





# CHRISTY/CLAIRE BABY SHOWER

n October 5, 2024, Bible Baptist Church honored Mrs. Christy Strouse and celebrated the birth Claire Elizabeth Strouse, born into the family of Dr. and Mrs. Ryan Strouse, balancing out their four sons Jack, Landon, Preston, and Bryce. The ladies showered Christy and Claire with gifts, food, and prayers!

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse



The growing Strouse family poses for a photo op.



Baby Claire enjoyed herself as Sabrina holds her.



Mrs. Jayne Camp shared a short devotional.









There were beautiful decorations and delicious food provided for the ladies.



Anna and Sophia make headbands for baby Claire at the headband making station.





Christy received many beautiful and useful gifts.

#### TRIBUTE

#### Paul Eugene Norwalt

March 19, 1945—September 28, 2024



y good friend, high school classmate, and colleague in the battle for truth, Dr. Paul Eugene Norwalt, has gone on to meet his precious Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. "Skip" as we had known him, along with his precious wife Claudia Barsoda Norwalt, and I were classmates in Speedway High School, Speedway, IN, and graduated together in 1963. Brother Paul was a faithful husband for 61 years, father of five, and servant of Christ. He started and pastored Merrimack Baptist Temple for 31 years. During this time I had the privileged to

preach from his pulpit and teach several seminary modules. He graduated from Baptist Bible College, Springfield, MS, and later received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Heritage Baptist Theological Seminary.

In his battles for truth he defended the biblical creation account and concluded from the literal interpretation of Genesis One that the earth was stationary and the heavens had their diurnal movement. He made three mechanical Orrery models and gave one to me. He had a powerful influence on many and was a personal blessing to me.

I will miss my friend Skip but I know that I will see him again around the throne of God. We have the same blessed hope to be resurrected with Christ, as Job prophesied, saying, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me" (Job 19:25-27).

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

## BIBLE BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FALL 2024 LECTURE SERIES

The Fall 2024 Lecture Series will deal with the contents of the new book *Not After Christ. The Ever-growing Movement of Gnostic Christianity.* The times and speakers will be the following:

TIME	SPEAKER	ΤΟΡΙϹ
9:00 AM—10:15 AM	Dr. Thomas M. Strouse	Gnostic Text Changes
10:15 AM—10:30 AM	Pastor Darrell Nelson	Hip Hop
10:30 AM—11:45 AM	Dr. Scott Blair	Epicureanism/Stoicism
11:45 AM—1:00 PM	LUNCHEON	
1:00 PM—2:00 PM	Professor Jeff Skorupski	Qigong/Martial Arts
2:00 PM—3:00 PM	Dr. Ryan Strouse	Psychiatry



Pastor Stephen Hinebaugh and Galilean Baptist Church in Stafford Springs, CT will host the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Spring Lecture Series from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. A delicious luncheon and voluminous book table will be available for all attendees. Please give names and numbers for those planning on attending ASAP.

## BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH ORDINATION COUNCIL/SERVICE



n September 29, 2024, Dr. M. Ryan Strouse announced his surrender to the Lord's call and his desire to the pastoral ministry ("*This is a true* saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work" [I Tim. 3:1]). On the weekend of Nov. 16-17, Bible Baptist Church will conduct a church council to determine his desire, qualifications, doctrine, and church

determination to go forward and to lay hands upon him publicly for the Bishoprick.

#### KIRSTEN GAGNON'S CANCER UPDATE



Bill and Kirsten share her diagnosis with the assembly.

Recap: Kirsten was diagnosed December 19, 2023 with inoperable pancreatic cancer. In January she started 12 treatments over the course of 6 months of chemotherapy. The goal was to get the tumor to a point where it could be removed with surgery. Although the tumor shrunk by 50% there were still complications that made surgery not possible at that time. She then started 28 sessions of chemo-radiation, 5 days a week for 6 weeks.

The radiation treatments took their toll on Kirsten as she was very fatigued. At the end of the treatment she was constantly dizzy, lightheaded, and overall not feeling well. The oncologist performed some bloodwork the following week (October 10th), and found her hemoglobin blood counts down and admitted her to the hospital for a blood transfusion. While in the hospital more tests were performed that found her liver enzymes elevated. The doctors decided to do a CT scan to find the cause and also to look at the status of the tumor. The scan found that the cancer had metastasized to the liver. The oncologist informed us that this changes the course of the current treatment as there is really not much they can do as far as a cure once the cancer has reached the liver, but there may treatments that can give her more time.

Now we are continuing to wait on the Lord for his direction as we navigate the next step and find out timelines and treatments.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." Psalm 23:6

### BBC/BBTS 2024-2025 SCHEDULE

#### 2024

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

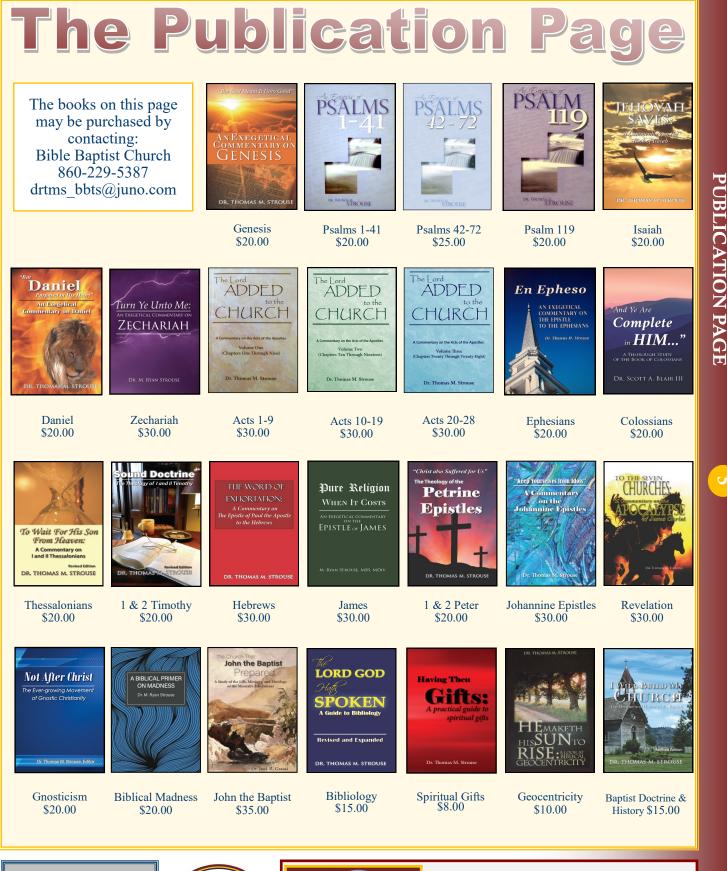
January 6-10, 2025 Ireland Module Greek III & Psalms 1-41

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



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