated.



PRAYER REQUEST UPDATE



After taking the month of July off to recuperate from her previous chemotherapy treatments, Bill and Kirsten Gagnon met with her Oncologist and Radiologist on August 2nd and 5th respectively. It was decided that Kirsten would start chemoradiation, which involves 30 treatments of radiation in addition to oral chemotherapy pills. During the mapping of the radiation, it was discovered that there are nodes on and around Kirsten's spleen that the radiation could not avoid. Therefore the doctors prescribed four vaccinations to help protect her immune system and to prevent possible future disease.

This treatment plan began on August 26th with the vaccinations and the chemoradiation starting on the same day, and will continue for six weeks, five days a week. At the time of this writing, Kirsten finished week one with the side effects being primarily nausea and fatigue. She still suffers from neuropathy in her hands and feet from the previous chemotherapy treatments which the doctors say may take months or years to completely go away.

After the radiation treatments are complete, Kirsten will have to wait several months before another CT Scan can be performed due to the inflammation of the tissue affected by the radiation. Our specific prayer request at this time is that the radiation treatments will be effective in making the tumor ready for surgery and that Kirsten will have "perfect peace" and strength during this new stage of her treatment plan. Thank you for all your prayers up to this point. We have seen that the Lord is listening and answering!

"But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." James 1:4



A local doughnut bakery donated over twenty dozen donuts to BBC.

After enjoying them for a delicious dessert there were still several dozen left over that were brought to a local shelter.



Pastor shows the assembly, with the assistance of Jack and Collin, a map of Indonesia that has marked all the local churches planted as a result of the ministry of Graphe Baptist Church.



BBC Youth having some fun on a rainy Sunday.

BBC/BBTS 2024-2025 SCHEDULE

September 2
Labor Day Cookout
Strouse House

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
“Not after Christ”

2025

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

Jan. 13-17, 2025
Fairhaven Baptist College
Psalms 42-72

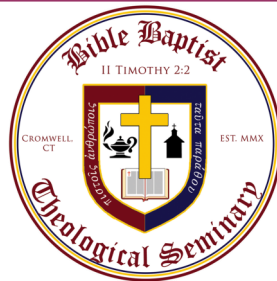
February 10-14, 2025
Philippine Module
 Quezon City
Psalms 45-72

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

Beginning August 27, 2024
 Monday (6-9 PM)
Biblical Greek
 BL 613
 Dr. Thomas M. Strouse



Beginning September 5, 2024
 Thursday (6-9 PM)
John the Baptist
 NT 701
 Dr. Joel Grassi

NEW BOOK

“Not after Christ.”
The Ever-growing Movement of Gnostic Christianity

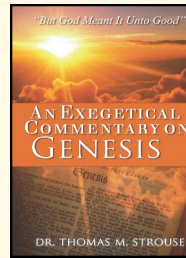
Several BBTS graduates will be contributing articles in this compilation to show the prevalent false teaching encroaching churches of all stripes, including emerging, mega, fundamental, and even independent Christian churches. Its title and theme come from Col. 2:8-10 revealing that any theology or worship “not after Christ” is Gnostic in nature and practice!

JOHN THE BAPTIST COURSE

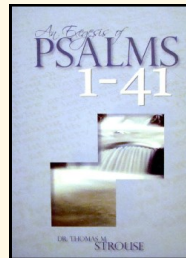
During the Fall Semester of Bible Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Joel Grassi will be teaching a 12-week module from September 5, 2024 to November 28, 2024 on “The Life, Ministry, and Theology of John the Baptist.” The course will meet every Thursday evening (6-9 PM) at Bible Baptist Church. The cost will be \$75.00 for audit and \$300.00 for seminary credit. Classroom reservations should be made ASAP.

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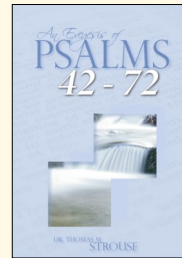
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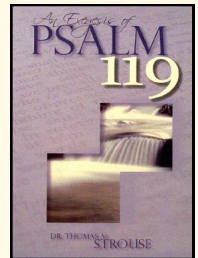
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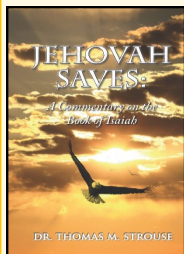
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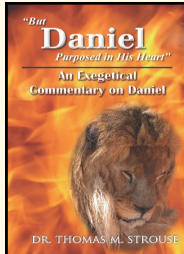
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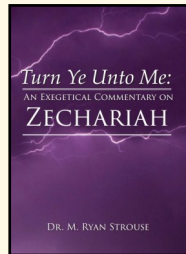
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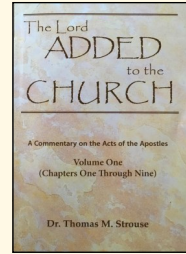
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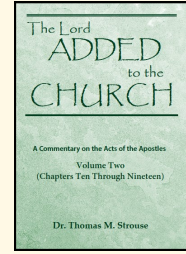
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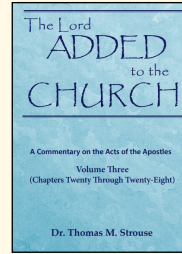
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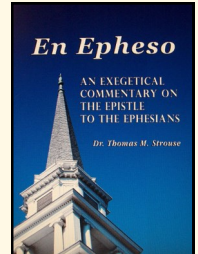
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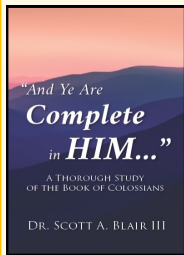
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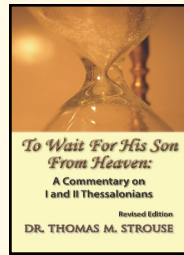
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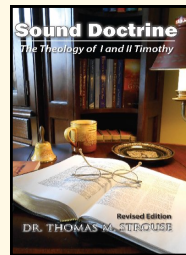
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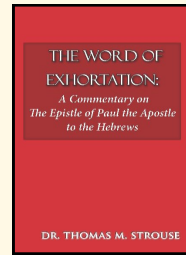
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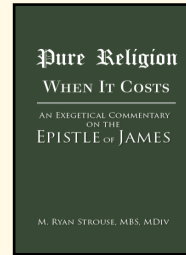
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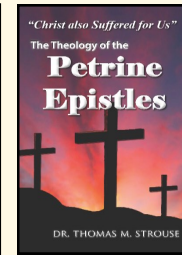
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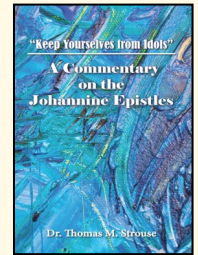
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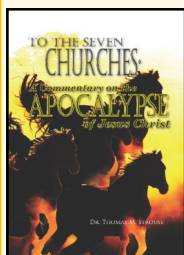
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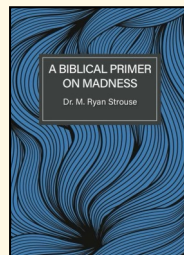
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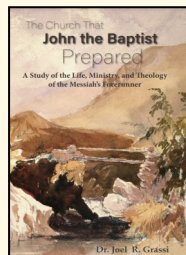
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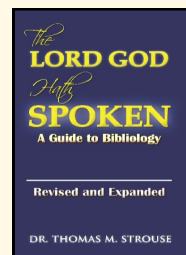
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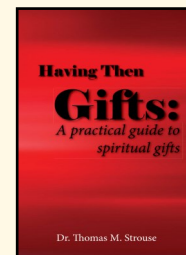
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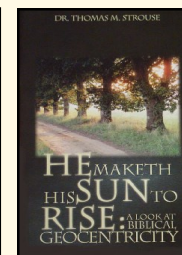
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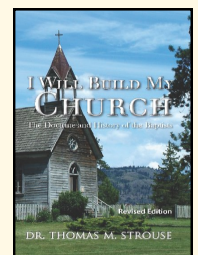
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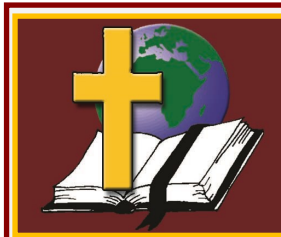
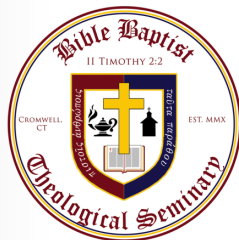


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